



Northern United Forestry Group

Monthly Meeting. Raywood Golf Club, 8pm Wednesday 26 August 2009

1 Welcome and Apologies

President Ian Rankin declared the meeting open at 8:07pm.

Present: Phil Dyson, Ian Rankin, Rob Comer, Tim Johns, Mal Brown, Darren Kerr, John Childs, Anne Murphy, Keith Murphy, Darren Bain, Ken Wellard.

Apologies: Robyn McKay, Lindsay Cail, Barbara Lindeman, Stewart Ayson, Andy Hay, Louise Wellard, James Williams.

Motion: "The apologies be accepted." Moved AM. Seconded KM. Carried.

2 Minutes of previous meeting held 22 July 2009

Motion: "The minutes of the meeting held at Raywood Hotel 22 July 2009, be accepted as a true and accurate record of what took place at the meeting." Moved MB. Seconded PD. Carried.

3 Business arising from previous minutes

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| 1. Fencing around remnant box trees at the Kamo site. <u>Motion:</u> Undertake fencing maximum area 200m x 200m from funds in consolidated revenue. Moved MB. Seconded DB. Carried. |
| 2. East Loddon Community House – The consensus of the meeting was that a move was neither desired nor desirable at this stage. |
| 3. NUGF bus tour will be held back until March 2010 due to seasonal requirements for members at this time of year. |

4 Correspondence In

- ♦ Rhonda Day (Campaspe LC) – Winter edition of Campaspe LC diary; Drum muster collection flyer; LC week in Campaspe shire flyer.
- ♦ DPI – Phillipa Noble/ Rhodey Bowman – Time & motion study: Thinning Farm Sawlog Plantations.
- ♦ DPI – Producing timber from farms.
- ♦ DEWHA/DAFF – Tang Tang Swamp – CFOC unsuccessful letter.
- ♦ Rowan Reid – Redwood seedlings for sale \$1.50 ea
- ♦ Murray Mallee Seed Bank – Launch 3/9/09 Nyah Golf Club 11am. Speakers starting 11:15am, BBQ lunch 12:15pm. 1:30pm wrap-up.

5 Correspondence Out

- ♦ None .

6 Reports

President's report – Ian Rankin attended the FFGV meeting. New forestry group trying to get started "Trees Victoria" – Ian not able to attend. Forest Industries Association Victoria is restructuring – will have a new name etc. Ian and Andy attended the visit to Kamo by BRIT Conservation and Land Management course participants – identification day.

Treasurer's report – Rob Comer reported on NUGF's income and expenditure as at 26 August 2009.

Motion: "That the Treasurer's report at 26 August 2009 be approved and that accounts received be approved for payment." Moved RC. Seconded DK. Carried.

Social Secretary's Report – Apology.

Kamo/CC2 Report – Phil reported on the recent visit by Cohuna, East Loddon P-12, Boort, Pyramid Hill certificate course in agriculture Gateways participants. Andy and Phil showed the group of 19 students right through the Kamo site. At Kamo – 20 to 30mm rise in ground water across the site. Bore 8 down approximately 20cm. 30 to 50mm rainfall in this time. Ranx and Phil have completed all the soil sampling at the various properties in CC2 project.

7 **General Business**

1. IR – RMcK Northgate Minerals, community grant up to \$2k. Should NUGG apply for hand tools? Meeting decided it was a good idea. Seed collection boxes and sieves, pole saws, secateurs, clinometers, diameter tapes to be sought.
2. MB – PD has nominated AH for individual LC primary producer award. Vote please. MB to provide web address for members to vote. Awards held 8/9/09 @ Govt. House. Go Andy!
3. MB – Annual reporting of financials does not take into account the assets held by the group. Would be useful to have an asset register and report on status annually.
4. MB – Mal has people interested in tree planting. Does anyone have any planting to be done? Let MB know. Sunday 13/9/09 @ Kamo for tree planting.
5. MB – Network meeting of local LC groups. Is NUGG interested in being part of the small network? The meeting agreed that it would be useful for the group to be involved.
6. MB – “Loddon Plains LC Network” looking at starting up. A 9-person working group has met. Next meeting Friday 11/9/09, Loddon shire offices Serpentine, 4:30pm to 6:00pm. This meeting will work with “Peter Morison, DSE to identify and prioritise the best patches of remnant vegetation across the network’s area that might form the nodes of the network’s priority future vegetation corridors.” The working group has agreed on a set of guiding principles for this moving forward, including the autonomy of the existing groups. See Mal for more info.
7. MB – CMA Regional Catchment Strategy, 6:00-8:30pm, Raywood GC, instead of Sept meeting? Yes.
8. PD – Pembroke College & E/Loddon visit to Kamo tomorrow. Help required from interested members and Ken.
9. IR – Grasslands and FF field day Sunday 20/9/09 ~10pm start at Ranx’s. Stroke de-limber and Apuri felling handle. Ian has these items to demonstrate.

8 **Meeting closed: 9:23pm.**

Following the meeting MB gave an interesting presentation of his trip to Canada and an update of his plantation at Leichardt. This proved of interest to all attendees.

Next Meeting: No formal September meeting. Members will meet at the Raywood Golf Club Wednesday 23 September, starting 6:00pm to 8:30 pm for the NCCMA six-year regional strategy renewal. The first part of this process is to find out what are the region’s most valued environmental assets. Have your say – come along! A light dinner to be provided. Please RSVP by email : info@nccma.vic.gov.au or telephone: 5448 7124.