



Northern United Forestry Group

Monthly Meeting. Raywood Hotel, 8pm Wednesday 25 August 2010

1 Welcome and Apologies

President Ian Rankin declared the meeting open at 8:05pm.

Present: Phil Dyson, Ian Rankin, Tim Johns, Ken Wellard, Mal Brown, Bill Gallagher, Robyn McKay, Andrew Wall, John Childs, Rhodey Bowman, James Williams.

Apologies: Darren Kerr, Louise Wellard, Andy Hay, Malory Weston, John Toll, Penny Wall, Marg Dack, Darren Bain, Rob Comer, Lindsay Cail.

Motion: "Accept the apologies." Moved JW. Seconded KW. Carried.

2 Minutes of previous meeting held 28 July 2010

Motion: "Minutes of the meeting held at Raywood Hotel 28/7/10, be accepted as a true, accurate record of the meeting." Moved BG. Seconded PD. Carried.

3 Business arising from previous minutes

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| Grade 5/6 Kangaroo Flat Primary et al Kamo tour – Cancelled due to flooding. |
| First Aid kit bought for Kamo/ NUFG (\$142) – thanks Robyn. |
| Picnic tables, Bill Gallagher has constructed pine ones. Thanks Bill! Getting local timber for 2 hardwood ones as well. |
| Pruning day cancelled due to bad weather. |

4 Correspondence In

- ♦ NCCMA – 2nd Gen LCG – Group maintenance acceptance.
- ♦ NCCMA – Vic LC Mag. Winter 2010 Iss. 49.
- ♦ Rhonda Day – National Science Week flier 16/8, Drum Muster Colbinabbin 25/8, Enviro Calendar photo, LC Week flier 6-13 Sept, Organic Composting flier 15/9.
- ♦ Charles Sturt University (Allan Curtis) – Thank-you re survey completion.
- ♦ Aust Forests & Timber Mag. Iss. 5, Vol 19.
- ♦ Aust Forest Grower Mag. Vol. 33 #2.
- ♦ Ballarat Tree Growers – Stephen Murphy, "Recreating the Country" -thanks.

5 Correspondence Out

- None.

Motion: "The correspondence be accepted." Moved PD. Seconded MB. Carried.

6 Reports

President's report – none.

Treasurer's report – Phil reported on NUFG's income and expenditure as at 25/8/2010.

Motion: "The Treasurer's report as at 25/8/2010 be approved and accounts received be approved for payment." Moved MB. Seconded JW. Carried.

Social Secretary's Report – no report.

Kamo/CC2 Report – Phil showed data comparing the current year rainfall versus the wettest year on record for Bendigo (1973). Rainfall in 2010 tracking with 1973 at this stage. Ground water at Kamo now at the surface in saltbush areas, wooded areas still 3 to 4m from the surface. Wooded areas have held well, some concern for saltbush survival.

Loddon Plains LC Network Report – Mal relayed that the Spring Planting day for the Network is on Saturday September 4, RSVP to Penny Wall by Tuesday 31/8. Full day of activities - 11am to 9pm. All encouraged to attend. Firewood and FF Expo, sponsors and exhibitors getting on board. Should be a great event. Will be on the NUFG website as well.

7 General Business

1. Education Centre at Kamo. Various options discussed for Education Centre and home base.

Motion: "That NUFG purchase a portable classroom for less than \$10K and situate at the Kamo site." Moved MB. Seconded PD. Further discussion ensued at this point about fully discussing the wants and needs of the facility. It was decided to seek further input and hold the Motion over until the September meeting.

2. Next Gen LC Grants. General dissatisfaction was expressed with rejection of the proposal to develop the educational program at Kamo, given the amount of work done by NUFG to educate using the site within this region. KW to request feedback.

3. Locust Preparedness. Rhodney Bowman gave a presentation and answered questions from the floor regarding the expected Australian Plague Locust plague, and the DPI's 2010 Spring Locust Preparedness, Planning and Response.

Meeting closed: 10:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Raywood Hotel, Wednesday 22 September 2010, 8pm.