



Northern United Forestry Group

Monthly Meeting. Raywood Golf Club, 8:00pm Wednesday 22 October 2008

1 Welcome and Apologies

President Ian Rankin declared the meeting open at 8:03pm.

Present: Darren Kerr, Tim Johns, Phil Dyson, Ian Rankin, Rob Comer, Malory Weston, Mal Brown, Robyn McKay, Trevor Barker, Andy Hay, Barbara Lindemann, Ann Murphy, Keith Murphy, Darren Bain,

Apologies: Penny Wall, Andrew Wall, John Toll, Lindsay Cail, Amanda McClaren, James Williams, Stuart Ayson, Meg Ayson, Shaun Quayle, Ken Wellard, Louise Wellard.

Motion: "The apologies be accepted." Moved DB. Seconded DK. Carried.

2 Minutes of previous meeting held 24 September 2008

Motion: "The minutes of the meeting held at Raywood Hotel 24 September 2008, be accepted as a true and accurate record of what took place at the meeting." Moved RC. Seconded TB. Carried.

3 Business arising from previous minutes

Mrinal Bhawe (Swinburne) – Salt tolerant tree research. Waiting on approval for a PhD student to look at osmoprotectants. Support letter etc done.
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4 Correspondence In

- Chris Weston – Master of Forest Ecosystem Science Info evening, Thurs 30/10/08 5:30-7:00, Gallery Café, Bendigo Art Gallery, 42 View St.
- Penny Wall – CFA information Session – would NUFG like to have a display?
- Rhonda Day – Campaspe LC diary, 2nd Gen LC Grants close 17/10/08, Kanyapella basin 7pm as part of water week.
- DAFF – Letter regarding requirement for an audited financial report as the finalisation of the CC1 project.

5 Correspondence Out

- Mrinal Bhawe – Australian Research Council letter of support for research.

Motion: "That correspondence be accepted." Moved PD. Seconded KM. Carried.

6 Reports

President's report – Ian Rankin informed the meeting that the 10-year celebration tour had been organised in conjunction with RMcK. Farm Forestry Growers of Victoria has officially been formed. NUFG is a founding member.

- **Treasurer's report** – Rob Comer reported on NUFG's income and expenditure as at 22 October 2008.

Motion: "That the Treasurer's report at 22 October 2008 be approved and that accounts received be approved for payment." Moved RC. Seconded AH. Carried.

- **Social Secretary's Report** – Robyn stated that a 22-seater bus was booked for the 10 year celebration. Need #'s for tea and bus tonight. Murray Plains Div of General Practice/ Centrelink – regarding drought assistance meeting at Kamo Rec Reserve, Monday 27 October 4pm-7pm.

- **Kamo/CC2/SPG Report** – Phil reported that there had been ~ 10mm of rain since last report. Watertable dropped ~0.5m in the last month. Dendrometers still working well. Increase in the rate of water use by the trees has been noted since weather has started to warm and longer (solar) day length. Sap flow monitors have been moved 45 degrees – data being gathered. Some destructive sampling has

been undertaken on a tree at Kamo. A cross section sample has been sent to La Trobe Uni (Bendigo) labs for analysis using SEM (Scanning Electron Microscope). Visually, the sample has about 25mm heartwood with a diameter of 120mm. The sample was taken from a cladocalyx, sample height around 1m from ground level. Alec Downey from ICT is currently in Spain at an international sap-flow conference showing Kamo data as part of his presentation. For CC2 – bore permits are being organised, data-loggers are purchased and the funds are not far away.

7 General Business

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| 1. TB – Drought Relief funding is on the way. No finer details at this stage. Contact Trevor with your project ideas. |
| 2. BL – Rally at Yea, Sunday regarding N-S pipeline, 11am. |

8 **Meeting closed:** 8:48pm. **Next Meeting:** Raywood Hotel 26 November 2008, starting at 8pm.