



Northern United Forestry Group

Monthly Meeting. Raywood Golf Club, 8:00pm Wednesday 26 November 2008

1 Welcome and Apologies

President Ian Rankin declared the meeting open at 8:01pm.

Present: Darren Kerr, Tim Johns, Phil Dyson, Ian Rankin, Rob Comer, Mal Brown, Robyn McKay, Trevor Barker, Andy Hay, Barbara Lindemann, Ann Murphy, Keith Murphy, Darren Bain, Stewart Ayson, Ken Wellard, Louise Wellard, Leanne Rankin, John Childs

Apologies: Malory Weston, John Toll, Lindsay Cail, Lynda Cartwright, Marg Dack.

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

2 Minutes of previous meeting held 22 October 2008

Motion: "The minutes of the meeting held at Raywood Hotel 22 October 2008, be accepted as a true and accurate record of what took place at the meeting." Moved AM. Seconded LR. Carried.

3 Business arising from previous minutes

TB - Drought relief applications required now. Put ideas to NCCMA. Lift pruning at Kamo to be applied for – affected and eligible members to participate.

4 Correspondence In

- ♦ DAFF – Climate Change project #1 finalisation acceptance.
- ♦ DAFF - \$55K remittance advice.
- ♦ DAFF – 19th McKell medal.
- ♦ Rhonda Day – Campaspe Christmas party 2008.
- ♦ JVAP – Plantation eucalypts for high value timber.
- ♦ TB – Drought relief information.
- ♦ FF Growers Vic – Update letter.
- ♦ Mclvor LC group – Guest speaker (subject: dung beetles)
- ♦ Jennelle Carlier Regional LC co-ordinator – Variety of update info.
- ♦ VFF Farm Tree – Potential office bearer training
- ♦ Andrew Lang – Smarttimbers update.
- ♦ Andrew Lang – New equipment for tree harvesting.
- ♦ VFF Farm Tree – Vic LC Mag, Spring 08, Issue 44.

5 Correspondence Out

- ♦ MB – Article regarding the NUFG 10 year celebration.

Motion: "That correspondence be accepted." Moved RC. Seconded MB. Carried.

6 Reports

President's report – Ian Rankin gave a run-down of the NUFG 10 year celebration and bus tour held at various locations. Well-done RMcK for the organization of same. The day was enjoyed by all.

- ♦ **Treasurer's report** – Rob Comer reported on NUFG's income and expenditure as at 26 November 2008.

Motion: "That the Treasurer's report at 26 November 2008 be approved and that accounts received be approved for payment." Moved RC. Seconded SA. Carried.

- ♦ **Social Secretary's Report** – Robyn thanked all those who helped with the 10-year celebration making it a great success.
- ♦ **Kamo/CC2 Report** – Phil reported that there had been ~ 87.4mm of rain to date in November. It has been noted that the soil profile is not dry and open currently so

the water is not penetrating. Data suggests that Nov. is looming as the wettest spring month, particularly in the last 12 years. Ranx's Fort Milloo is up. Watson's drilling should be around to drill mid January 2009. Evaporation pans have been ordered, should be finished next week. The data loggers for these have already been purchased. Phil showed SEM analysis imagery of the e. cladocalyx sample analysed through Sabine Wilkens at La Trobe University Bendigo. Excellent images of xylem tubes, fibres and general structure of the wood were shown at various magnification levels.

7 General Business

1. MB – Rhonda Day surveys x 6, \$10 each. Ian has spoken to Rhonda and she is following up.
2. MB/TB – Seed collection of curly wind mill grass @ Kamo – Potential issues around collection of seed discussed. AH happy for seed collection, no fee.
3. Presentation of Kamo plaques took place in appreciation for the work done at the site and recognising the contribution of various individuals – DB, SA, AH.
4. Christmas break-up. Will be held 21/12/08 at the Rankin's, 12:00 midday. <u>Motion:</u> 2 lambs from Hay's, salads and drinks to be paid for by NUFG and Loddon Shire Land Care (TB - \$200). Moved MB. Seconded TB. Carried.

8 Meeting closed: 8:58pm. **Next Meeting:** Raywood Hotel 28 January 2009, starting at 8pm.

Following the official meeting, the DVD – “What it Means to Me” was introduced by MB and screened. The DVD is a 30-minute exposition of some of the key assets and areas for work in the NCCMA area.