



# Northern United Forestry Group

## Minutes of Monthly meeting, Raywood GC, 8 pm Wednesday 22 March 2006

### 1 Welcome and apologies

The meeting commenced at 8:15 pm. Ian Rankin welcomed guest Phil Kinghorn from Ballarat Australian Forest Growers.

**Present:** Ian Rankin, Mal Brown, Phil Dyson, Shaun Quayle, Tim Johns, Darren Bain, Trevor Barker, Phil Kinghorn, James Williams, Stuart Ayson, Megan Ayson, Darren Kerr, Ken Wellard, Lindsay Cail, Glenda Cail. **Apologies:** Howard Perry, John Toll, Louise Wellard, Roger Trewick, Dianne Trewick, Rob Comer.

**Motion:** "That the apologies be accepted." Moved Darren Bain. Seconded James Williams. Carried.

### 2 Minutes of previous meeting held 22 March 2006

**Motion:** "That the minutes of the meeting held Raywood Golf Club, 22 February 2006, be accepted as a true and accurate record of what took place at the meeting." Moved Tim Johns. Seconded Lindsay Cail. Carried.

### 3 Business arising

- **Farm Forestry familiarisation tour**

Sub-committee to investigate trip to visit the Otway Farm Forestry network in early May.

- **New Member Kit**

Ian Rankin to contact Paul Turnbull to put together a prototype of the proposed final kit.

- **Field Day**

See General Business

- **Firewood Cooperative**

Motion: "That Ken Wellard contact Aldo Penbrook seeking further information on the storage and transport requirements to support a community firewood depot at Pepper Green Farm. Moved Ken Wellard. Seconded Darren Kerr. Carried. (Workcover issues were also raised as a concern).

- **Seed Orchard**

Due to the strong level of interest in the seed orchard concept, Ken Wellard will develop a proposal for establishing a Seed Orchard to submit to the April meeting.

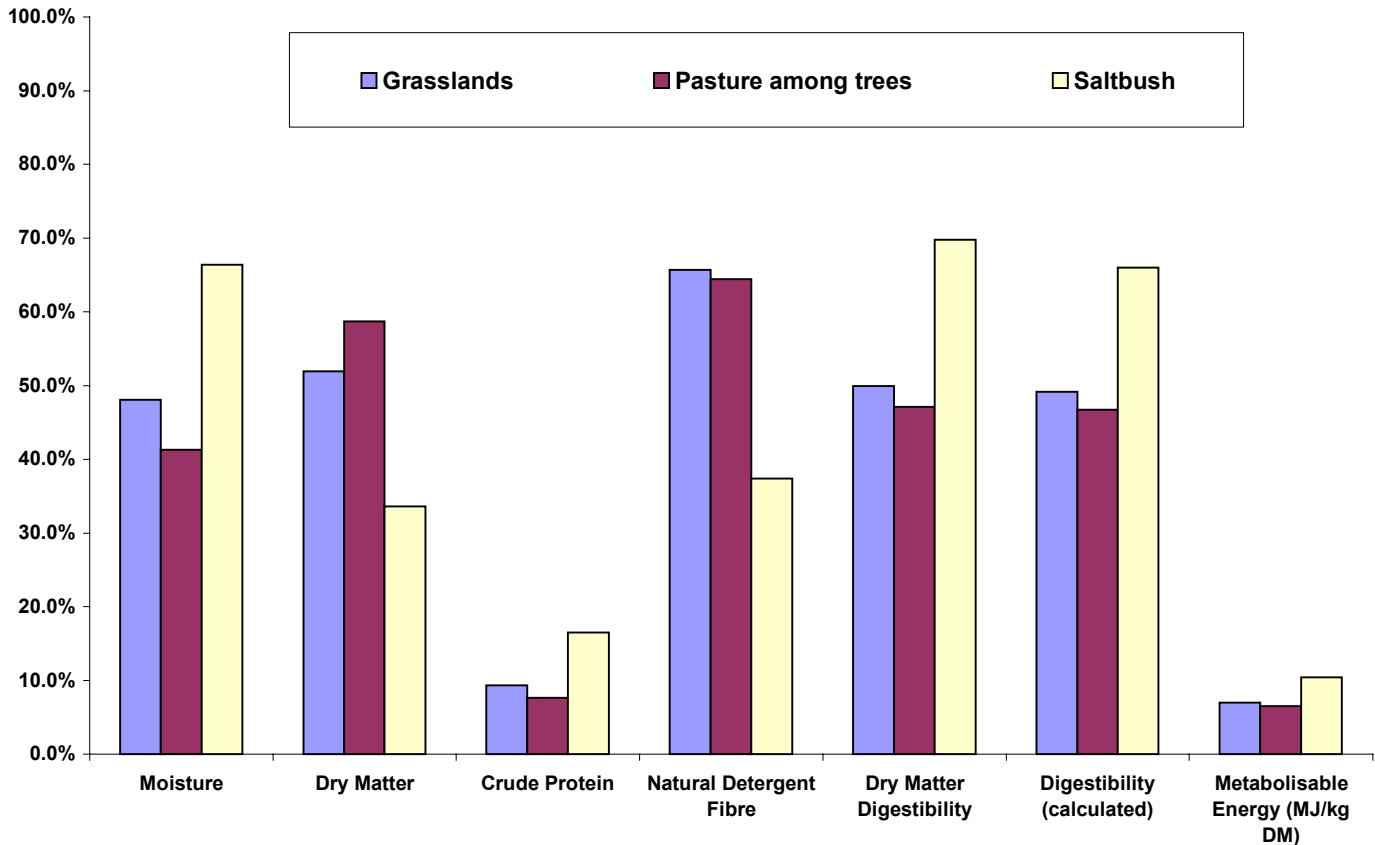
### 4 Correspondence in

- Numerous emails re Field Day, 7 April
- Email from Ben Boxshall re presentation to Field Day
- Email from Howard Perry re FarmOnline Poll 'Farmers demand payment for eco-services' see [http://www.farmonline.com.au/news\\_daily.asp?ag\\_id=32961](http://www.farmonline.com.au/news_daily.asp?ag_id=32961)
- Email from Aldo Penbrook re Plantation Firewood Depot at Pepper Green Farm.
- Advice re the Timber Milling Show to be held Creswick, 1 April 2006.
- Advice re City of Greater Bendigo's 'Digging the Dirt' Field Day. Mandurang, 27 April 2006.
- Advice re Socio-economic impacts of plantation forestry workshop, 18 April 2006.
- Feed test results for the Kamarooka Project (see graphic summary next page).

### 5 Correspondence out

- Minutes of February meeting
- Numerous emails re Field Day, 7 April
- Placement of Field Day advertisements in Northern Times, Loddon Times, Cohuna Farmers Weekly, Mclvor Times, Bendigo Advertiser, Riverine Herald, Campaspe News.

**Motion:** "That the correspondence be accepted." Moved Stuart Ayson. Seconded Megan Ayson. Carried.



**Figure 1:** Results of feed test analysis from the Hay farm at Kamarooka, January 2006.

## 6 Reports

### **President's report**

Ian Rankin reported on the Landcare BBQ organised by the Kamarooka, Bendigo Creek and North Central Landcare groups, held 3 March 2006. Ian also reported on the Field Day sub-committee planning meeting, held 13 March 2006.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Rob Comer was an apology for the March meeting so the Treasurer's report was held over until the April meeting. Rob to also advise on the group's GST status at the April meeting.

### **Phil Dyson - Kamarooka Project Update and NUG website**

Phil Dyson tabled a detailed report of his activities relating to the hydrogeology at Kamarooka and explained the latest hydrographs incorporating data downloaded from the data loggers since the last meeting. Phil also reported on tasks completed for the new NUG website (see [www.nug.org.au](http://www.nug.org.au)).

### **Tim Johns - Hand Held Pruning Equipment, Farm Forestry and Apiary**

Tim raised 'colorbond signage on the Calder Hwy at Leichardt' to promote NUG. The meeting agreed in principle with the concept. Motion: "That Tim Johns be approved to source quotes from signage providers to submit to the April meeting. Moved Lindsay Cail. Seconded James Williams. Carried.

### **James Williams - Seed and Direct Seeding**

James reported that the seed sorter boxes are being well received and sold through the Victorian Landcare Centre, Creswick.

## **7 General Business**

### **7.1 Chainsaw Course**

There was strong interest in a chainsaw course. Motion: That Ian Rankin contacts Creswick Landcare Centre and explores the logistic requirements and content of a chainsaw course. Moved Lindsay Cail. Seconded Shaun Quayle. Carried.

### **7.2 Field Day speakers program**

Mal Brown tabled the final speaker's program. A speaker's practice session is to be held at Andy and Carmel Hay's, 7pm Monday 3 April.

### **7.3 Kamarooka Field Day logistics**

Lindsay Cail reported that the following logistics had been arranged:

- Two sheep purchased from Hay's and sent for processing
- Marquis ordered (to be set up 8am on 7 April).
- Toilet ordered.
- Ian Rankin to supply black plastic for darkening tent for slide show.
- Generator organised.
- Tables and chairs organised.
- 40 L of rainwater organised.
- BBQ organised (Ian Rankin, James Williams and Lindsay Cail to help set up).
- BBQ cooks organised (Marg Dack, Andy & Carmel Hay, Tim Johns, Andrew Wall).
- Urn, cups, tea, coffee, and milk organised. (Morning tea available from 9.30 am on 7 April)
- Tickets and lucky door prizes organised (Prize from Brett Symes, Elders)
- People organised to staff main gate and collect postcodes (Stuart and Megan Ayson)
- Eskies organised
- Rubbish bins organised
- Salads organised (Glenda Cail and Carmel Hay)
- Soft drinks organised
- Bread organised (Darren Bain)
- Power leads and power board organised
- Nurserymen contacted to set up farm forestry plant displays.
- Soil pit organised. (Ian Rankin to dig pit at 8 am 7 April).
- Taxi service organised for people with disabilities interested in participating in the field walk. (Roger and Dianne Trewick).
- Signage organised (Ian Rankin and Mal Brown)
- Lap top computer organised (Phil Dyson)
- Projector and screen organised (Shaun Quayle).
- Website updated with all Field Day details (Mal Brown and Phil Dyson)
- Contingency for rain in place. Field Day to be held at Kamarooka Recreation Reserve.

## **8 Meeting closed at 9:50pm.**

## **9 Next Meeting**

Raywood Golf Club, 8pm Wednesday, 26 April 2006.

# NUFG Report No. 3 March 2006

## Hydrogeology - NUGF Website - Public Benefits of Private Forestry

Phil Dyson

### Kamarooka Project

- (a) DPI was contracted to establish four new watertable monitoring bores at Kamarooka. Three are located within the (new) extended project area and an additional bore has been drilled next to bore 10 in the northern native vegetation. The latter has been drilled to a depth of 12 metres to establish more reliable groundwater monitoring under the remnant vegetation. Head-works for the new bores will be completed this week.
- (b) Geophysical mapping of the extended project area has been completed via a contract with DPI. The results of the work should be available to NUGF within the next few weeks. The survey included the following:
  - (a) electromagnetic induction (b) radiometric imagery (c) magnetic imagery and (d) topography.
- (c) Eight additional data loggers, one additional barometric pressure logger, and an electronic rain gauge have been purchased (as per the works program). These are currently being tested, calibrated and installed. Installation should be complete within a fortnight.
- (d) The March watertable monitoring program has been completed. An unprecedented fall in the groundwater level is apparent from the data (see attached map).

### NUFG Website

- (e) Both data and graphs for the March watertable survey have been uploaded to the NUGF-Kamarooka website.
- (f) Field day pages, posters and maps supplied by Mal (Brown) have been uploaded to the NUGF Web.
- (g) Vegetation survey for March 06 supplied by Ian (Rankin) has been uploaded to the NUGF-Kamarooka web page.
- (h) NUGF contact page developed and uploaded
- (i) NUGF e-mail alias established for Mal Brown and Ian Rankin in the form of [Ranx@nufg.org.au](mailto:Ranx@nufg.org.au) and [Malb@nufg.org.au](mailto:Malb@nufg.org.au). Members requiring an nufg e-mail address should contact Phil Dyson at [phildyson@nufg.org.au](mailto:phildyson@nufg.org.au)
- (j) Minutes of NUGF meetings are now published to the NUGF website. Simply go to [www.nufg.org.au](http://www.nufg.org.au) and follow the link.