



GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 8th February 2016: 9:30am-12:30pm

**Jerrabomberra Community Centre
2619 Jerrabomberra Parkway**

Present: Fiona Dyer, Martine Franco, Woo O'Reilly, Glenys Patulny, Anna van Dugteren, Karissa Preuss, Rebecca Widdows, Antia Brademann, Simon Holloway, Luke Pope, Lara Odell, Georgeanna Story, Jennie Wagner-Gorton, Tony Robinson, John Feint, David Barratt, Ann Milligan,

Apologies: Peter Smith (Snowy Monaro Regional Council) Alex Mond, Ann Duncan, Angela Calliess, Lynton Bond

Minutes: Fiona Spier

Welcome: Fiona Dyer, UMCCC Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Minutes from the previous general meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and discussed. There were no outstanding actions from the previous general meeting.

Minutes were accepted: Motion moved by Antia, seconded by Glenys

Chairs Report

Over the last few months a lot of administrative paperwork has been submitted to do with the ATO, change of name and ACNC reporting. Thanks to Luke and Fiona for getting a lot of this done. Still some outstanding ATO forms to do.

The executive have been reviewing footage from the forum to put together a few 3 minute vignettes. If anyone is interested in helping with reviewing the footage let Fiona Dyer know.

As there were no nominations for chair the committee have decided to implement a revolving chair; Fiona Dyer will be chair for the first quarter, followed by Woo, Angela, and TBA for the fourth quarter.

Fiona Dyer has many boxes of UMCCC pamphlets and 'looking after your assets'. Let her know if you want them.

The Chairs report was accepted by all.

Treasurers Report (report attached)

Ann Milligan provided the Treasurers report. She outlined:

- Currently there is \$19,683 in the bank account and estimated (at 30 June 2017) \$23,693.44 in the term deposit.
- Estimate at 30/6/2017 will be \$27,360.
- Need to do invoices for membership. Anna will help Anne.
- As at 30 June 2016 there was \$47,805.63 in the UMCCCs accounts.
- BAS statements up to date.

The Treasurer's report was accepted: Motion moved by Glenys, seconded by Anna

General Business

There is a nomination from David Barratt from Alluvium to join the executive.

The nomination was accepted: Motion moved by Glenys, seconded by Ann

Website Maintenance

As part of the consortium of community groups it will cost approximately \$1300 per year. This cost includes the back end maintenance of the site; content is the responsibility of the group. Fiona D thinks it is a suitable cost. Lynton has indicated that there will be a review of the contract in 6 months. UMLC will not be continuing.

We need to clarify what the cost associated with the domain name are and whether this is included in this cost. UMCN can review the contract in 12 months.

Lynton will be organising training for the website.

The payment of website was accepted: Motion moved by Fiona Dyer, seconded by Ann.

All in favour.

Healthy Waterways: ACT and Region Stormwater Education and Behaviour Change Program. Kate Rhook, Catchment Education, Catchment and Water Policy Unit

H20K Program is funded under the ACT Healthy Waterways Basin Project, and is guided by a stormwater education working group. Its objectives are to reduce pollutant loads into our waterways by attempting to change people's behaviour. There is low catchment literacy so important to educate the community.

The program has identified key behaviours and developed resources targeted at:

- Rural audience
- Urban audience

- Construction industry audience

10 key messages focused on each audience will be used, based on keeping the catchment free of pollutants.

These key messages will be spread through the community by:

- Region wide seasonal media campaign
- Drain art and stencilling program
- Adopt your drain and *Be a Drain Defender* – encourage people to adopt local drains and sumps.
- Stormwater road show
- Training and workshops
- Demonstration sites (in conjunction with Open Gardens Canberra Inc.)
- Ambassadors

There will be a program monitoring and evaluation component of the program to assess the engagement of the community and the level of behavioural change it has led to.

There is a launch of the program planned for the 23rd February, in conjunction with the regional clean up events in Cooma.

Contact Kate at healthywaterways@act.gov.au

Members Reports

Glenys Patulny - SACTCG

5th March there is a Lake Clean up and BBQ with the Tuggeranong Community Council.

SACTCG is continuing to focus on governance issues, and have recently welcomed a new treasurer and secretary.

Martine Franco – SACTCG

- Have been out looking for possible sites for the Indigenous Green Army team starting in March.
- Have also been working with Wally Bell on heritage grant to develop and install an interpretation sign at the Theodore grinding grooves site.
- Environment grants to control Lovegrass at Amberley Farm and Westwood Farm in Kambah, woody weed control at the National Equestrian Centre, and woody weed control along the Gudgenby River.

Woo O'Reilly – ACT and Region Water watch

Danswell Starrs has resigned and has taken another position in ACT Government as a Water Quality Officer. Will be advertising the position shortly.

Rebecca Widdows – Yass Valley Council

- Meeting with K2C about the Yass Gorge Project to protect natural temperate grassland community. This site consists of both crown land and council land, and a plan of management has been developed.
- In March there will be a launch of the Stormwater project in Yass.
- All Council plans are being reviewed.

Jennie Wagner-Gorton - Queanbeyan/ Palerang Regional Council

- Completed QE2 Park, which has an Environment rating of Excellent.
- Desilting program at Lake Jerrabomberra, but now there is a blue green algae problem.
- Also running an education program at Lake Jerrabomberra to reduce fishing tackle etc. being left in the lake. There are now long cylindrical bins around the lake.
- Water monitoring in the Queanbeyan River is continuing.
- SMEC is also starting water monitoring at the new plant in Googong and this data will be available online.
- Outdoor classroom near Glebe Park in Queanbeyan. Currently looking for funding for a platypus viewing platform.

Anna Van Dugteren – ACT NRM

- Alison McLeod has taken up Community programs Coordinator role. Advertised for part time RLF position and hopefully someone will be in place by end of March.
- Top Lamb Crop – new management workshop with Doug Alcock to increase lambing with good land management messages
- Training in March working with horse management issues, so that horse owners will engage more with NRM.
- Landcare Singles will happen again in late autumn.
- Darren Chong and Adam Shipp have been working at the Transitional Release Centre to assist an inmate to transition out of the prison.
- Currently assessing past rural grants, to look at setting up demonstration sites.
- There was training offered last year in using Rabbit Scan app, will run another workshop soon.

Lara Odell - Icon

- Icon Water rolling out bush fire implementation plans around urban reservoirs, also focussing on weed control
- Using Collector app to record weed control to increase transparency. This information will be in the same database as the ACT government and park care groups.
- Icon is currently undertaking erosion, feral animal and weed control work at biodiversity offset site at Williamsdale.
- Positive spawning of Murray Cod upstream of the dam on the Murrumbidgee River.

Karissa Preuss - GCG

- Damon Cusack has left, and Kat Vincent will be the Water watch Coordinator until 30 June.

- At the last AGM a very strong executive were elected. Have a new finance officer and the organisation are currently revising policies.
- GCG are also developing a long term strategy for the Frogwatch program.
- GCG are involved in 2 new Greenfield proposals.
 - Restoration work on Ginninderry.
 - Bush on Boundary group formed, as some members still concerned about the Ginninderra Falls area.

Karissa Preuss - LACT

- LACT have a new chair which is yet to be announced.
- Continue to focus on the objectives of LACT, and will continue to work with partners to promote Landcare in the region.
- An overarching NRM strategy is needed in the ACT, and at the last CLA there was support for a much stronger strategic approach.
- LACT will send out a survey soon to rural landholders as part of their Sustainable Agriculture grant.

Luke Pope - LLS

- Council is advertised for 2 positions in the biosecurity area.
- Council is involved in 3 ongoing projects with Catchment Management NSW funding
 - Superb Parrot habitat
 - Riparian revegetation along the Upper Lachlan and Murrumbidgee rivers.
 - Wetlands in Rural lands

Simon Holloway - QPC

- Have amalgamated Palerang and Queanbeyan Councils. A new interim structure of 18 divisions is now in place.
- Currently working on management plans and fire mapping.
- Green Army team working well around Bungendore and Queanbeyan.
- There is a regional weeds action program – LLS now host the plan and the committee. 2 project officers may move to LLS. There are currently lots of changes having around weeds.
- The biosecurity act will replace the noxious weeds act, which means that every plant will be considered a potential risk, so enforcement depends on where it is on a property. Staff are waiting on training to properly implement it.
- Palerang was first council in Australia to use drones to map vegetation, and received an award for the work last year. Currently good imagery at 50cm, 15cm in urban areas. Trialling Orange Hawkweed at 3cm.

Georgeanna Story

- UML recently had their AGM, there were no changes to the committee.
- Currently focussed on rabbits; using Rabbit Scan and getting landholders up to date on Rabbit haemorrhagic disease.
- Goats and deer are a concern for the region.
- Workshop with the LLS to Save Our Scarlet Robin project. Info session on progress and some expression of interest from landholders to be part of the project.
- Installing big fish habitat structures at Numeralla to help Golden Perch and Murray Cod numbers. Trying to tackle Carp.

- Fishing club already have a few structures so this project will add to what is already there.
- Meeting last night to start discussing next project.
- 6,700 carp over 5 days pulled out at Numeralla

Antia Brademann (Cooma WW)

- In December there was a meeting to see what community interest there was in the Cooma Creek.
- Clean Up Australia Day will be linked with the local Council and Kate Rhook from the Stormwater Education Program. Keep Cooma Creek Clean Day. Also doing Frogwatch and Platypus surveys. Trying to streamline all of the messages at once.
- Part of the longer term project for the creek will be to plant along the creek to improve habitat for the platypus.
- UMDR project is coming to an end. Final phase of planting is about to start. 14,000 planted have been planted along the creek and erosion gullies and 27 landholders have been involved in the project.
- Now into a planning phase to get feedback from interested parties and look at what needs to be done over the next 5 years. More information soon.

John Feint (ACT Government)

- Working with GCG and SACTCG to develop strategic plans for both catchment groups. Meeting last week to follow up with new consultant.
- Working with Kate Rhook on the H2O2 program.
- Did training in traffic management for drain stencilling.

Ann Milligan

- Murrumbateman Landcare - monthly walk and talk; this month is looking at a farm dam and biodiversity. Have an active nursery for the local landholders.
- Umbagog is holding a Clean Up day on 5th March
- Clearing woody weeds at Mt Rogers with the Landcare group. St John's Wort (SJW) doesn't have the *Chrysolina* beetles. Have a blog for the natural history of Mt Rogers (<http://mtrogerslandcare.blogspot.com.au>)
- FoG work at Yarramundi Reach twice a year. The beetles on SJW are doing well. Also monitoring the Monaro Golden Daisy at Cooma Common as a demo site. GA, CVA and Luke Pope have been helping FoG.
- FoG put out a bimonthly newsletter. There is a need to increase our media, communication

Tony Robinson (K2C, UML)

- Lesley Peden still at K2C. Rainer Rehwinkel resigned as chair of K2C, Geoff Robertson is the new chair
- Land for Wildlife grants through K2C and other connections with landholders.
- 17th Feb Rainer will be giving a talk at the Sylvia Curley education centre at Mugga Mugga
- Partner forums might help partners get more involved.
- K2C Inc. will do the business side and K2C will continue with community projects.
- Yass Gorge project continues with Maya Potapovich, Geoff Robertson and Rainer Rehwinkle.

- NSW Environment Trust Save Our Scarlet Robin project in Deniliquin and Bredbo. There are 2 events every 2 months, survey of awareness of birds

Dave Barratt (Alluvium)

- Started as a geomorphologist at Alluvium.
- Healthy Waterways project – developed concept design for stormwater assets.
- 23 assets, \$65million over next 2 years. Bio retention systems, ponds and wetlands.
- In Tuggeranong Isabella Pond will be drained, desilted and the weir will be redeveloped. 2 wetlands will be put North and South of Isabella Pond.
- Currently building hydrology model for the ACT Catchment to assist with Water Resources plan. Now salinity and water quality are to be added.
- Catchment Emergency Response plan still be to be tendered so alluvium may be involved.
- Looking at developing strategic response to catchment emergencies.

Fiona Dyer

- Honours student looking at impact of deer culling in the ACT. Deer left on the ground may provide food for other ferals. Will be monitoring to see if this is so. Googong and Bullen Ranges, there are wild dogs at 1 site.
- Citizen science grants – application about carp control and the herpes virus.
- Successful talk - US Ambassadors for Oceans. A lot to learn about groups working together. Link on the Institute for Applied Ecology.

Meeting closed: 12.45pm

Bank reconciliation, Operating accounts, 1 July 2016 – 31 January 2017

COMMONWEALTH Bank CHEQUE ACCOUNT 06 2904 10216099				
Item	Outgo	Inputs	GST on outgo	\$ Balance
1 July 2016. Opening				13,806.87
Bank fees	0			
Membership M2016-10		25.00		
Membership Icon water		125.00		
Membership ESDD		25.00		
Membership Helen King		25.00		
Membership Palerang Council		125.00		
Membership UMCCC 2016		25.00		
ATO credit Sep–Dec 2016		15.00		
31 January summary	Outgo 0	Income 365.00	0	Closing bal 5053.01
<i>Balance before Oct transfers</i>				14,156.87
<i>26 Oct input from Bus.Onl.Sav</i>		10,881.14		25,038.01
<i>26 Oct move to Bendigo Bank</i>	20,000.00		0	5038.01
BENDIGO Bank STATEMENT ACCOUNT 158222588				
Item	Outgo	Inputs	GST on outgo	\$ Balance
18 August 2016 Opened. Membership A.Milligan Tea collection, Aug meeting				0.00
		25.00		45.50
		20.50		
CommBank transfer 26 Oct		20,000.00		20,045.50
Admin support, Aug– October	1440.18		130.93	
Admin support November	720.09		65.46	5,053.01
Forum report (F. Spier)	600.00		54.55	6.22
Admin support Dec- January	1584.18		158.42	14,629.05
NRM jobs Chair advert	165.00		15.00	23,693.44
Public officer reimbursed	191.00		17.36	43,381.72
GST to ATO (Apr-Jun016)	685.00			
GST to ATO (Jul-Sep016)	31.00			
<i>31 January subtotals</i>	Outgo 5416.45	Inputs 20,045.50	441.72	Closing bal 14,629.05

COMMONWEALTH Bank CHEQUE ACCOUNT 06 2904 10216099				
Item	Outgo	Inputs	GST on outgo	\$ Balance
31 January summary	Outgo 5416.45	Income 45.50	GST <i>441.72</i>	
Totals both banks	Outgo 5416.45	Income 410.50		Clos total 19,682.06

Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment Network

Bank reconciliation 2016–17: Online Saver account Commonwealth

Item	Outgo	Inputs	Balance
1 July 2016 Opening			10,849.33
Interest*		38.03	
26 October transfer to Bendigo Bank	10,881.14		
Closing balance 31 Jan 2017			6.22

*1.05% in July; 0.95% in August; 0.70% in September and October

Term deposit 2015–17

Item	Outgo	Inputs	Balance
1 July 2015 Opening			22,561.23
Interest paid 13 March 2016		588.20	
30 June 2016 Closing			23,149.43

Overall summary 1 July 2016 – 31 January 17

	Opening balance 1 July	Closing balances 31 January	Notes
Cheque account: CommBank	13,806.87	5,053.01	
Bus Online Saver: CommBank	10,849.33	6.22	
Statement a/c: Bendigo Bank	0.00	14,629.05	
Term deposit (2.35% pa)	At 30 June 2016 23,149.43	<i>Est'd 30 June 2017</i> 23,693.44	<i>\$544 interest</i>
Totals (assets)	47,805.63	Interim estimate 43,381.72	\$19,683 in op. acs
<i>Estimated costs to 30 Jun 2017 are ~\$16,020</i>		<i>Estimated funds left at 30 June, therefore =</i> ~\$27,360.00	

Notes on financial records at 31 January 2017

1. Currently UMCN has four bank accounts: i.e. one 'Statement' account at Bendigo Bank, and the three accounts (cheque, online saver, term deposit) at Commonwealth Bank. When the term deposit matures on 23 March, that total will be paid into the cheque account and then moved across to the Bendigo Bank. After that, the remaining assets in the two Commonwealth accounts will also be moved to Bendigo Bank, and the Commonwealth accounts will be closed.

2. Updated summary of finances of the UMCCCC forum 2016 (updating the data given at the AGM in November):

\$ 16,445.00 grant + \$ 2803.18 forum sales = \$ 19,248.18 total
– \$ 16,927.55 expenditure
\$ **2,320.63 remaining.**

Videos presenting take-home messages from the UMCCC forum *remain to be made*, at a cost estimated @ between \$ 3000 & \$ 5000.

3. Membership fees are the main source of income for UMCN.
Income from 14 memberships during 1 July 2015 – 31 Jan 2017
= \$ 850.00 (as 5 x \$125 and 9 x \$25).
If all members of UMCN pay their dues, expected income is ~\$ 1500 to \$2000 per year.
4. Note that outgo in these financial records includes GST.
Costs are therefore *overstated by 10%* for those items for which we get GST reimbursed.
5. Estimated outgo yet to be paid in 2016-17: ~\$ 10,600.
Estimated total outgo for 2016-17: ~\$ **16,020**
At 30 June 2017, UMCN is estimated to have ~\$27,300 left (see summary table on page 2).
6. Once the video production is complete, costs should drop back to around \$11,000 each year, suggesting UMCN can operate at its current level for 2–3 more years.