

SACTCG General Meeting

26 November 2013 4.30 – 6.30

Telstra Tower

Present: Jenny Horsfield (MOTH), Andrew Reichstein (Hughes Garran Woodland); Wendy Rainbird (Farrer Ridge); Fiona Spier (FOT); Darryl Crapp (Oakey Hill); Miranda Gardner; Michael Sim (IRMMM); Alan Ford (Coleman Ridge); Glenys Patulny (TLC); Candice Dent; Martine Lind, Martine Franco.

Apologies: None

Minutes of previous whole group meeting: Glenys invited further discussion of specific needs of member groups, following on from the previous meeting.

Andrew Reichstein would like to see a more open understory developed in his woodland area, but is meeting some resistance from local people.

Darryl Crapp of Oakey Hill would welcome seeds and plants as part of the Woodland Restoration project.

Wendy Rainbird: St Johns Wort having enormous impact on Farrer Ridge and spreading into areas of good biodiversity.

Alan Ford: Centenary Trail has the potential to spread ALG along the ridge.

Miranda: There are ongoing storage, supply and maintenance issues for Red Hill Regenerators. Should the Catchment group take on a centralized role in some of these logistical matters?

Discussion on priorities for action:

Martine: The Catchment Group has received funding for the next 5 years, enough to keep us afloat for the next 2 years as a 1.6 person 'project', but a reduction from past grants. The last 3 years will only be 80% of grant, with the other 20% part of a competitive round. In the coming 2-year program, Waterwatch is an optional, unfunded extra. General admin is also not funded.

There are hefty milestones to deliver which Martine enumerated: revegetation and weed control; feral animals; erosion control; workshops to build capacity; field trips; communication activities.

Glenys: The next step is for groups to see how their works can be slotted in to these milestones

Next Executive meeting: 28 January

Next general meeting: 25 February - a STEP visit?