

SACTCG Executive meeting Jan 28 2014

44 McGivern Circ Kambah 4.30 pm

Present: Fiona Spier, Glenys Patulny, Jenny Horsfield, Martine Lind, Woo O'Reilly, Miranda Gardner

There was no specific agenda at this 'catch up' meeting.

Committee members reported on the state of affairs in their group over the summer break.

Jenny H: MOTH members spent 4 ½ hours in December searching the 30 hectares of Tuggeranong Homestead property for rabbits and located 60 active burrows which have been marked on a GPS. ACT Property Group have undertaken to stage an eradication program at the end of summer.

Martin: His focus for the year will be:

- Maintenance and responsibility for the spray trailer
- Dealing with 'weeds' targets
- Reaching the target of 10 hectares of control of pest animals in one of our member groups
- Assisting in three different actions of erosion control
- One day will be spent on Waterwatch work

Fiona: Friends of Tidbinbilla received funding for erecting signs around Nil Desperandum and associated sites. Liaising with Tidbinbilla Pioneers about possible Interpretative Walks.

Glenys: Glenys is vice-president of Tuggeranong Community Council and last year met with the Chief Minister about advancing the case for wetlands in the Tuggeranong Valley. Tuggeranong Lake Carers (TLC) plan to get up a petition this year to advance the cause of lake restoration and creation of wetlands. They have created a mailing list to contact people about issues affecting the lake.

Woo O'Reilly: Water Strategy is being rewritten after many public comments. 'Waterwatch' is seen to be an important component of a long-term strategy for our water catchments.

- Waterwatch database is being finalized for the Atlas of Living Australia. Website is being updated.
- Catchment Health Indicator – looking for tools to record data
- Woo hopes to run a couple of workshops, one with the coordinators to get a manual that standardizes procedures for their work. The other workshop would be to liaise with education authorities in order to advance the educational component of Waterwatch

Glenys commented that we need to find out the current status of the Murray Darling Basin funding plan

Miranda:

- Red Hill Regenerators are planning a rabbit control program and have been promised the support of Parks and Cons.
- Federal Golf Course are still keen to develop more units on their land and are making another submission

Financial Report: Fiona attached reports for all meetings since September 2013. She highlighted matters of general interest. Jenny proposed acceptance of the reports, seconded by Miranda.

Glenys suggested that out of our accumulated income we could afford to provide small grants to our member groups. TO BE DISCUSSED AT GENERAL MEETING.

Fiona pointed out that it would useful to have some new ways of raising funds.

Fiona proposed putting \$25000 back into the fixed deposit account. Miranda seconded this.

Other Business:

Glenys mentioned that office accommodation should be safe for another year, while plans are prepared for possible aged care units at Urambi.

Glenys is sending out to all member groups a request for data about numbers in the group attending workpartijes and on mailing lists.

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