

**Southern ACT Catchment Group  
Management Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday 16 May 2017**

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**1 Welcome and Attendance**

Attending: Miranda Gardner (Chair), Glenys Patulny (Vice Chair), Wendy Rainbird, Kerry Olsson (Secretary)

Staff: Martine Franco, Martin Lind

Apology: Amanda Galbraith (Treasurer)

**2 Acceptance of Previous Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held 18 April 2017 were accepted. Ongoing actions arising are dealt with at item 5.

**3 Correspondence**

RECEIVED: advice on new online booking system for conference room.

**4 Treasurer's Update**

No report as the Treasurer was unable to attend

**5 Ongoing Business**

**5.1 Improve understanding of the role of LACT amongst the membership**

**Action:** The Committee agreed that a members' meeting be organised for Sept as a 'meet your peak bodies' event with LACT, Conservation Council, C Change and the Environment Centre invited to attend.

**5.2 Project administration and reporting**

A new project tracker spreadsheet was agreed with some suggested changes such as colour coding. A more streamlined coordinator report format was discussed, and it was agreed that the report does not need to be published on the website. Office organisation more generally is an ongoing issue dependent in part on the arrangements for a new regional Waterwatch role in water quality education and the internal resources needed to complete the strategic plan.

**Action:** Finalise and adopt the new reporting format and project tracker for future meetings.

**5.3 Project opportunities with Icon Water**

Ongoing

**Action:** Miranda to discuss partnership opportunities informally with Icon Water.

#### **5.4 New Committee members**

Michael Sim has declined the invitation to join the Committee due to time pressures.

**Action:** The Coolemon Ridge and Urambi Hills Parkcare groups each be approached and invited to nominate a Committee member.

#### **5.5 Strategic Plan**

The consultants' draft and incomplete social map was tabled. The lack of substantial progress is a concern. It seems unlikely the plan can be delivered to a good standard by the current consultants according to the proposed schedule. Substantial input will be required from the two catchment groups to inform the plan, doing the work the consultants are being paid for. wat

**Action:** The Chair to raise the Committee's concerns with the ACT Government.

#### **5.6 Molonglo Catchment Group update**

Miranda, Martine and Kerry have been interviewed by Jon Brewer and the formal response from Molonglo is expected shortly.

### **6 New Business**

#### **6.1 Murrumbidgee River Corridor recreation and environment precinct**

Glenys Patulny provided a verbal update on the recreation and environment precinct proposal for the Murrumbidgee River Corridor in Tuggeranong. All the groups based in the area have reaffirmed their interest in pursuing the proposal, which would establish a dedicated recreation precinct with associated conservation benefits. It will now be canvassed amongst a broader group of stakeholders with a view to developing a proposal for government. The Committee was supportive of the initiative and its potential to protect the river corridor.

### **7 Current Consultations**

Nil

### **8 Landcare ACT Update**

The Chair provided an update on LACT activities, including the sustainable agriculture project. The survey of rural landowners undertaken as part of the project identified weeds and leaseholder legal obligations as priority areas of interest. A regional workshop on Climate Change Adaptation and Landcare is being organised for June.

### **9 Coordinator update**

Martine and GCG have been working with PCS and Transport Canberra and City Services to prepare a 'roles and responsibilities' document, a draft of which will be circulated to the Committee for comment. It is intended as a first step in developing an MOU.

ACT Heritage grant applications closed early May. A small bid was submitted for Tuggeranong Homestead.

**10 Waterwatch update**

Report noted. Regional Waterwatch have asked Martin to devote one day a week to an education role. Reorganisation of some SACTCG office tasks may be necessary to accommodate this, but the Committee is very supportive.

**11 Other Business**

There was some discussion of the ACT Government's conservation investment prospectus with some uncertainty as to how it will operate in practice.

**Meeting closed:** 6.45 pm

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