

**Southern ACT Catchment Group
Management Committee Meeting Agenda
Tuesday 21 March 2017**

Minutes prepared by: Kerry Olsson

5.10 Welcome and Attendance

Attending: Miranda Gardner (Chair), Amanda Galbraith (Treasurer), Wendy Rainbird, Glenys Patulny (Deputy Chair. Attended the early part of the meeting), Kerry Olsson (Secretary)

Staff: Martine Franco, Martin Lind

5:15 Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held 25 January 2017 were accepted.

5:20 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Ongoing matters are addressed elsewhere in the agenda.

5:25 Correspondence

Brian Butler resigned from the committee by email on 21 March. His resignation is due to potential conflicts with his position with Conservation Volunteers Australia and time pressures. The Committee thanked Brian for his support, and noted that it would be desirable to fill the resulting vacancy on the Committee with a Parkcare group representative.

5:30 Current consultations

Landcare ACT is holding an information and consultation forum on 27 March regarding a northern ACT National Park proposal put forward by the National Parks Association, to garner perspectives from the Landcare/Parkcare community. All Landcare and Parkcare volunteers are welcome to attend and a number of SACTCG member groups will be represented. Martine and Kerry will attend for SACTCG with other committee members attending representing their own groups. Some member groups have already expressed concerns with the proposal, including that it will devalue and marginalise the work of long standing and dedicated groups looking after lands not included in the proposed national park, and that the new park designation will divert very limited resources from other areas.

Action: Martine and Kerry to attend the national park proposal forum on 27 March 2017.

5.40 Treasurer's Update

The Treasurer's report was accepted. Amanda now has authorising authority on the bank accounts. The bank requires the formal agreement of the Committee, through the minutes, to a transaction limit of \$15,000 for the Treasurer's authority. The Committee agreed to this amount.

It was noted that although we hold sufficient funds to meet all obligations, our cash reserves were declining and will soon reach levels of concern. It was reported that

both an ACT project payment and a Waterwatch payment were due shortly, which would return bank balances to a satisfactory level.

Actions: The Committee to provide the minutes, once accepted, to the bank to provide authority for a transaction limit of \$15,000.

Martine to follow up the due project payment with the ACT Government.

5:50 SACTCG Strategic Plan

An inception meeting for the strategic plan with the consultant NGH Environmental, ACT government representatives, GCG and SACTCG will be held on 30 March. The ACT government has offered to facilitate and host a second consultation meeting with interested groups to overcome the limitations of only one such consultation forum being included in the current contract.

Action: Miranda to provide a verbal update from the 30 March inception meeting to the April meeting.

5:55 Outcome of all group meeting and follow up questionnaires

The questionnaire results revealed that member groups most value the SACTCG for its roles in representation and advocacy, administration and assistance with grant processes, and workshops and training. This was consistent with the all group meeting outcomes. A problem which was raised by many groups was their difficulty in dealing with ACT ranger 'churn', and the effort required to establish productive relationships with rangers when they move frequently and often start in each new location with little direct knowledge of the landscape.

Action: Finalised outcomes from the questionnaire to be provided as input to the strategic planning process.

6.05 Molonglo Catchment Group meeting update

Miranda and Kerry reported on the meeting held with MCG and GCG reps on 16 March seeking to resolve the issue of MCG not delivering on its partnership obligations under the Green Army and other regional projects. The meeting was unsuccessful in resolving the issue, with MCG largely unwilling to accept the material concerns of the other two groups. The Committee affirmed its commitment to working collaboratively with MCG and GCG but was not prepared to let the issue drag on as a drain on staff resources and a distraction from core business in support of member groups.

Action: Miranda is preparing an email response to MCG as a follow up to the meeting and will circulate it for comment.

6.20 Roles and Responsibilities – Catchment Groups and PCS

The ACT Government (Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate) is undertaking some work on the roles and responsibilities of various groups working in the park and NRM space. It may be useful input in the strategic planning project.

6.25 Coordinator projects and Waterwatch updates

The reports were accepted.

Meeting closed: 6:30