

**Southern ACT Catchment Group
Management Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 19 September 2017**

Minutes prepared by: Kerry Olsson

1 Welcome and Attendance

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

Staff: Martine Franco, Martin Lind, Fiona Spier

Apologies: Miranda Gardner (Chair), Amanda Galbraith (Treasurer)

2 Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Moved: Wendy Rainbird, Seconded Wendy Warren. Carried

Actions arising:

As the Treasurer and Chair were not present actions concerning the Deductible Gift Recipient Account and the 17-18 budget will be considered at the next meeting. Other actions are complete.

Motion arising from the discussion

Glenys Patulny requested in principle approval for reimbursement of registration fees for the upcoming NSW Landcare and Local Land Services Conference from the DGR account.

Moved: Glenys Patulny, Seconded Wendy Rainbird. Carried

3 Correspondence

Nil

4 Treasurer's Update

Deferred

5 Ongoing Business

5.1 Project opportunities with ICON Water

The Committee noted that Miranda and Martine have met with Icon Water staff and there are no current joint project opportunities.

5.2 SACTCG Strategic Plan update

The 'plan on a page' was discussed at length and several suggested edits will be addressed by Martine. Approval was given for the draft to be circulated to the membership for feedback. The Committee thanked Martine for all her good work in

getting the document to this stage, and also Wendy Warren for offering to update the contextual information.

Action:

1. Martine to circulate the draft strategic 'plan on a page' to the membership for comment.

5.3 Environment Grants

SACTCG has been successful in securing a \$3,500 for the Urambi Hills group, and \$50,000 for work with 3 rural leasees on poplar removal.

6 New Business

None

7 Current Consultations

7.1 ACT NRM Prospectus

SACTCG have been closely involved with the LACT response to the draft prospectus as well providing our own letter with comments. Overall the draft was disappointing and substantial comments were provided, but it is unclear how much change the drafters will be willing to accommodate. In its current form, it lacks recognition of the community contribution, implementation pathways and a landscape approach.

Action: no further action at this time

7.2 ACT Government Parkcare Code of Conduct and signup procedure

The current draft is lengthy and somewhat tone deaf, not recognising the diversity or expertise of the volunteer base. Its clauses concerning media and public comment have raised concerns and its representation of volunteers as essentially free staff is problematic, as the groups see themselves as working for the good of their park, not the government. Martine has drafted an email outlining the issues for the Chair to send, and will advise the membership that we have taken that action.

Action: any comments on the draft email to be provided to Martine asap.

8 Landcare ACT Update

Nothing substantial this month that was not discussed under other agenda items.

9 Coordinator update

No further discussion due to time constraints.

10 Waterwatch update

Report noted but no discussion due to time constraints.

11 Other Business

Annual General Meeting

The suggested date for the AGM is 21 November, in lieu of the Management Committee meeting scheduled for that date.

Meeting closed: 6.45 pm