



## Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group

### Annual General Meeting and General Meeting

October 27th, 2005  
10:00 a.m.  
YYCMG Office Perenjori

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#### Annual General Meeting Agenda Topics:

#### 1 Open Meeting at 10:10am.

##### 1.1 Attendance

Elizabeth Eaton, Jan McPherson, Mike Clarke, Chris King, Stacey Hudson, Lisa Pocock, Cindy Walker, Max Hudson, Wally Barnes, Lorinda Hunt.

##### 1.2 Apologies

Keith Carter, Duncan Peter, Laurie Butler, Dene Solomon, Keith Camac and Ian Fordyce

#### 2 Minutes of previous meeting

##### 2.1 Amendments

No amendments, Wally Barnes moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Cindy Walker

##### 2.2 Matters Arising

NO Matters arising

#### 3 Executive Reports

##### 3.1 Chairmans Report

Chairmans Report read by Chris.

Max Hudson moved that the Chairmans Report be accepted. Seconded by Lisa Pocock. All in favour.

##### 3.2 Audited Financial Statements

Audited Financial Report for the year ending June 2005, was presented by Stacey Hudson. Move to accept the Financial Report by Stacey, seconded by Wally. All those in favour. Max Hudson moved to thank Stacey Hudson for her work. All agreed.

#### 4 Election of Office Bearers

##### 4.1 Nominations of Chair

EE: Call for nominations for position of Chair for NACC. Lisa Pocock nominated Chris King. Chris King elected for Chair.

##### 4.2 Nominations of Deputy Chair

CK: Call for nominations for position of Deputy Chair. Max Hudson nominated Peter Syme. Peter Syme declared Deputy Chair.

**Action:** Max Hudson to notify Peter Syme of his appointment as Deputy Chair

#### 4.3 Nominations of Committee

CK: Call for nominations. Wally Barnes(Gutha/Canna), Brian McCreery (Kalannie), Kent Lane (East Three Springs), Jan McPherson (Mongers), Keith Camac (Darling Creek), Peter Syme and Keith Carter (Jibberding), Mike Sasse (Morawa), Laurie Butler (Bowgada), Chris King (Perenjori) and Kim Simpson (Burakin). It was moved that all nominees be informed prior to meeting dates. All in favour.

**Action:** Lisa to inform all Zone representative nominees prior to meetings

#### 4.4 Nominations of Treasurer

CK: Call for nominations. Chris nominated Stacey Hudson. Stacey accepted and was appointed.

#### 4.5 Nominations for the Finance and Employment Committee

CK: Call for nominations. Peter Syme, Chris King and Keith Camac were nominated. All in favour.

#### 4.5 Nominations for the Monitoring and Planning Committee

CK: committee considered to have no function and the positions to be left as vacant at this point in time.

#### 4.6 Nominations for the NACC Committee

CK: Call for nominations for the NACC Committee. Discussion about democracy and structure of nomination process. Position remains available. NACC will call for nominations in due course.

### 5 **Close Meeting at 10:48am**

### 6 **Open General Meeting at 10:49am**

### 7 **Previous Meeting Minutes**

7.1 Amendments: No amendments. Minutes moved by Lisa Pocock, seconded by Wally Barnes. All in favour.

7.2 Matters Arising: Chris accepted matters arising.

Cindy enquired about the YY co-branding and was suggested to write to Alan Bradley to chase up Natalie Nelmes over the matter.

**Action:** Cindy to write to Alan Bradley enquiring about the co-branding result

**Action:** Stacey to write a letter to Dept of Ag concerning Peter Whale outstanding Payment

Minutes accepted. All in favour.

### 8 **Funding and Finance**

#### 8.1 Financial Report

Financial Report was presented by Stacey. The NRMO agreements have been completed. NRMO expenses to come out of YY pocket until agreements roll over. The Final Report is to be finished to the end of December and submitted for audit.

Stacey moved the financial report and seconded by Wally. All in favour.

Brief discussion on finalised NRMO Agreements.

Dene's mobile phone account has been moved into the Yarra Yarra account to receive the Telstra discount.

Online banking has been applied for and still to come.

Glenn Quinns Envirofunds will not go ahead due to his unexpected death. The money will be returned to Envirofund.

**Action:** Cindy to contact Envirofund and inform them of Glenn Quinns project being terminated.

## 9 General Business

### 9.1 Mike Clark IP1 Project

MC: Through NACC's Investment Plan, the IP1 Project is to be funded. Half will be allocated to on farm advice for salinity management and half for fencing off saline areas. The plan for covering the region would be in a way, similar to the Rapid Catchment Appraisal approach, subregion by subregion. Given the Yarra Yarra Subregion was most affected it was thought to start in the YY. The project would like to involve the NRMO's and hold field days in conjunction with other meetings in the area so to get greater attendance and involvement. The project involves farm visits, EM38 data collection, extension agronomist and a saltland hydrologist. Fencing was considered a good investment as protection of top soils allows potential for recovery of salty areas.

CK: Suggested reporting in YY Newsletter about the project and up coming field days.

**Action:** Cindy to include Mike Clarke's Project in the next newsletter

MH: Reiterated that maps have already been produced and the catchment rehab program needed to be catchment scale implemented.

CK: Suggested there may be a problem doing one catchment / year, with nothing getting done on ground till years later. Perhaps the project needs to align with subcatchments and adjust the timelines to suit.

MC: Suggested that the project could combine with other projects ie. Drainage Projects

WB: Research into the recovery of saline areas and restructuring of degraded soils is poorly funded.

MC: Funds have taken a long time to hit the ground, research would only delay action. The primary function of the IP1 Project is providing advice and \$\$.

CK: Thinks NRMO's can reinforce the project through their involvement.

EE: Reconfirmed if the fencing was to be used to fence extensive salty areas, and not just the edges of drains.

### 9.2 O.H & S – steel cap boots, safety shirts, training for the drill rig, safety of backhoe pits.

CW: There are no safety standards for the drill rig and personnel operating or working with the drill rig need training for it.

CK: NACC has developed O,H&S process and it will eventually proceed. Perhaps organise a training day with the shire. A protocol for drilling should be setup, but in the mean time safety around the rig and pits should be encouraged. The life of pits should be assessed and some filled in.

### 9.3 YY Catchment Regional Council – Carnamah Shire

The local government engagement process – Stan Scott met with the Carnamah Council and they were not convinced. The Carnamah Council and the members have largely changed and are probably uninformed.

MH: need to have a meeting with the Darling Creek group to encourage Carnamah involvement. Ca is offering to pay \$\$ but have no decision making involvement.

There needs to be another working group meeting to leave the door open to them.

LP: suggests holding an information day with the farmers

CK: Agrees and Lisa should push for a local meeting with Darling Creek/ Ca.

MC: If there are to be information meetings held, let everyone know so that other projects can become involved in the one gathering.

MH: Lobby the people in the Darling Creek area.

**Action:** Lisa to push for a meeting in the Darling Creek/Carnamah Catchment to inform them about YYCRC(Include Mike Clarke in presentation)

## 10 Project

### 10.1 Feasibility Study

Presented by Max Hudson, The Feasibility Study has closed and more copies are in the process of being attained. There is a minor problem putting the study on the web as the document is too large. It was suggested to put it on the NACC website and have links.

LP – it will fit on the web but I will need to remove other items from the website before this can occur.

CK – Or put it on NACCs website and link YYCMGs website with NACCs website

**Action:** Lisa to investigate putting the Feasibility Study on the NACC website with a link to the YYCMG website???

### 10.2 Regional Drainage Project

MH – Feasibility set up. Minister from Environment was impressed that YYCMG had completed the Feasibility Study before developing the project.

Disappointed that there was not enough information from feasibility study for NACC. NACC saw that there was an emphasis on deep drainage and this is holding back the Catchment Rehabilitation Project

CK – Cost benefit Analysis will be done. 3 areas – Mongers, Madden and a Higher rainfall – Merkanooka or East Three Springs

### 10.3 State Regional Evaluation Project

### 10.4 Subsurface Drainage Project

EM31 and EM38 surveys are complete for each site.

Russell Speed has assisted in the planning and implementation of an extensive bore monitoring system. Monitoring will take place once a month. Doe are also monitoring the bore 2 weeks after Cindy. Further Notes in the NRMO Report.

## 11 Reports

11.1 NRMO's Report – Tabled. No Questions

11.2 Survey Report Dene is absent

11.3 Database Manager Report

LP – nearly complete. In the process of sending letters to the Commissioner of Soil Conservation and shires. The LCDC unspent money is returned to the

Commissioner. YYCMG need to write individual letters to the Commissioner to apply for this money to be returned to the Catchment.

MH – I have a letter from ..... Stating.....

**Action:** Max will pass on a letter from David Hartley regarding LCDCs (retained Monies) on to Lisa.

Koolanooka Bowgarder Group will be keeping their money as they are not a LCDC

LP – LCDC are trying to spend their money before they wind up

NOIs – Andrew Watson and DAWA personnel have been taken around the proposed site for Mongers drain. Lisa is going to meet Buddy Wheaton in Perth to clarify the project details. Lyle Mildenhall is visiting the site next week to assess it with Lisa at Mongers.

## 12 Communications

### 12.1 Correspondence In

Letter from NLP regarding the submission for an extension on the Subsurface Drainage Project. They requested a more detailed monitoring and evaluation system to be put in place.

### 12.2 Correspondence Out – YYCMG wrote to NACC as discussed last General Meeting to request the AGM to be held at a more central location in coming years.

## 13 Business without notice

### 13.1 Wheatbelt Catchment Alliance

NH – The WCA want to access funds for YYCMG to complete the studies in the 11 zones. John Ruprecht has stated that the other areas are 6 years behind YYCMG in completing their feasibility studies.

### 13.2 Field Day

MH – Would like to host a bus trip around the Yarra Yarra Catchment for the NACC assessment panel to see YYCMG's projects and to see the magnitude of the YY lakes system ie. Goodlands where there has been 3 years of drainage with no bad effects. 11 000 ha of lake area/drainage areas.

CK – needs to be done sooner rather than later to avoid the same misunderstandings occurring that YYCMG experienced in the assessment of Investment Plan 1.

**Action:** MH to talk to Alan Bradley about hosting a bus trip around YY Catchment

Elizabeth Eaton – In the assessment of IP1 I saw a \$ figure rather than an explanation. We need to see photos of what is working. The package of fencing, revegetation and drainage needs to be clear.

MH – There was a detailed explanation in the EOI. The problem is that people have so little time it is physically impossible for people to read the submissions thoroughly.

### 13.3 Mongers

Jan MacPherson – Can she write a letter stating Drain 55 is a demonstration drain not just for their benefit. We need a letter to inform the catchment about what will be funded by NACC. Communication through the newsletter

**Action:** Letter to all Zones informing them of decision to use Catchment 55 as demonstration and continuing investigation in other catchments. (Chris to sign)

**Action:** Cindy/Lisa to organize zone meetings in all zones for Feb

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**14 Close Meeting at 12:50 pm**

14.1 Agenda Items for next meeting

14.2 Next Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2006

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