

MINUTES



Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group

Annual General Meeting and General Meeting

October 26th, 2006
10:00 a.m.
YYCMG Office Perenjori

Annual General Meeting

1 Open Meeting at

- 1.1 Attendance: Max Hudson, Dene Solomon, Keith Camac, Chris King, Stacey Hudson, Hannah Sadler, Dave Baxter, Jessica Hasleby, Jo Ashworth, Bill Currans
- 1.2 Apologies: Elizabeth Eaton, Stan Scott, Ian Fordyce, Jan McPherson, Wally Barnes, Lisa Pocock, Diane Ainsley, Alfie Niven, Ian Fordyce

2 Minutes of AGM held 27h October 2005

2.1 Amendments Nil

2.2 Business Arising Nil

Moved as true and accurate record of AGM held on 27th October 2005
Mov Max Hudson Sec Keith Camac Carried

3 Executive Reports

3.1 Chairman's Report: Presented by Chris King
Moved that we accept the Chairman's report
Mov Keith Carter Carried

3.2 Audited Financial Statements: Presented and tabled by Stacey Hudson
Audited by North Midlands Accounting Service
Audited financial statements are moved as a true and correct record
Mov Stacey Hudson Sec Max Hudson Carried

Appointment of Auditor
Moved that North Midlands Accounting Services be appointed as auditor for next 12 months
Mov Stacey Hudson Sec Keith Camac Carried

4 Election of Office Bearers

- 4.1 Nominations for Chair
Chris King nominated by Keith Camac Accepted
Nominations for Vice Chair
Peter Syme nominated by Max Hudson To Be Confirmed
Nominations for Treasurer
Stan Scott nominated by Chris King To Be Confirmed

Finance and Employment Committee:
Keith Camac, Peter Syme, Project Manager, Chairman Accepted

Monitoring and Planning Committee:
Full committee and staff, not required

4.2 NACC Committee representatives
Peter Syme and Chris King Accepted

4.3 Elect delegates for the Wheatbelt Catchment Alliance of WA
Two delegates required to represent each region within wheatbelt. Yarra Yarra,
Yilgarn, Lockhart, Dumbleyung, Mortlock
Max Hudson, Chris King Accepted

5 Close Meeting at

5.1 Next Meeting 10.30am

6 Open General Meeting at 10.30

7 Previous Meeting Held on 3rd August

7.1 Amendments: 4.1 – clarify figure

7.2 Business Arising:

3.2 Only purchased Dene's Falcon ute. Now \$758.66 per month. Cancelled
second ute

Old ute taken back \$13,888 come out of Monger's project

Les Hepworth resigned 30th September

3.12 – Envirofund extension. 6 deferred due to conditions – still to hear from Duncan
Peter, 2 complete – final reports being completed

Digital camera purchased \$688 – Enterprise account

Cassie Gledhill employed as part time Office person

Mongers under budget \$6855? We can retain and use for wages

Lotteries grant \$1500 hot water system at Kalannie Office

Painting still to happen

Dene's phone purchased

Website – couldn't access AGM minutes – Attention Lisa

Deferment of payment – no luck, refused

Crossings – good cooperation

We have map for regional and local government

Minutes accepted as true and accurate record

Mov Keith Camac Sec Stacey Hudson Carried

8 Funding and Finance

8.1 Financial Report Presented by Stacey

Financial report moved as true and correct

Mov Stacey Hudson Sec Dene Solomon Carried

8.2 Ute's Dene has new Falcon, cancelled Heppy's

8.3 Assets purchased since last meeting: Purchased Digital Camera

Garman GPS – Catchment Rehab

Filing Cabinets NRMO

Sink cupboard bench \$1700

8.4 Lotteries grant

8.5 Envirofunds

8.6 Kalannie house - \$90/week rent coming out of enterprise account at present – need to cost out to projects at \$50/night no matter how many people – book in house. Keys with Naomi Smith. Leave as found, i.e. clean on departure.

8.7 Registered to do BAS online

8.8 PAYG monthly as we have exceeded annual amount

8.9 Advertise for NRMO position in Kalannie via free newsletters, Geraldton Guardian, Wongan-Balli Boomer. Ian transferred to projects. Employment committee will access NACC employment pool.

8.10 Oil Mallee project completed 1st year, \$11000 remaining for ongoing wages until IP2

8.11 NRMO funds – Ian limited level. NACC decided to improve career path – can now go to level 5.1 \$64,000

8.12 Catchment Rehab funds

8.13 Accrued Annual Leave – at present annual leave must be taken during project. People must take their annual leave, or lose it. \$10,000 accrued annual leave, but we don't have \$ to honour at present.

9 General Business

9.1 Mike Clark IP1 Project – presented by Jessica Hasleby

NACC \$2000/km fencing incentive to assist farmers to fence off saltland – retaining full use of land. 7 line with 2 barb and galv posts – money could be better spent maybe with a more realistic fence, say 7 line only. Manage these areas differently to rest of farm

9.2 O.H & S – steel cap boots, safety shirts, training for the drill rig, safety of backhoe pits – need to obtain policy from NACC and then accept.

9.3 Monitoring of bore holes within zones. Possibility of landholders chosen to manage the bore holes in each zone? Can we pay landholders for this? e.g. Hepworth to do Bowgada zone. To use for scientifically there would be issues with reliability of information. Must be done accurately. Need to check every bore and then prioritise them – maybe only 3 bores in each drainage line. NRMO's trained by Ian. Maybe one North and one South.

Encourage zones to apply for Envirofunds to monitor bores at a local level to attain trends for own catchment information. Resolved
Dene to follow up.

9.4 Cost Sharing arrangements for new drainage. How much should farmers contribute and in what way? At present funding supplies main arterial drainage line and then farmers put in equivalent length in spurs on property. Large financial burden up front for landowners. Looking at government system for drainage – farmers allow easement over land up to 100m wide in drainage line which would be their contribution. Easement could be reduced to (in good land) 50m in some cases – negotiate on a case by case basis. Then monitored and managed by YY with farmers paying a service fee - \$150/annum/km drain. Has been presented to Bowgada and Merkoonooka and received well. Value of drain \$15,000/km due to being designed to sustain 100 year rainfall events. Could put in one for \$6000/km. Maybe several options is appropriate, however difficult to operate two systems. Who will manage until Regional Body is in place? MOU – is the farmer prepared to let YY use land for x amount of time? Regional Council control with YY staff management. MOU's required for contracts to be accepted.

These funds will be paid direct to YY in the interim from State NRM, so that we can keep moving.

Max needs permission to write up contract with State NRM office and NACC which uses the easement method (in a benchmarking capacity) of farmer contribution. We need ratification ASAP due to permit approval process and contracting costs.

Max will complete and circulate before forwarding to State NRM and NACC offices.

Regional Council – MOU until regional council in place. Shires funding CEO of regional council. Has Stan put in submission to Regional Development Program? Dept of Water had committed funds as this is a pilot program. They could do \$25,000 added to \$30,000 from Shires – part time CEO. What do we want as far as easement – then John?? Will look at how to implement. Conditions – Time, personnel access, farmer continue cropping, rates. Can Max write up MOU which would appease funding bodies and circulate to farmers?

10 Project

10.1 Oil Mallee Project: Presented by Jo Ashworth

10.2 Regional Drainage Project: Presented by Max Hudson – 3 projects up front and hopefully after that rest will roll through. 12km \$180,000 on each one. Burakin and Jibberding, Goodlands maybe next.

10.3 State Regional Evaluation Project: GHD report available ask Chris

10.4 Subsurface Drainage Project: Presented by Dene Solomon
Variation to NACC – to change method, dig open drain, then lay pipe and recover with blue metal and dirt. Still waiting to hear back from NACC.

11 Reports

11.1 NRM's Report: Presented by Dene Solomon
Envirofunds – thank you to those who volunteered to plant at Green Lake.
Indigenous drainage through sites – write to them cross reference with Dept Indigenous affairs web site.

11.2 Survey Report: Presented by Dene Solomon
Where do we want to go, talk to landowners, input from Max and Kevin Lyon, then run up line. Photos and coordinates every 1km up line

11.3 Database Manager Report: Nil

12 Communications

12.1 Correspondence In:

12.1.1 Phone plan Dene's new phone

12.1.2 Jolly's ute price quote

12.1.3 Offer from Michelle Pond to provide auditing services

12.1.4 New sovereign charge card

12.1.5 Liebe – fencing costs for Salinity Extension and Rehab project

12.2 Correspondence Out

12.2.1 Lotteries requesting final funds on drilling program

12.2.2 Domenica – ute

12.2.3 Lotteries requesting final funds on Kalannie Office

13 Business without notice

13.1 LCDC's in recess. ATO requesting status of LCDC's – put onto Gail Arnold
Dept Ag.

14 Close Meeting

14.1 Agenda Items for next meeting

14.2 Next Meeting on Thursday Feb 22nd

14.3 Close Meeting at 1.40pm

Other Information: Next meeting on Thursday 22nd February 2007