



Norman Creek Catchment Co-ordinating Committee



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To protect and enhance the ecosystem within Brisbane's Norman Creek Catchment

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N4C General Meeting Monday 7th February 2005

Meeting Commenced at 7.30pm

Margie took the chair

Attendance: Damien Madden, Tim Wallis, Graham Jurrott, Emanuel Ganser (NRM SEQ), Paulina Stretton, Mark Bajgar.

Apologies: None.

1. Announcements Communications

- N4C Annual General Meeting next Monday 7th March 2005
- BCN meeting & party 18th March at The Rocks Park, 17 Mile Rocks @ 3pm.

2. Correspondence: inwards & outwards

Moved: MM

Seconded: TW

3. Treasurer's Report

Moved: DM

Seconded: GJ

The report can be viewed at the N4C CREEC.

4. Administration: amend & confirm previous Minutes

Moved: TW

Seconded: DM

5. Agenda Items from Actions of previous Minutes

5.1 – Demonstration Catchment Project Update

DM: The recent wet spell has been good for growth rates but has also benefited the weeds with large areas presently overgrown despite virtually the whole site being sprayed before Christmas.

5.2 – N4C’s Community Job Plan – Work Placement starting Mon 7th February

DM: Paulina and Damien inducted ten participants today. They were also shown a Powerpoint presentation of the DCP and Morehen flats. Their labour may also be utilised at Mott Creek, Bridgewater Creek and Moorhen Flats.

Margie Congratulated Paulina and Damien on achieving funding for the project.

5.3 –N4C Constitution/Register of Env Organisations to EA/ATO endorse Deductible Gift Recipient

Peter Lello is still looking into the matter especially the areas of sub committee formation that has some fairly stringent conditions.

5.4 N4C CREEC’s drainage and plant holding area work.

DM: The drainage around the front door has been fixed and the plant holding area fence has been fixed and strengthened. Benches have been built around the fence to hold plants which will also further strengthen it. The irrigation system is to be put in this week.

5.5 Birdwood Rd private property and Norman Ck planting plan.

DM: Has been in contact with the owners. Margie asked wether BCC were considering buying the property and DM replied that it was a priority on the Local Area Plan. Ken McClymont is working on the rehabilitation plan and costings. There is also an easement belonging to Brisbane Water for a sewage line passing through the site.

5.6 Submission on draft SEQ Regional Plan.

DM: Needs to be submitted by 28th February. Issues include lack of infrastructure to support densification, lack of viable green space, levies for developers who buy land around waterways, rates incentives for residents who plant native vegetation on their property.

Emanuel mentioned the urban corridor in your back yard program coordinated by Richard Collins from Indigiscapes in Redlands shire. Landowners have their properties assessed and are then advised on how to improve their property to create a more effective corridor. Emanuel also mentioned a new funding avenue that he was looking into that was similar to the existing Envirofund but was for water conservation projects.

5.7 Norman Ck WMP Feb 15th Griffith University Eco-centre meeting

DM: Council had surveyed 60 people through the local councillors in relation to the new WMP. However N4C was not contacted as part of this process. The details of the people surveyed cannot be released as information is not public domain. DM stated that he would like to see a section in the new WMP that reviews the actions and results of the 1996 Norman Creek Catchment Management Plan.

6. BCC Waterways Update

6.1 – Norman Creek WMP update

6.2 – Water Strategy for Brisbane update

Patrick was not present tonight.

7. Other News/Business & Bushcare Group Reports

7.1 Cleanup Australia Day Launch Feb 18th and event 5th March

DM has nominated Moorhen Flats and the catchment centre could be used to coordinate the event.

7.2 Proposed Townhouse development 64 & 64A Baron St, Greenslopes – N4C objection submitted.

DM: Four units are to be built on the adjacent block down stream to the N4C CREEC. The proposed development comes to within 1m of the boundary with a 2m high retaining wall along 75% of this boundary and a suspended slab continuing right to the lower end of the block.

7.3 NRM SEQ Update

EG: The Joint Steering Committee has approved the plan which has now been submitted to Canberra. The key regional landscape areas will be approved by 16th Feb -Shannon Mooney will be looking at this. Corridors of 60 – 80km long to be defined. There should be money on ground by March. The money will be for projects and not employment positions.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Next meeting 7th March, 2005

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