



# Norman Creek Catchment Co-ordinating Committee



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

## N4C General Meeting February 1<sup>st</sup> 2004

Meeting commenced at 7.40pm.

Margie Milgate took the chair.

**Attendance:** Damien Madden, Tim Wallis, Margie Milgate, Trista Hill, Gillian Welstead, Carolyn Polson, John Godfrey, Graham Jurrott, Patrick Bourke.

**Apologies:** Claire Heath, Maurice Lane, Paulina Stretton, Adrian Schrunner, Gillian Paxton.

### 1. Announcements Communications

- **AGM for 1<sup>st</sup> March 2004 – call for nominations**

Preliminary nominations were as follows:

**Treasurer:** Carolyn Polson

**President:** Margie Milgate      **Secretary:** Tim Wallis

- **Bennetts Bush Defenders – “Picnic In The Park” 11am Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

DM: N4C has donated some plants for the event.

- **Trista Hill - NRMSEQ Community Support Officer for Lower Brisbane Catchments**

Trista gave the group an informative presentation on the new regional body NRMSEQ that has been formed to primarily distribute monies for environmental projects from the NHT 2 fund. It is a not-for-profit organisation. The region has been divided into 6 sub-regions and NCC falls into the Lower Brisbane sub-region.

Although the group is primarily set up to allocate money from NHT 2, Trista will also be showing groups how to access money from other sources.

The Regional Plan will be in place by June 30<sup>th</sup> although it will be non-statutory. Targets and goals will come later.

One of Trista's roles will be to match projects with other groups, industry or research groups so that the collaboration can reach a strategic level to obtain funding. She is also involved in producing a State of the Region report to better see what sort of position Brisbane is in. A newsletter is also under development.

## **2 BCC Waterways Update**

N4C to produce a maintenance report and schedule by 12th March in response to BCC/Storm Water Consulting reports regarding increased Mannings coefficient levels.

John Godfrey brought up the fact that he would like to see more courses run by council such as the recent one on marketing your group.

PB: Everyone wants to have more of these workshops but attendance is often too low. Volunteering Queensland have now been contracted to work with community groups to work out what they want.

The next Citywide Catchments Network meeting will be on 13<sup>th</sup> February at 3-6pm. Also in February (26-27<sup>th</sup>) is the Brawl Over Sprawl seminar about future regional planning issues.

MM: Wanted N4C to get plenty of notice when community consultation stage of the Norman Creek Waterways Management Plan gets underway.

PB: The initial stages will begin with advertisements and a survey in local news publications.

## **3. Correspondence: inwards & outwards**

**Moved:** DM                      **Seconded:** TW

Please refer to attached list at end of minutes.

## **4. Treasurer's Report**

**Moved:** DM                      **Seconded:** GJ

A full report is available at the CREEC.

CBA Account: \$9600

Suncorp Account: \$3739

## **5. Administration: amend & confirm previous Minutes**

**Moved:** DM                      **Seconded:** TW

**Note: Other news/business** in last months minutes SCRUB was the recipient of the Gaming Machine Fund and not Whites Hill Reserve bush care group as stated.

**Note: NRM forum Nambour**, CP did not attend.

## **6. Agenda Items from Actions of previous Minutes**

### **6.1 DCP progress update**

DM: Will have sprayed most of stage one area by end of week and move on to upstream area. Lost couple of silver wattles and the banner in the recent storms.

### **6.2 Tom Collingwood Reserve – Progress with Council**

DM: Catherine Bermingham requested meeting with John Nukkenham and Paulina onsite.

### **6.3 N4C's tax-deductible status – progress on updated constitution**

DM relayed to group how Angus Hutton has come to write N4C's new constitution so that it may be submitted to Office of Fair Trading a part of process for N4C to gain tax deductibility status. The new constitution will be voted on at the next AGM.

## **7. Other News/Business**

### **7.1 Water Resources Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January.**

MM: Damien, Margie, Paulina and Graham were invited to a meeting with Water Resources (also present were Peter Barns, Gavin Blakely, Nev Gibson and Ursula Kerr) under the impression that it was about the hydraulic report concerning the stage 2 works at the DCP. This was not really the main agenda as Council had recently commissioned N4C's consultants (Storm Water Consulting) to do further analysis of the stage 1 area because of concerns of an elevated Mannings coefficient level due to high levels of natural eucalypt regeneration.

The resulting gist of the meeting was that stage 2 would not proceed unless remediation of stage 1 is carried out i.e. thinning of trees.

DM: We were not informed about N4C's consultants being used, there was no agenda prior to the meeting and N4C's modelling report produced for stage 1 not even considered.

GJ: Waterways may have actually thought that they were helping us out by using Storm Water Consulting.

MM: The outcome for N4C is that we will look at the problem and see what we can do to produce a maintenance report that will alleviate the problems. Waterways have agreed to send a letter outlining the specific problems they are concerned with.

DM: We will be working on providing a maintenance plan agreed by to by the group and will be submitted by 12<sup>th</sup> March 2004.

Since the Jan 19<sup>th</sup> meeting Damien has spoken to Ralph Dowling of the Qld Herbarium to do a vegetation report of the stage 1 area. This can then be passed on to Graham Jenkins from Griffith University who is currently conducting a study of the DCP to conduct a further hydraulic study using accurate data on future growth rates and densities. This can also be passed onto SWC.

Gillian Welstead agreed that N4C should have been contacted prior to the meeting to let us know SWC was being used and that the stage 2 modelling report should have also been used in consideration.

There was a general feeling among the group about the perceived lack of communication from Council.

## **7.2 John Godfrey**

John took the time to inform the group about the progress of the various groups he is a member of. John is a representative of SCRUB.

Ekibin Road site: Sue Ackroyd will be OS for most of the year and will be replaced by Elizabeth. Ekibin Creek is looking better this month and there is some natural regeneration of tree ferns occurring.

Bennetts Road site: A lot of work has gone into the protecting the site with Barry Wilson very helpful in achieving the recent success. Also the positive involvement of Pat Purcell before Christmas ensured things moved downhill from then on.

Australia Day Awards: Rosamond Dalglish was a recipient of an award as was Ron Baker of the Coorparoo Heritage group.

John also expressed concern about the way native trees were negatively portrayed in the news recently vis-à-vis the recent storms. There was agreement by everyone that this was a bad thing and could lead to large eucalypts being unnecessarily removed.

**Meeting Closed at 10pm.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

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