



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 2nd June 2003-07-03

Meeting Commenced at 7.30 pm

Attendance: Margie Milgate, Carolyn Polson, Tim Wallis, Graham Jurrott, Damien Madden, Patrick Bourke.

Apologies: None given

There were not enough members present to form a quorum at this meeting.

1.0 Lena Ruby (Wilderness Society): Tree Clearing in Qld

Lena talked to the group about clearing of tropical woodland in Qld. She gave us an informative and interesting presentation about the issues surrounding tree clearing. For the record 95% of the clearing occurs for the grazing of cattle and this occurs primarily in the Central West and Murray darling basin. Clearing for development occurs in the coastal regions such as Cairns, Rockhampton, Brisbane etc.

- 500,000 Ha cleared/year in Australia
- Qld Represents 75% of this
- Australia 6th highest clearing rate in World

Qld Conservation Council and Wilderness Society proposal to protect remaining areas and prevent further clearing under discussion.

2.0 Correspondence: inwards and outwards

- DM tabled Correspondence inwards and outwards please refer to endnotes. The tabled item could not be officially moved and seconded due to absence of quorum

3.0 Treasurers Report

- Report was tabled but the group decided the accounting must be more transparent and easier to understand. CP mentioned that there is accounting software on the PC at the CREEC

4.0 Administration: amend and Confirm Previous N4C GM Minutes

- Passed over for next meeting

5.0 Agenda Items From Actions of Previous Minutes

5.1 DCP Update

- A large area above the Jute-matted area has been mulched, a shipping container has been delivered for tool storage and lots of tree planting has been carried out by N4C & GA volunteer work crews. Pat suggested that putting up the N4C banner may attract a fine from BCC so maybe it should be laid out when people are working on site.

5.2 N4C CREEC update: Signage and Social Event (TBD)

- Nothing was decided at this meeting. Wait until the DCP opening over

5.3 N4C Newsletter for May 2003

- DM to do this week

5.4 Greening Australia/N4C Field Day, Sunday 1st June

- The day went really well and N4C should use the opportunity to build relations with other groups

5.5 N4C Draft Constitution Update

- DM: Constitution has been sent to Environment Australia and minor changes have been made. Next it needs to go to the Office of Fair Trading.

5.6 Waterwatch: Shadow Testing Day 6th June

- DM will be unable to attend as he wanted to spend more time at the DCP. CP was also unable to attend and both would send their apologies.
- CP would be taking a group of school children to the DCP on Thursday to look at riparian vegetation

5.7 BCC Community Online- N4C Web Page

- MM: Mathew was in contact with Ben about this web page
- DM: We should continue with the 'Our Brisbane' links but also maintain out current website

5.8 NHT Coordinator/Facilitator Funding Terminates June 30th

- DM: any unused NHT funding after 30th June needs to be returned so PB suggested that maybe we could pay Damien in advance. CP: We need to spend all the remaining money. DM would like to spend a few months getting the centre up and running, finalising DCP, getting Environfund underway, and getting new N4C's constitution sorted out.

6.0 BCC Waterways Update

- PB gave the group a catchment map with several overlays showing open spaces land use etc.
- Waterways will be producing a management plan for Norman Creek next financial year. The process will look at waterway health and water quantity. A holistic model for the catchment. Will be able to decide where reveg can and cannot take place. Will also look at land use and environment using existing data.
- This plan to last approx 5 years
- Norman Creek is the last Waterways Management Plan to be completed, then a more integrated water management approach will occur considering the whole water cycle.

7.0 Other Business

- **Government reception for Environment Groups 19th August**

DM: List not yet been completed.

Meeting concluded at 10pm.

Next Meeting Monday 7th July, 7.30pm at N4C Community Resource & Environmental Education Centre (CREEC), 66 Baron St, Greenslopes.