



Norman Creek Catchment Co-ordinating Committee



ABN 24 859 322 324

To protect and enhance the ecosystem within Brisbane's Norman Creek Catchment
N4C, PO Box 23, Camp Hill, 4152 Ph: (07) 3324 8307 Web: www.n4c.org.au Email: dnmadden@n4c.org.au

N4c General Meeting Monday 6th October 2003

Meeting Commenced at 7.40

Attendance: Tim Wallis, Graham Jurrott, Douglas Bennett, Damien Madden, Kylie Withers, Maurice Lane, Claire Heath, Naomi Robinson, Carolyn Polson, Margie Milgate, David Barne, Kate Minto.

Apologies: Adrian Schrunner, Mathew Smith.

Margie took the chair.

1. Announcements Communications

DM: Annette Magee & Patrick Bourke will be hosting a Citywide Catchment Network meeting at the N4C CREEC on Friday 24th October

2 Correspondence: inwards & outwards

Moved: DM **Seconded:** GJ

Please see attached list at end of minutes

3. Treasurer's Report

Moved: DM **Seconded:** CP

Treasurer's report's will no longer be included in the minutes but can be seen upon request at the CREEC.

4. Administration: amend & confirm previous Minutes

Moved: TW **Seconded:** DM

5. Agenda Items from Actions of previous Minutes

5.1 DCP progress update

DM: An environmental incident at the DCP turned out to be a naturally occurring incident – first flush material after a prolonged dry period. Southern end of stage one planted, the track system from Roseglen Street to be worked on.

5.2 New Bushcare groups submission

DM: Habitat Brisbane rejected the applications for the Little Swamp Creek and Tom Collingwood Reserve sites. Details on the rejection will be forthcoming.

5.3 BCC ground hydrant training

DM: There were only a limited number of people allowed to attend the training course. Habitat Brisbane is to pay Brisbane Water for the training.

CP: Raised concerns about the situation whereby a trained group member is not present at site, how can the hydrant be used? Training should be available for all members that want it. Could a letter be written to Brisbane Water.

GJ: The whole process simply means more paperwork for bushcare groups.

KW: Groups should push for more taps to be available in parks.

5.4 N4C's tax-deductible status – separate committee and account

MM: Has spoken to Angus Hutton of Mary River Catchment Coordinating group and can use their model for constitution. He will be able to provide help and advice on getting N4C's tax –deductibility sorted out.

DM: The Office of Fair Trading has already approved the new N4C constitution.

Claire Heath suggested that N4C should cross-reference with Angus as his help would be very useful.

DM: A sub-committee needs to be set up to deal with this as well as a separate bank account. There is a rather extraneous list of people suitable for membership on the committee.

Damien then passed a motion that a separate bank account be set up for the tax – deductibility status. Naomi Robinson seconded motion.

CP: The present management committee could form this new sub-committee. Claire Heath mentioned Sam Morris from the QLD Landcare Foundation who had dealt with tax- deductibility issues with other groups and may be a good source to tap for advice.

5.5 Stones Corner/Glinderman Park Green Festival.

DM: There was a complete lack of advertising to local groups and inappropriate notification. B4C had a set up in Glinderman Park which is within Norman Creek catchment. Some sort of protocol may need to be set up. Rosaline Dahlglesh unaware of the event.

6. BCC Waterways Update

Patrick was not at tonight's meeting. There was a brief discussion about the Arnwood Place drain modifications. MM asked how they were progressing and GJ said that they had not been tested yet by a serious event.

7. Other News/Business:

- DM: State Government (through DNRM) is to provide interim funding to the new regional group (SEQNRM Inc). The interim funding was to employ necessary staff and operation budget for new regional body. This interim funding is to support the regional group until Commonwealth NHT2 Foundation Funding arrived in October 2003.
- Claire Heath: National Landcare program will have \$2-3 million available from end of January for on-ground groups both urban and rural. When the SEQ NRM gets up and running there will be money available for on-ground coordinators. Claire went to explain the full details of the changes in funding infrastructure from the NHT to the SEQ NRM.
- CH: Also mentioned the philanthropic register which could be used as a funding source.
- CP: Now working on new brochure. Also mentioned that N4C is not listed on community links on Our Brisbane.com. We also need to work on increasing our membership.
- CP: Also described to the group series of experiments she is involved with along with CSIRO Land and Water which are looking at the composition of first flush runoff from a variety of urban roads.

Meeting ended at 9.30 pm.