



MINUTES
MEETING 2nd March 2010
COMMENCING 10:00 AM
HAY GOLF CLUB

Guest Speakers: Lyn and Peter Terrett "Rapid Map"

Welcome : Chairman welcomed delegates and noted that the meeting was being taped. A warm welcome was given Mr Iain Stuckings, the new Weeds Officer at Murrumbidgee Shire.

Apologies: Mr B. Burford (Griffith City Council), Mrs. L. Mitsch (WRNWAG Promotions Officer), Mr. P. Scarlis (), Mr. G. Neyland (Bland Shire Council), Mr. K. Woods (Carrathool Shire Council)

Attendees: Cr. M. Abney-Hastings (Jerilderie Shire Council), Mrs. P. Bosse (WRNWAG PO), Mr. S. Battenally (Wakool Shire Council), Ms. A. Thompson (Balranald Shire Council), Mr. S. Watts (Wentworth Shire Council), Mr. P. Terrett (Rapid Map), Mrs. L. Terrett (Rapid Map), Mr. A. Clark (Narrandera Shire Council), Mr. A. Berry (Griffith City Council), Mr. J. Morrison (Leeton Shire Council), Mr. I. Stuckings (Murrumbidgee Shire Council), Mr. P. Derrig (Hay Shire Council), Mr. R. Ferguson (Riverina Eastern Noxious Weeds Authority), Mr G. Portbury (Jerilderie Shire Council).

Minutes: Moved: A. Clark that the minutes as presented are a true and accurate record.

Seconded: M. Abney - Hastings

Carried

Business Arising

- Old display caravan. Wagga Wagga is disposing of the van.
- New display trailer. Some early setbacks with changes to management of manufacturers but now proceeding.

Local Government

Balranald Shire
Bland Shire
Carrathool Shire
Central Murray County
Griffith City
Hay Shire
Jerilderie Shire
Leeton Shire
Murrumbidgee Shire
Narrandera Shire
Temora Shire
Wakool Shire
Wentworth Shire

**Livestock Health
and Pest
Authorities**

Balranald/Wentworth
Hay
Murray
Narrandera
Riverina

Other Agencies

Dept Environment &
Conservation
Land & Property
Management Authority
Murrumbidgee
Irrigation
Murrumbidgee Private
Irrigators Inc (YACTAC)
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MARCH MEETING 2010			
23/10/09	Department I&I		Grant payment summary
23/10/09	Department I & I		Admin Grant Funding Agreement
02/11/09	Harry Bensch Dept. I&I		Request for Whole of Admin grant contract return
29/10/09	Junee Corrections Centre		Quote for Extension display trailer
05/11/09	City of Wagga Wagga		Tax Invoice for half the cost of WRM workshop on 17/11/09
22/12/09	Carathool Shire Council		support letter for Noxious Weeds Project Officer Project
23/12/09	Riverina LHPA		support letter for Noxious Weeds Project Officer Project
22/12/2009	Balranald Shire Council		support letter for Noxious Weeds Project Officer Project
30/12/09	Tocumwal Florist		Invoice for Wreath for Dick Honeyman
27/01/2010	Temora Shire Council		support letter for Noxious Weeds Project Officer Project
02/02/2010	Hay Shire Council		support letter for Noxious Weeds Project Officer Project
08/02/10	MacQuarie Valley Weeds Advisory Committee		Letter to state government members
11/02/2010	Upper Macquarie County Council		Macquarie Valley Weeds Advisory Committee rebuttal letter.
15/01/2010	Murray CMA		support letter for Noxious Weeds Project Officer Project
23/02/2010	Narrandera Shire council		support letter for Noxious Weeds Project Officer Project
22/02/2010	Jerilderie Shire council		support letter for Noxious Weeds Project Officer Project

25/02/2010	Shona Cowley Land and Property Management Authority		Apology for meeting
01/03/2010	Murrumbidgee Shire Council		support letter for Noxious Weeds Project Officer Project
01/03/2010	Leeton Shire Council		support letter for Noxious Weeds Project Officer Project
01/03/2010	Dept. I&I		WAP Guidelines for Applying for Funds
01/03/2010	Mrs. M. Honeyman		Letter of thanks for WRNWAG's support at Dick's funeral.

Correspondence Out

MARCH MEETING 2010			
07/10/2009	LARA Country Catering		Payment for catering for 2009 AGM
14/10/09	Department I&I		Financial return
14/10/09	Fair Trading		Financial Return
14/10/09	Cameron Allan MLA		SLN support letter
27/10/2009	Department I & I		Tax Invoice for Admin Grant
04/11/09	Junee Corrections Centre	Fax	Signed quote and order form for Extension display trailer
08/11/09	Wagga Wagga City Council		Payment of half the cost of facilities hired for WRM W/S.
10/11/09	Junee Corrections Centre	Fax	Resend Specifications for Display Trailer
12/11/09	Contributing members		Contribution tax invoices.
04/12/09	WRNWAG member GMs		Continuation of RNWPO position support letter
05/01/10	ERNWAG		Invoice for half the cost of wreath for Dick Honeyman.
09/02/10	Lyn Terrett Rapid Map		Invitation to attend this meeting as guest speaker.

Financial Report

- Moved: G. Portbury that the financial report as presented is accepted.
Seconded: P. Derrig
Carried

Regional Project Officers Report

Outstanding invoices - Balranald Shire, Murrumbidgee Shire, Wentworth Shire & Riverina LHPA.

Outstanding Boneseed declaration letters – Balranald Shire, Coolamon Shire & Griffith City.

Important Dates over the coming weeks/months:

- Draft RWAP submission due to Paula COB 12/03/10
- Sagittaria Symposium, Barooga 9am start 18/03/10 – Flier, RSVP 12/03/10 to Pat.
- MERI training, Wagga 22-23/03/10 & 24-25/03/10 – cancelled!
- RWAP review workshop, Wagga 23/4/10
- Final signed submission due to Paula COB 16/04/10
- Recognising water weeds, Wagga 27/04/10, Hay 28/04/10 – Free training
- Alligator Weed Taskforce – field day 29/04/10
- Riverina Field days, Griffith 7-8/05/10
- What Pesky Plant is that – Wagga 22/07/10

RWAP Program – I will be emailing out a declaration form (when it's finalised) to be signed off and submitted with your final spreadsheet in April.

AW Woomargama report – Results from Alligator Weed inspection conducted 8th February 2010. Section 1 Dam Site - 3 plants found growing on eastern side of dam near where the removal by hand took place in 2008. Section 2 Middle creek section - 4 plants found along creek section in areas previously sprayed or removed by excavator. Inspection of areas previously sprayed showed no signs of growth. Small area in creek where old plant had been dug up revealed no growth in the hole that remained. Section 3 Bottom creek section - 15 plants found all away from the previously sprayed areas that had been staked. 6 of these plants were found approx 10 metres further downstream of the last control site. No plants have been seen in this area before and there is no water in this area to move fragments.

WoNS website – back up and running. We still have links to each of the WoNS pages as well as the National coordinators on our website.

Water Poppy – only NSW record is in Albury – the latest finding is about 1km downstream of the original infestation found in 2002. A detailed report will be in the next edition of CHINWAG. **If anyone finds water poppy across the region - please send a sample to the herbarium with a copy to John Hosking I&I NSW**

Egeria update on Murray River, Mildura – report from Melissa Freeman that Stephen Watts elaborated on during his weedo update. 90Kms of elodea on the Murray river at Iraak Bend near Mildura – originally recorded in 2005 MDBC.

Report Template – we will be modifying the reporting template for future meetings to reflect the changes with the new process. Might even get some tips from the MERI training. It is hoped that the detail you put in your reporting (as I know a lot of time goes into them) can be incorporated into your end of year reporting. Once finalised, it will be available from the web.

Bitou bush update – Lake Menindee update and how it links in with Vic CfoC project – hybrid Bitou/Boneseed plants confirmed at Frankston, Vic. Update from Brett Norman, Senior Ranger, Broken Hill on Menindee Lake Bitou bush infestation:

- National Park infestation less than 60 plants
- Caravan Park, walked 500m of lake frontage – 146 plants – some 2m in height and 4m diameter
- After Caravan park, Sail boat club, disbanded (no water) unable to confirm tenure State water or Central Darling shire? From here to the connecting channel some 8kms scattered plants.

This infestation has been included in a CfoC bid – cross border with Victoria's Frankston infestation. The LMD CMA has come on board and Hillary Cherry (WoNS coordinator) is keeping me informed so all details can be included in our regional weed strategy (draft).

Funding opportunity – Foundation for NP&W – Conservation Grants Program – Closes March 26th – all details are on the web.

Hawkweed update – waiting to hear back from Victoria re: id training – stay tuned!

16th NSW Weeds Conference – expression of interest & the map are available on the extranet. Submissions for the next conference are being requested from the northeast division – map. Of interest – the 17th Conference will be held in the southwest region (US) all things going to plan.

RWAProgram – Lead agency - Greater Hume Shire Council – hopefully this is an agenda item

Handouts – Grow Me Instead booklets; Guidelines for Monitoring Weed Control 2009 (B Auld I&I); Primefact 919 – Collecting & Preparing plant specimens for ID; Posters, CNG mgt guide – WoNS; Pato Primefact; SLN primefact;

Regional Development Officers Report

Chinwag

Edition 37 was emailed out in December. Available for download on the website. Thank you to all those weedos who took the time to contribute to the

stories in Chinwag. It actually makes the newsletter much more interesting when others tell their own stories! Please remember to email me anything that you think might be of interest for the next edition. Edition 38 coming soon!!

Website – www.riverinaweeds.org.au

Going well – remember if there is anything you want to see on there let me know. We have also re-registered our domain name for another two years, cost \$37.95.

Field Days

No field days attended since last report. Have been working on new plant labels for Henty Field Days, which will be printed in colour, a consistent size, show weeds classes and if they are a WoNS. They also have the E-WRNWAG logo and No Space for Weeds Logo. (example attached)

Also been pricing teardrop banners to have printed with the E-WRNWAG logo for use at field days. (brochure attached). This would need to be funded by the two groups so may require a decision if we want to go ahead with these.

Single Sided banners are available for \$350 each if there is one ordered or \$295 each if there is 2 ordered. Double sided are around \$450 each. Prices and designs will be circulated via web.

Program Logic & Communication Strategy

While Paula has been busy pulling together the Program Logic, I have been trying to get my head around producing a Communication Strategy for the groups. I have been doing a lot of research into what a Communication Strategy actually is and what it needs to contain for us. This will be a major task for me in the coming months and hopefully will be complete before the next meeting.

Weed Risk Management and Assessments

Our Regional WRM workshop was held on Tuesday 17th November 2009 in Wagga. This workshop was well attended and we got through a lot of assessments on the day. Paula and I then had the task of completing the ones that we didn't get too and also noting down all the reference material that was used. This was completed and then the assessments were all sent back out to councils to go through and individualise for their area. This occurred in the second week of December.

Early in February you should have received a further email or letter from Stephen Johnson with further information. (copy attached) if you have not received this please let us know so we can forward it on to you.

I will be handling any queries in regard to WRA so let me know if you are having any problems. As soon as we hear any more from I & I you will be informed.



Weeds Officers Reports

Weeds Officers present reported on activities undertaken since last meeting.

General Business

- A letter to be written to the Greater Hume Shire thanking them for their continued support and requesting that they take on the role of lead agency for the E/WRNWAG groups when the new grant system is rolled out
Moved: P. Derrig
Seconded: A. Berry
- Steam Weeder Demonstration 19/3/10 Jerilderie. Anyone who would like to have a look are welcome. Football ground at 10:00 AM

Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting

- 8th June 2010-04-07
- Hay Golf Club
- 10:00PM

Meeting Close: 2:17 PM