



## Northern United Forestry Group

### Monthly Meeting. Raywood Hotel, 8pm Wednesday 28 October 2009

#### 1 Welcome and Apologies

President Ian Rankin declared the meeting open at 8:01pm.

**Present:** Phil Dyson, Ian Rankin, Rob Comer, Mal Brown, Darren Kerr, Andy Hay, Tim Johns, Keith Murphy, Malory Weston, John Toll, Ken Wellard, Jo Stavrakis, John Childs, Frank Love.

**Apologies:** Louise Wellard, Darren Bain, Lindsay Cail, James Williams, Mal Johnson

Motion: "The apologies be accepted." Moved MW. Seconded RC. Carried.

#### 2 Minutes of previous meeting held 23 September 2009

Motion: "The minutes of the meeting held at Raywood Golf Club 23 September 2009, be accepted as a true and accurate record of what took place at the meeting."

Moved DK. Seconded KM. Carried.

#### 3 Business arising from previous minutes – nil.

#### 4 Correspondence In

- ♦ Melanie Taube NCCMA – "Ground Cover" via email (Mal Brown)
- ♦ Andrew Cowin Shire of Campaspe – NC Biolinks project, public display.
- ♦ Allison Long DSE – Group survey, Allan Curtis Charles Sturt University (Mal Brown kindly agreed to complete the survey for NUFFG)
- ♦ Damian Wells NCCMA – LC various information.
- ♦ Notification: Soils and Tree nutrition FF Research Seminar 6/11/09 DPI Attwood.
- ♦ Andrew Lang SMARTimbers – Improving utilisation of harvest residues for energy.
- ♦ Lyn Talbot, Glenda Verrinder La Trobe Uni – "Promoting Health"

#### 5 Correspondence Out

- ♦ None.

#### 6 Reports

**President's report** – Ian provided some sugar gum logs for a demonstration at the Elmore field days – Logosol bandsaw and chainsaw mills. Got some good boards. Rural health program; through Boort hospital/ Hamilton Health held a sustainable farming family program. Ian attended along with a number of other NUFFG members. All found the 2 days to be worthwhile and participants learnt much about the status of and how to improve their health. FFGV meeting AGM to be held at Atwood Friday November 6.

**Treasurer's report** – Rob Comer reported on NUFFG's income and expenditure as at 28 October 2009.

Motion: "That the Treasurer's report at 28 October 2009 be approved and that accounts received be approved for payment." Moved RC. Seconded JT. Carried.

**Social Secretary's Report** – Not present.

**Kamo/CC2 Report** – Phil reported back on the Gold Waterwatch program conducted at Kamo including NUFFG members. Fifty kids from Grades 3 to 6 were involved and NUFFG members were impressed with the standard and interest of the students. Feedback from the schools was good.

Phil has entered NUGF in the Woolworths/LC Australia Grants. The bid is for \$20K to continue and enhance the monitoring program at Kamo. The grant recipients will be decided mid December.

Phil reported back on soil chemistry results from the Sustainable Practices samples taken at various depths on properties at Brennanah, Drummartin and Milloo. Some interestingly high EC values (probably sodium chloride) at Drummartin and Milloo. Phil also presented the latest bore depths from Kamo. Bore 8: 5.67m (new low), Bore 7: 4.4m, Bore 6: 4.0m, Bore 5: 3.67m. The data is showing that there is a gradient from the centre of the plantation to the outer edges and surrounds.

Mal spoke of the successful fencing day at Kamo held on 4/10/09. Remnant Grey Box and Buloke were fenced off from stock. Ken Wellard provided ~300 plants. Planting was conducted in the morning, followed by a BBQ lunch, then fencing in the afternoon. Well done to those attending.

**Andy Hay LC Award** – Andy gave a humble speech regarding his recent acceptance of a Landcare award for his work in LC. Andy thanked NUGF and recognised their efforts in the achievement. Andy relayed how it was a great experience to visit Government House to receive the award. Well-done Andy!

## 7 General Business

1. Asset register – Good start by Rob, now needs some more info including a list of available assets to borrow/hire.
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2. MB – Loddon Plains LC Network. MB is president, Penny Wall deputy chair, Michael Moore Secretary, Jean McClymont Treasurer. Eight groups are affiliated. Next meeting is at Stephen Maxted's, Durham Ox, Friday 20 November at 5pm, \$20/head.
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## 8 Meeting closed: 9:20pm.

**Next Meeting:** Raywood Hotel, Wednesday 25 November 2009, 8pm.