



Northern Inland Weed Advisory Committee
Roxy Theatre, Bingara
20th April 2010

1.0 Meeting commenced at 9.55 am

1.1 Present: Cr Maria Woods (Chairperson), Peter Scott (LPSC), Mike Whitney (LPSC), Cr Bernard Perkins (LPSC), Lee Amidy (GSC), Heather Apps (NIWAC), Les Tanner (ISC), Phil Sutton (ISC), Jonathon Lawson (BR-G CMA), Matt Benham (NEWA), James Browning (NEWA), David Nixon (GISC), Graham Price (ISC), Ian Schwartz (MPSC), Nikki Whale (MPSC), Cr Larry Cameron (ISC) Neil Rossington (TSC), Tom Peters (TSC), Ken Reid (TRC), Rob Munro (NE LHPA), David Lindsay (NW LHPA), Scott McFarland (NSC), Greg Lumber (CN LHPA), Glen Pereira (Gwydir SC)

Apologies: Phil Blackmore (I & I), Doug Campbell (UHWA), Peter Strang

Motion: That the Apologies are accepted

Moved: Ian Schwartz **Seconded:** James Browning **CARRIED: All**

1.2 Confirmation of the Minutes from the previous meeting

Motion: That the Minutes of the General Meeting in Tenterfield on 9th February 2010 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Les Tanner **Seconded:** David Nixon **CARRIED: All**

1.3 Business arising from last meeting

There was no business arising from last meeting.

Cr Woods thanked Cr Cameron for chairing the previous meeting.

1.4 Correspondence

Incoming

- Richard Carter NSW I & I Manager – Weeds. re query on Education Officer position
- John Perrott NSW Landcare Committee Secretariat – request to add niwac.org as a link to their new site www.landcare.nsw.gov.au
- Ken Reid, Manager Environment & Health, Tamworth Regional Council NSW WAP resolutions passed.
- Hein Basson, General Manager - Glen Innes Severn Council NSW WAP resolutions passed.

Outgoing

- Richard Torbay & Peter Draper – NIWAC in support of a regional approach to grant funding.

2.0 NSW Weed Action Plan

Stakeholders discussed progress of the Weed Action Plan.

It was agreed to –

- Map all new incursions and include maps in the yearly reports. Maps are to be submitted in excel format.
- Contact State Rail, National Parks, State Forest and see if they can provide us with the mapping information required.
- The NIWAC Quarterly reporting form is to be completed by each LCA with estimates of item 8 and 4. If 4 is not completed it will be estimated in the proposal.
- The updated grant submission will be sent out to all Stakeholders late next week for formal approval. NEWA will also need to sign off on the document as the Lead Agency.

Motion: That the draft Memorandum of Understanding signed by all LCA's be used between each LCA and the Lead Agency NEWA.

Moved: Peter Scott

Seconded: Les Tanner

CARRIED: All

Action:

- Jonathon Lawson to liaise with National Parks requesting mapping information. He will also send the National Parks report to H Apps for circulation.
- H Apps to re-circulate the NIWAC Quarterly reporting form for LCA's to complete. The forms must be returned by Friday 23rd April if the information is to be included in the submission.
- Updated Program Logic and grant spreadsheet to be sent out to all stakeholders for formal approval by email.

7.0 Individual Reports and Updates

NEWA – taken as read

Gwydir Shire Council – taken as read

Tenterfield Shire Council – taken as read

Inverell Shire Council – taken as discussed.

Further to the report, the permit for Amitrol treating Green Cestrum on waterways has been received. (Permit number is 11154).

Glen Innes Severn Council - taken as read

Gunnedah Shire Council – taken as discussed

NE LHPA – taken as read

Liverpool Plains Shire Council - taken as discussed

Further discussion on Class 4 Management Plans and the use of the word “class” in reporting language.

Action:

- Cr Woods to seek clarification as to whether Class 4 Management Plans have to be re-submitted if there have been no changes to them. Do they just roll over?
- Peter Scott to prepare a report for the next NIWAC meeting reviewing the use of the word “Class” historically and the need for a common language.

Moree Plains Shire Council - taken as read

Narrabri Shire Council – no report submitted

Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA -

The BR-G CMA has recently funded a project with NIWAC for on ground works of Serrated Tussock, Gorse and Bridal Creeper to \$230,000. A stakeholder meeting will be held on 5th May 2010.

The aim is to knock out outlying populations of Serrated Tussock, and make containment lines north and south and if further funding is available, tackle the core infestations.

Jonathon has submitted an application for the current round of funding for Caring for our Country asking for \$300,000 over 3 years with the aim to stop Serrated Tussock spreading into QLD, and also another application for Harrisia Cactus.

There will be approx \$30,000 funding for slasher fans.

Action:

- Inverell SC, NEWA, Glen Innes, Gwydir & Moree SC to contact Jonathon with further information.

NIWAC members congratulated Jonathon on his work at securing projects for the NIWAC region.

8.0 General Business

8.1 2009- 2010 Group Project Payments

NEWA has now received payment for all 2009-2010 Group Projects. LCA's are required to forward tax invoices to NEWA in order to receive payment.

8.2 Parthenium Caravan

Lee Amidy requested that the Parthenium caravan be moved out of the sun to another location eg Gunnedah or somewhere undercover.

BR-G CMA is going to fund the improvements to the caravan.

Meeting closed at 1.30pm

Next Meeting: Gunnedah 10th August 2010