



**Northern Inland Weed Advisory Committee
Gunnedah Shire Council Chambers 6th October 2009**

1.0 Meeting commenced at 10:10 am

1.1 Present: Cr Maria Woods (Chairperson), Michael Hooper (T.R.C. Secretary NIWAC), Peter Scott (LPSC), Phil Blackmore (DPI), Lee Amidy (GSC), Heather Apps (NIWAC), Les Tanner (ISC), Jonathon Lawson (BRG-CMA), Scott Kermode (NEWA), Dave Nixon (GISC), Ian Schwartz (MPSC), Cr Larry Cameron, Steve Geddes, Rachel Betts (NEWA), John Busby (NSC), Neil Rossington (TSC), Roger McGrath (Gwydir Shire Council),

Absent: Rob Munro, Andrew Schweitzer, Duane Shawcross,

Apologies: Rob Munro, Andrew Schweitzer, Duane Shawcross

Motion: That the Apologies are accepted

Moved: Lee Amidy **Seconded:** Peter Scott **CARRIED: All**

1.2 Confirmation of the Minutes from the previous meeting

Motion: That the Minutes of the General Meeting in Quirindi 12th April 2009 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Les Tanner **Seconded:** Peter Scott **CARRIED: All**

Motion: Chair moved to write a letter to Inverell Shire Council (ISC) from NIWAC to congratulate Les Tanner on the “**Weed Management Guide for North West NSW**” booklet compilation.

Moved: Chair **Seconded:** Lee Amidy **CARRIED: All**

Action: Heather Apps / Chair Maria Woods

Motion: Chair moved Heather Apps commence duties as Secretary after current meeting.

Moved: Chair **Seconded:** Peter Scott **CARRIED: All**

1.3 Business arising and action sheet from last meeting

There was no business arising from last meeting.

1.4 Correspondence

- **Incoming**

Ms Trudy McElroy – responded by Maria Woods

Parthenium Trailer Quotes – distributed to Phillip Blackmore (NSW Industry and Investment)

- **Outgoing**

2.0 Michael Hooper – Parthenium trailer

Trailer refurbishment quotes expensive – discussion based around alternative action

Moved: Larry Cameron - refurbishment of trailer to be quoted on by TAFE to reduce cost,

Action: Steve Geddes

3.0 Heather Apps – Spiny Burrgrass, Pampas Grass, Privet

Action: Heather Apps to send out copies to all attending parties.

4.0 Les Tanner – Honey Locust re-classification

Motion: Re classification of Honey Locust to Class 4.

Moved: Les Tanner

Seconded: Lee Amidy

CARRIED: All

5.0 Lee Amidy / Phil Blackmore – Weeds Conference Discussion

Action: Letters be sent from Phil Blackmore (NSWDII) to Narrabri Shire Council in regards to performance of staff (Alyssa: associated team and others).

Action: Letters to be sent from **NIWAC** to Bruce Miller, Alyssa: associated team and others at Narrabri Shire Council congratulating on performance at Biennial Weeds Conference.

Action: Letter of disappointment from **NIWAC** to be sent to NWAC regarding absence of declaration of next conference date and location.

6.0 Phil Blackmore / Maria Woods – Funding Grants

Points of interest: Maria Woods – details of funding application and funding dispersal process, workshop to be held by DPI on new weed application funding process. All Councillors and senior staff encouraged to attend.

Motion: Peter Scott – distribute a formal letter from NIWAC to all Northern Inland Region Councils regarding seriousness of new funding arrangements and attention required.

Moved: Peter Scott

Seconded: Neil Rossington

CARRIED: All

Action: Heather Apps / Maria Woods draft formal letter to all councils concerned.

Action: Chair – to discuss with LGSA a template to be developed for participating councils applying for funding: develop formal letter to Northern Inland Region Councils: invite Tony Smitzer to NIWAC meeting.

6.5 **Weed Summit: Chair – Maria Woods**

General discussion on importance of response from councils to the weed summit outcome.

7.0 **Individual Reports and Updates**

NEWA – taken as read

Tenterfield Shire Council – highlight of award presented from Murray Darling Land Care.

NELHPA – taken as read

Glen Innes Severn Shire Council - taken as read

Regional Coordinators Report – some points of interest discussed otherwise taken as read.

Department of Industry and Investment – some points of interest discussed otherwise taken as read.

Inverell Shire Council - **Action:** Letter from NIWAC to General Managers of all councils congratulating members of staff who contributed to the “**Weed Management Guide for North West NSW**”.

Border Shire Gwydir CMA – request for assistance from relevant weeds officers on WONS for mapping project in local area as projects develop.

Gunnedah Shire Council – Parthenium sign distribution completed additional signs to be ordered and distributed at other key sites.

Liverpool Plains Shire Council - taken as discussed

Moree Plains Shire Council - taken as discussed

8.0 **General Business**

Press Releases – Serrated Tussock - Rachel Betts / Heather Apps (NEWA)

Meeting closed at 12:18

Next Meeting: Armidale, Tuesday 8th December 2009