



**Northern Inland Weed Advisory Committee  
Liverpool Plains Shire Council Chambers 12<sup>th</sup> April 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), Cr George Sevil (NSC), Mike Whitney (LPSC), Andrew Schweitzer (NCMA), Greg Lumbar (NELHPA), Andrew McFarland (NSC), Jonathon Lawson (BRGCMA), Ian Lobsey (LPSC Mayor), Ian Schwartz (Moree)

**Absent:**

**Apologies:** Ken Pines (DECC), Stuart Boyd-Law (DECC), James Browning (NEWA), Larry Cameron (ISC), Rob Munro, Neil Rossington (ISC)

**Motion:** That the Apologies are accepted

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

**1.2 Confirmation of the Minutes from the previous meeting**

**Motion:** That the Minutes of the General Meeting in Guyra on the Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** Les Tanner                      **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**
  - Paul Berdar – Resigned as RLPB representative due to restructure (NELHPA).
  - Neil Rossington – Advising of new NIWAC member “Councillor – Tom Peters
- **Outgoing**
  - Letter of support to the State Priority Weeds Project application for a Serrated Tussock Executive Officer

**2.0 Chairs Report - Cr Maria Woods**

**3.0 Michael Hooper - Maintenance on the Parthenium Trailer**

**Action:** Michael Hooper will acquire quotes for repainting, new graphics, new awning and aero bubble or similar attachment to stabilise towing and efficiency of trailer. Michael will liaise with Phil Blackmore (NSWDPI) was quotes have been obtained.

**4.0 Les Tanner – Weeds Booklet Update**

Les is waiting for outstanding weed descriptions from weed officers, this information needs to be submitted within a two week time frame. Another draft will be made available within six weeks to seek additional comments.

**5.0 Lee Amidy – Weeds Conference Update, NIWAC staff uniforms and chair duties of NIWAC staff at Weeds Conference.**

Conference Uniform (embroided shirt and vest) for NIWAC members will be costed by Lee Amidy. At least twelve chairpersons must be provided by NIWAC. NIWAC members will only be excused from Chair Duties if presenting a paper. A list of Chair Duties has been drafted from today's meeting through volunteer nomination. Lee Amidy has Draft List.

Limited Conference accommodation is still available – please contact Heather Apps [happs@newa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:happs@newa.nsw.gov.au) or 0427-080-567

**6.0 NEWA - Roadside Management Plan Discussion**

Les Tanner first drafted this document nearly 3yrs ago; recently John Lewis (consultant) engaged by the New England Strategic Alliance of Councils (NESAC) redeveloped the document to accommodate the New England Strategic Alliance of Councils. Scott Kermode (NEWA) requested the endorsement of NIWAC for use of the Road Side Management Plan in the NEWA area. On behalf of NIWAC Chair Maria Woods endorsed document for use in NEWA area.

Coincidentally, Les Tanner is presenting training this week (11<sup>th</sup> May – 15<sup>th</sup> May) on the Road Side Management Plan to the Inverell Shire Staff which Les has modified to suite shire staff operational needs.

**7.0 Mayor Ian Lobsey – Liverpool Plains Shire Council**

Ian extended a warm welcome to NIWAC members.

## 8.0 Individual Reports and Updates

**BRGCMA** - Jonathon Lawson requested endorsement from NIWAC for containment of *Harrisia* cactus with Moree, Inverell and Gwydir Shire councils and construction of a *Parthenium* weed wash down bay at Mungindi with the NSW DPI.

On behalf of NIWAC Chair Maria Woods endorsed the above projects by BRGCMA.

**Moved: Maria Woods**                      **Seconded: Lee Amidy**                      **CARRIED: All**

Construction of *Parthenium* wash down facility at Mungindi.

**Moved: David Nixon**                      **Seconded: Cr George Sevil**                      **CARRIED: All**

### **GSC – Lee Amidy**

*Parthenium* Posters to be displayed at various Grain Corp silos (40) in extended New England North West areas.

### **LPSC – Peter Scott**

New species have been identified in the area and are being monitored. Identification was provided by John Hoskings (NSW DPI), Chinese Wormwood, *Asero rubra*, *Hakea. Decurrens* var. *decurrens*

### **NEWA – Scott Kermode - taken as read**

**Additional Comment:** Maria Woods indicated James Browning will be appointed Acting General Manager of NEWA in the near future until the position is publicly advertised and due process has taken course.

### **NWAC**

Chair Maria Woods - noted key NWAC meeting outcome delays on Extranet are delayed due to requirement of the Minister to sign off on NWAC outcomes. The Ministers Weed Summit is currently being planned with 36 delegates invited.

**All other Individual Reports and Updates taken as read.**

## 9.0 General Business

No items for general business.

**Meeting closed at 12:19**

**Next Meeting: Gunnedah Shire Council Chambers, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2009**