



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN INLAND WEED ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2010 AT THE ARMIDALE EX-SERVICES CLUB, COMMENCING AT 10.00AM.**

**PRESENT**

Jonathon Lawson	Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA
Rob Munroe	NE LHPA
David Lindsay	NW LHPA
Graham Archibald	Glen Innes Severn Council
David Nixon	Glen Innes Severn Council
Lee Amidy	Gunnedah Shire Council
Philip Blackmore	Industry & Investment NSW
Cr Larry Cameron	Inverell Shire Council
Les Tanner	Inverell Shire Council
Phil Sutton	Inverell Shire Council
Cr Rick Molesworth	Inverell Shire Council
Peter Scott	Liverpool Plains Shire Council
Mike Whitney	Liverpool Plains Shire Council
Cr Peter Strang	Moree Plains Shire Council
Ian Schwartz	Moree Plains Shire Council
Troy Crittle	Namoi CMA
Scott McFarland	Narrabri Shire Council
Helen Carroll	Narrabri Shire Council
Geof Michell	Narrabri Shire Council
James Browning	New England Weeds Authority
Maria Woods	New England Weeds Authority
Wayne Deer	New England Weeds Authority
Matt Benham	New England Weeds Authority
Josh Biddle	New England Weeds Authority
Rachel Betts	New England Weeds Authority
Heather Apps	NIWAC
Penne Brazel	Tamworth Regional Council
Natasha Soar	Tamworth Regional Council
Stephen Geddes	Tamworth Regional Council
Cr Tom Peters	Tenterfield Shire Council
Neil Rossington	Tenterfield Shire Council

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Clare Hamilton	Mid West Regional Council
Jessica Grantly	Industry & Investment NSW



**ITEM 3: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2009 AGM**

**PRECIS:** The minutes from the Annual General Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009 have been distributed to members.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Mike Whitney                      Seconded: David Nixon

**CARRIED**

**ITEM 4: BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

No business arising

**ITEM 5: REPORTS**

**PRECIS (i): Chairperson's Report**

Cr Maria Woods presented a verbal report, thanking NEWA in particular for their work on the Weed Action Plan over the past twelve months.

**RESOLVED:** That the Chairpersons report be received and noted

Moved: James Browning                      **Seconded:** David Nixon

**PRECIS (ii): Financial Report**

The NIWAC accounts are in the process of being transferred from Gunnedah Shire Council to NEWA.

The accounts will be consolidated to the one accounting system in the coming weeks and a financial report will be presented at the next NIWAC meeting.

**ITEM 6: ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

**PRECIS (i): Appointment of Chairperson for Election of Office Bearers**

Phil Blackmore took the Chair and asked for nominations for the position of Chairperson

**a) Chairperson**

**Nominated:** Maria Woods

**Moved:** James Browning

**Seconded:** Les Tanner

**b) Vice Chairperson**

**Nominated:** Cr Larry Cameron

**Moved:** Cr Maria Woods

Declined

**Nominated:** Jonathon Lawson

**Moved:** Ian Schwartz

**Seconded:** James Browning

**c) Secretary**

**Nominated:** Heather Apps

**Moved:** Cr Maria Woods

**Seconded:** David Nixon

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the Annual General Meeting Closed.

**Time:** 11.05am

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN INLAND WEED ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER AT THE ARMIDALE EX-SERVICES CLUB, COMMENCING AT 11.10AM.**

**ITEM 1: APOLOGIES**

**PRECIS:** Apologies from members unable to attend are listed in AGM Minutes

**RESOLVED:** That apologies be accepted as per AGM

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

**CARRIED**

**ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held 10 August 2010 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** James Browning **Seconded:** Mike Whitney

**CARRIED**

**ITEM 3: BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**PRECIS: (i) NSW WEED ACTION PLAN**

Referred to General Business

**PRECIS: (ii) GWYMAC CARAVAN**

Les Tanner reported that GWYMAC will be retaining the caravan.

**PRECIS: (iii) PARTHENIUM TOUR**

Lee Amidy presented a report on the recent Parthenium tour.

It has been six years since the last Parthenium tour. This year the tour covered St George, Roma, Injune and included discussions with local farmers, and also other weeds such as Water Hyacinth.

Special thanks went to Tony Woods who organised the tour.



- k) Troy Crittle – Namoi CMA  
Funding available for weed control in high conservation value vegetation
- l) Narrabri Shire Council  
Copy of report prepared by Helen Carroll to Councillors re WAP
- m) Gunnedah Shire Council  
MoU Execution completed
- n) Mid North Coast Weeds Co-ordinating Committee  
Have submitted nominations for 4 papers re Tropical Soda Apple

**RESOLVED:** That the incoming correspondence be accepted and the outgoing correspondence be endorsed.

**Moved:** Ian Schwartz

**Seconded:** James Browning

#### **ITEM 5: REPORTS FROM DELEGATES**

**PRECIS:** Council, LHPA, I & I NSW and CMA delegates updated members on their activities and actions for the July – September quarter.

Reports were presented by:

Josh Biddle	New England Weeds Authority
Ian Schwartz	Moree Plains Shire Council
Jonathon Lawson	Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA
Peter Scott	Liverpool Plains Shire Council
Rob Munro	New England LHPA
David Lindsay	North West LHPA
David Nixon	Glen Innes Severn Council
Natasha Soar	Tamworth Regional Council
Troy Crittle	Namoi CMA
Neil Rossington	Tenterfield Shire Council
Scott McFarland	Narrabri Shire Council
Lee Amidy	Gunnedah Shire Council
Les Tanner	Inverell Shire Council
Phil Blackmore	Industry and Investment NSW

A written report was received from Gwydir Shire Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as listed above be received and noted.

**Moved:** Phil Blackmore

**Seconded:** Lee Amidy

**ITEM 6: MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORTS**

**a) Review of Noxious Weeds Act**

Phil Blackmore is on the Review Committee for the Noxious Weeds Act.

The Committee will review the Act and the final review will be circulated for a 28 day public consultation period.

It was agreed that 28 days is not long enough for Local Control Authorities to review the document.

NWAC has requested to the Minister that LCA's receive an extended consultation period

**a) ARTC Responsibilities**

Discussion centred around what the responsibilities the ARTC has in weed control on public roads. M30A is attached detailing their obligations.

**ITEM 7: GENERAL BUSINESS**

**PRECIS (i): LEAD ORGANISATION - NIWAC WEED ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

**a) Funds**

Wayne Deer reported that advice had been received from Industry and Investment NSW that the State Government has allocated \$8.769 million in 2010-2011 for the NSW Weed Action Program (WAP).

The NIWAC application for funding under the 2010-2011 NSW WAP has been successful. The funding is based on the regions total grant for the base year 2008-2009 plus an increase in line with CPI for 2.5% per annum.

The Minister has approved a grant of \$1,017,005 for the NIWAC NSW Weed Action Program. This amount is \$5,253 short of the \$1,022,258 sought under the submission and as contained in the NIWAC Weed Action Business Plan 2010-2015.

Taking all matters into consideration it is considered that this is an excellent result for NIWAC and the region's member Councils. Adjustments will be made to budgets to account for this minor reduction in funding.

Allocations for each stakeholder is listed in Appendix Three.

**b) MoU**

H Apps reported that the official copy of the MoU has been circulated to Councils. This has been a slow process which may have to be expedited by NEWA collecting the document from Councils and delivering it to the next Council personally.

Funds will be distributed once the MoU has been signed by all member Councils and LHPAs.

**c) Work Plan Quarterly Report**

The Work Plan was presented to members (Appendix Four) which included an update on all activities to date.

Work is on track for the year one for a progress report in August 2011.

The MERI Plan and Communication Strategy have been drafted and circulated to stakeholders for comment.

**d) NIWAC WAP MERI Plan 2010- 2015**

The draft NIWAC MERI Plan 2010 – 2015 was tabled.

**RESOLVED:** That the NIWAC MERI Plan 2010 – 2015 be adopted in principal by NIWAC, subject to minor formatting changes.

**Moved:** Natasha Soar

**Seconded:** Penny Brazel

**e) NIWAC WAP Communications Strategy 2010 - 2015**

The draft NIWAC Communications Strategy 2010 – 2015 was tabled

**RESOLVED:** That the Communications Strategy 2010 – 2015 be adopted in principal by NIWAC, subject to minor formatting changes.

**Moved:** Lee Amidy

**Seconded:** Ian Schwartz

**ITEM 9: MEETING DATES**

Resolved that the 2011 meeting dates be as followed:

Tuesday February 8<sup>th</sup> 2011

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011

**ITEM 10: MEETING CLOSE**

There being no further business, Cr Woods declared the meeting closed.

Time: 12.40pm