

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

ANPS Canberra Region Inc.

5.00 pm, Tuesday, 8th May 2018 at ANBG

Attendees

Lucinda Royston (Chair), Geoff Butler, John Carter (Minutes), Garth Chamberlain, Phillip Fradd, Greg Quinn, Ben Walcott.

Apologies

Naomi Boccola, Darren Boulton.

Welcome

The Chair welcomed those present.

Minutes of 10th April 2018 Meeting

Moved: Ben Walcott, 2nd: Phillip Fradd: Carried.

Matters Arising from Minutes

Clarification of status of WeedsSwap

Geoff Butler advised that he had spoken to Rosemary Blemings who had advised that the Autumn WeedsSwap event would not occur. Rosemary had received notification from Daniel Iglesias, Director ACT Parks and Conservation Service, that he was committed to holding a Spring WeedsSwap.

Action: Geoff would contact Rosemary to ascertain whether she wanted to continue organising WeedsSwap activities.

Bulletin Editor

Lucinda advised that Karen Brien had agreed to take over the role of Editor on a trial basis. Lucinda added that Council members should be prepared to assist Karen because she was new to the role and might not know who to contact regarding particular issues.

Action: Lucinda would provide Karen's contact details to those who regularly had input into the *Bulletin*.

PLDB meeting

Geoff Butler reported that the meeting held on Monday, 7 May was very successful. Major outcomes were:

- The dropping of the phrases: 'New to Canberra', 'New to the ACT', and 'Not trialed in Canberra' from printed labels. This information would still be retained in the database if relevant.
- 16 new entries to the database were discussed and label drafting had been allocated to members of the PLDB group.
- Potential new plant submitters should be advised that submissions should be made on-line via the website. They would receive clarification regarding the preliminary drafting of labels in the nomination form. This was to ensure the information provided conformed with the format for the eventual label.
- A discussion had commenced on standardising the recording of flower colours in the database. This was a very complex matter.
- A discussion regarding cultivars would be undertaken at a subsequent meeting.

Life Membership nominations

Lucinda advised that in addition to the nomination for Life Membership received last month, a second nomination was being prepared.

Franklin ECS (Early Childhood School)

Ben Walcott advised that he had made contact with the school and that matters were progressing satisfactorily. He noted that the school was being significantly expanded to include other years.

Council Member absences

Geoff Butler and John Carter advised they would be away for the next meeting.

Lucinda Royston advised she would be away for the next several meetings, returning on a date to be decided.

Instructions to law firm regarding plant sales

John Carter undertook to follow-up with Megan Dixon who was absent from the meeting.

Correspondence In

1. Cancellation of Autumn Weed Swap from Rosemary Blemings—discussed above.
2. Victoria Region April newsletter forwarded by Gail Ritchie Knight regarding the FJC Rogers Seminar. Information would be provided in the *Bulletin*.
3. Advice from Bill Willis that he was resigning from ANPS Regional Council and as ANPS Vice-President. Discussed below.
4. Offer of past issues of Australian Plants and ANPS Canberra Journals from John Scown. Ben Walcott advised he had a complete set. Consequently, information regarding the offer would be included in the *Bulletin*.
5. Query on where to buy native Frangipani plants from Judy Bell.

Correspondence Out

1. To Shirley Pipitone confirming that she is now a member of the PTDB Team.
2. To Judy Bell re native Frangipani plants.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer advised that he had paid \$2000 to the ANBG—this completed the Society's commitment to the ANBG for this financial year. Ben added that half the cost of the website development had been paid to Giraffe.

During the month, Ben had had to provide a physical address to PayPal as part of the payment company's updating of particulars.

Ben noted that he had provided a printout of the labels for a mail-out of *Australian Plants*—the mail-out cost about \$160.

Treasurer's Report be accepted as circulated.

Moved Ben Walcott; 2nd Geoff Butler. Carried.

Agenda items

1. Website development

Ben Walcott advised that Giraffe would generate a 'light version' of the website in the next month and progressively add more functionality over time. The philosophy behind the new website was that it had to be useful and attractive especially to the younger generation. For that reason Giraffe had suggested that images, where possible, should include younger members.

A new URL for the website had been created: *nativeplantscbr.com.au*. Currently a small number of email addresses were available for key members of the Society. It was noted that this was separate to the currently used distribution lists.

The ability for key members of the Society to upload information to the website was being built in. Greg Quinn questioned the long-term viability of this arrangement, but Ben indicated he was happy to oversee the site in the medium term if this proved necessary.

2. ANPS Canberra Region logo

Ben presented a logo which had been developed by Giraffe. It comprised a stylised image of *Eucalyptus polyanthemos*. It was noted that the words ‘Native Plants Society’ were prominent and that the word ‘Region’ was not included in the design. Ben commented that Giraffe was quite knowledgeable regarding native plants and were pitching the logo towards a younger demographic. The logo design was generally positively received.

3. Resignation of Bill Willis

Lucinda would advise Gail Ritchie to remove Bill’s details from the *Journal*.

In Lucinda’s absence, it was agreed that Alison Roach would run the Members Meetings, and Ben Walcott would chair Council Meetings—emails to the President would be redirected to Ben.

A vacancy on Council would be advertised in the *Bulletin* and at the monthly meeting.

4. Potential speaker for July meeting

Council noted it had agreed to provide \$500 plus the cost of accommodation for the July meeting speaker Rus Glover, who is the CEO of the peak body for Australian native food plants and herbs.

Other Business

Membership Secretary

Ben Walcott advised that Ros Walcott wished to step down as Membership Secretary.

A notice would be placed in the *Bulletin*.

Daisy found at Mulligans Flat

Council discussed an email from Sam Nerrie which contained an image of a daisy she had found at Mulligans Flat and which had been identified as *Myriocephalus rhizocephalus*. The daisy was new to the ACT. Geoff Butler commented that a similar plant had been located last season by a contributor to the Canberra Nature Map but had not been identified. It is a possibility it is the same species. Geoff added that it might have entered the ACT via animal fodder or through animal vector dispersal as its natural distribution is to the west of Canberra

Wednesday Walkers

Greg Quinn advised that participation in the Wednesday Walkers appeared to be declining. An issue raised was the advertising of the activity. It was important to not identify the location where cars would be left because they could be broken into. Normally the location was advertised via a mailing list. Council decided that the existence of a mailing list would be put in the *Bulletin* which would also include information as to how to get added to the list.

Canberra Nature Map

Geoff Butler raised the issue of funding for the Canberra Nature Map. He noted that many ANPS members contributed to the Map and that it was highly relevant to the ACT region. Currently, the Map received annual lump sum funding from the ACT Government, but the long-term viability of this arrangement may be questionable. It was important to fund the ongoing maintenance of the Map. Ben Walcott noted that the activities associated with the Canberra Nature Map had a greater impact on weeds than Weedsap.

*That ANPS Canberra Region donate \$10,000 to the Canberra Nature Map.
Moved Geoff Butler; 2nd Lucinda Royston. Carried.*

Geoff Butler would advise Michael Mulvaney and ask him to provide a talk to the Society about the Canberra Nature Map and an article for the *Journal*.

ACT Region Landcare Gateway

Lucinda advised she had received an email inviting the Society to provide an entry for the new ACT Government managed ACT Region Landcare Gateway.

Council decided to not provide information.

Closure

At 6.35 pm, the President closed the meeting.

Next Council Meeting

Tuesday, 12th June 2018 at 5.00 pm Dickson Room, ANBG.