

**Bushcare Network Meeting**  
**August 23 2006 6pm**  
**Lawson Mid Mountains Community Centre**

AGENDA

1. Welcome / Introductions / Apologies
2. Discuss Class 4 Noxious Weeds Management Plan – Soren Mortensen (BMCC) / Ian Lett (BMCC) (45 Mins)
3. Protocols for consultation between BMCC and bushcare groups/Bushcare Network. – Barbara Harley (20 Mins)
4. Bushcare division in Council – Request for an update on how Bushcare in Council is travelling –how can we ensure its continued support within Council. Which Department would serve Bushcare the best? Where is it at present? Implications of Re-Structure on Bushcare? Bushcare Team Leader changing role? – Mike Purtell (15 mins)
5. The possible need for a Network representative on an RTA Working Party we have urged Council to make permanent – Barbara Harley (10 mins)
6. Biodiversity Workshop Update and recent Grant application – Chris Dewhurst (BMCC) (10 Mins)
7. What do we want at Network meetings? Discuss future meetings and election of office bearers, as per the Procedures Manual – Barbara Harley (10 Mins)
8. A network meeting timeframe that can be advertised well in advance – Barbara Harley (5 Mins)
9. A Gecko timeframe – Barbara Harley (5 Mins)
10. General Business

# Bushcare Network Meeting Minutes

23 Aug 2006 6pm

Present: Barbara Harley, Mike Purtell, Lyndal Sullivan, Janet Rannard, Clive Barker  
Soren Mortensen (BMCC), Ian Lett (BMCC), Chris Dewhurst (BMCC)

Apologies: Eric Mahony (BMCC), Lachlan Garland, Karen Hising

Abbreviations in Minutes:

BCG = Bushcare Groups

BN = Bushcare Network

DPI = Department of Primary Industries

GM = BMCC General Manager

## **Agenda Item 2. Discuss Class 4 Noxious Weeds Management Plans (Minutes CD)**

Background on plans relates to new state legislation for the Noxious Weeds Act. A BMCC council meeting resolution was to consult with the BN. The report that went to Council is an excellent summary for people to get updated.

**Action : IL to distribute the council report with minutes.**

*Meeting resolution: If the long lists of phone numbers were not required they would be deleted to save paper and space.*

### **Issue : Significant Vegetation**

Meeting raised the issue of limits on spraying in significant vegetation communities such as Hanging Swamps and Creek lines.

BMCC staff responded: spraying should only be an option when specified in a weed management plan. On a Bush Regeneration site, a site strategy will specify control techniques.

### **Issue : Off target kill**

BMCC responded: the Pesticides Act covers this (chemical label directions must be followed), no need to develop more control with these plans.

General Comments:

Council will host final plans on [www.weedsbluemountains.org.au](http://www.weedsbluemountains.org.au)

Some weeds are not Class 4 (non erradicatable) in the LGA, and therefore not required in Class 4, should be Class 3

These include – Camphor Laurel, Genista linifolium, Boneseed.

**ACTION: IL will notify people when they can make a submission on weed list changes**

### **Discussion of individual plans**

*Notes directly on to individual plans.*

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### **Agenda Item 3: Deferred to next meeting**

### **Agenda Item 4: How is Bushcare travelling in Council?**

Bushcare has spent the past 3 years in BM City Services. The program has had good support from the BMCS Group and has been allowed to grow with community demand. Even though Bushcare is in “Provider”, it still has a significant program development role. This role has been maintained. A close working relationship with “purchaser” staff in C&C has allowed this.

Is Bushcare being re-located?

Bushcare is being relocated to South St Depot Katoomba as most of BM City Services space is located within the Council depots.

Are any of these changes going to affect the delivery of the program?

The BCP has always had a high level of supervision. There will be no reduction in level of supervision to BCG as a result of this change.

Accommodation changes will affect BCO ability to advocate for BCG issues, particularly Part Time Staff who are only in the office one day a week. It may also affect the development of new programs and initiatives and reduce or public interface.

There is no public entry to public at South Street Depot. How will we see the staff?

What option does the BCN have to support the BCP through this restructure?

### **Motion raised BH. Seconded CB**

***Propose that a Question on notice to Council to ask: “Why is the Bushcare section being moved to South Street? How is it envisaged that the Bushcare Program maintain its contact with Community & Corporate management once they have moved, and how will the community access Bushcare staff given that there is no community access to South Street Depot.”***

**ACTION: MP to Email question to Councillor.**

**Agenda Item 6 Biodiversity Workshop SCA Grant Application was tabled by CD and accepted by meeting.**

### **Agenda Item 9 : Gecko Timeline**

Next edition is Spring. Cut off date for items is end September (COB Sep 29 2006). Distributed by Mid October. We will promote the Next BCN meeting in the Spring Gecko.

**All other Agenda items deferred to next meeting.**

Next Meeting: October 25 2006. 6pm. –8pm 6pm for food for a 6:30pm start.

Meeting Closed 8:45pm

**Bushcare Network Meeting**  
**October 25 2006 6pm**  
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