



NOTICE OF FRIENDS OF TUMUT WETLANDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Friends of Tumut Wetlands Committee Meeting of Snowy Valleys Council will be held in the Riverina Room located on the 1st Floor of the Riverina Highlands Building, 76 Capper Street, Tumut on, **Tuesday, 21 March, 2017**, commencing at **4:00 PM**.

Distribution: 11	Present:	Apology:	Absent:
James Hayes (LRC Member-Delegate)			
Acting Manager Assets/Parks and Property Officer-Brad Beed (Delegate)			
Ken Stubbs			
Sharon Stacy			
Gary Bilton			
Bob Erskine			
Athol Price			
Simon Quinnell			
Information only			
Acting Director of Engineering Services – Matt Christensen			
Acting Enviro. WWW Officer-Edward Greig			
Weeds Inspector			
Public			

Business

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes
3. Business arising from Minutes
4. Committee Reports
5. Correspondence
6. General Business

Kay Whitehead
Acting Interim General Manager



FRIENDS OF TUMUT WETLANDS COMMITTEE MEETING – AGENDA

Tuesday, 21 March, 2017, commencing at 4:00 PM.

APOLOGIES

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S-

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REPORTABLE POLITICAL DONATIONS

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GENERAL BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date is scheduled to be held Tuesday, 20 June, 2017.

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MEETING COMMENCEMENT: 4.05pm

PRESENT:

Participants:	Present:	Apology:	Absent:
Acting Manager Assets/Parks and Property Officer- Brad Beed (Delegate)	✓		
Weeds Inspector		✓	
Ken Stubbs		✓	
Sharon Stacy			✓
Gary Bilton	✓		
Bob Erskine	✓		
Athol Price	✓		
Simon Quinnell	✓		

FOTW.03 RESOLVED that Gary Bilton chair the meeting.

A Price / S Quinnell

APOLOGIES:

FOTW.04 RESOLVED that the apologies be received.

S Quinnell / B Erskine

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

FOTW.05 RESOLVED that the minutes of the **Friends of Tumut Wetlands** held on **21-June-2016** be accepted as read.

G Bilton / Bob Erskine

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. Simon Quinnell noted the track works were completed however due to the wet weather the culvert had not been cleared.
2. General discussion regarding the Wetlands budget.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REPORTABLE POLITICAL DONATIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Tumut Wetlands Works Program September 2016 (.)

1. Brad Beed advised he has sent a request to Snowy WS to raise the height of the track near the Highway bridge which is continually under water.
2. Gary Bilton advised he will chase up the status of the brochure.
3. Simon Quinnell enquired as to the possibility of constructing a public toilet at the wetlands. Gary Bilton suggested installing signage to direct people to the closest toilet.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Simon Quinnell enquired about the use of cameras for monitoring animal movement in the wetlands. General discussion on security and installation of cameras and signage.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting TBA

CLOSED:

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.

REPORT NUMBER: FTW1
SUBJECT: Tumut Wetlands Works Program March 2017 (.)
REPORT AUTHOR: Brad Beed
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER: Matthew Christensen

PURPOSE OF REPORT: That the Friends of Tumut Wetlands develop a 2016/17 works plan in accordance with the Tumut Wetlands Management Plan.

KEY ISSUES

Development of a work plan for 2016/17 for the Tumut Wetlands, TSR and Eucalyptus Walk.

INTRODUCTION

A part of the responsibility of the Friends of Tumut Wetlands is to “assist Council in planning and implementing the Riverglade Wetland Management Plan 2003” as stated in the Friends of Tumut Wetlands adopted Terms of Reference.

BACKGROUND

In 1993 Mr Tom Scott and Mr Kevin Hedley through their volunteer work for the Murray Darling Basin RAAU Bird Survey identified 41 waterbirds and 39 bird species at the then Common.

In 1997 Mr Tom Scott and Tumut Shire Council formed a Wetlands Committee with the support of the Blakeney Millar Foundation through a \$2,000 grant.

In May 2003 Janet Mackay & Associates in association with DSB Landscape Architects developed the Riverglade Wetlands Management Plan which was then adopted by Council. This plan was based on Mr Tom Scott’s original restoration plan and which now resides in the Tumut Library.

In 2004 Tumut Shire Council, Landcare and members of the community successfully applied for a grant from the Environmental Trust for \$98,500.00. Over the following three years the grant was spent restoring and rehabilitating the Riverglade Wetlands. In order to fulfil the grant requirements specific activities require completion within certain time frames. 2005 activities that require completion as stated in the grant are; weed control, planting, design aboriginal interpretation and walking track construction.

On 27 January 2005 the Friends of Riverglade Wetlands committee started development of the 2005 Works Plan.

In 2007 the Wetlands were awarded the Regional Landcare Award.

In 2008 the Wetlands were awarded the State Landcare Award. Later that year the Wetlands were runner up in the National Landcare Awards.

In September 2008 Council agreed to expand the Riverglade Wetlands project to include the adjoining Travelling Stock Reserve and Eucalyptus Walk.

In 2008 Tumut Shire Council allocated \$70,000 from Section 94 Parks Developer Contribution Funds to expand the Wetlands and develop the adjoining Travelling Stock Reserve and an area of the Tumut Sewerage Works being the Eucalyptus Walk. The Travelling Stock Reserve (TSR) is currently controlled by the Rural Lands Protection Board who has agreed in writing to allow for the TSR to become part of the Wetlands. The Board has also signed a 10 year Property Vegetation Plan Agreement with the Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority. Council has also provided water troughs at an alternative TSR on the Gocup Rd. The Eucalyptus Walk was an idea of Ken Stubbs and involves a walking track along the Gilmore Creek at the back of the sewerage treatment plant currently controlled by Council.

On the 4th November 2008 Governor: Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO officially opened the Wetlands.

In June 2009 following a recommendation from the Friends of Riverglade Wetlands Council resolved to change the name of Riverglade Wetlands to Tumut Wetlands.

Since completion of the Eucalyptus Walk and TSR the committee has taken on a maintenance role.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Friends of Tumut Wetlands note the report.

ATTACHMENTS

2016/17 Work Plan Template

Tumut Wetlands – July 2016 to June 2017					
ACTIVITY	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE YTD	DATE	OUTCOME
Activities					
Weed Control		\$2,000	897		Spray woody weeds and other species.
Rehabilitation & Planting		\$500			
Track Maintenance		\$1,000	1009	Ongoing	
Slashing & various maintenance		\$4,000	4252	Ongoing	SWS – Slashing, spraying & various maintenance
Removal of silt					
Other activities					
Feral animal control		\$1,000		Ongoing	
Water quality monitoring				Ongoing	
Setting up photo points				Ongoing	
Brochure		\$300			
Signage		\$1,500			
Tree Removal		\$2,000	507		
Materials		\$1,000		Ongoing	Materials such as fencing, chemicals etc
Mower Repairs		\$3,000		Ongoing	
Fuel					
Bird Survey					
Creek Works					
Unbudgeted		\$4,700			
2015/16 Budget		\$21,000.00	\$0.00		