



Sydney Weeds Committees

• Sydney Central • Sydney South West
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SWC Board (Steering Group) Meeting

**NPWS, 10 Valentine Ave, Parramatta
Level 6, Meeting Room 2**

Wed April 15th 2015 3.30 PM

Present

Jonathan Sanders (JS)	Sydney Central Mountains Weeds Committee
Jeff Hill (JH)	Sydney Central Weeds Committee
Chris Stanfield (CS)	Sydney West Blue Mountains Weeds Committee
Michael Pattison (MP)	Sydney West Blue Mountains Weeds Committee
Matthew McNaughton (MM)	Sydney South West Weeds Committee
Alex Burgess-Buxton (ABB)	Sydney South West Weeds Committee
Gareth Debney (GD)	Sydney North Weeds Committee
Steven Smith (SS)	Sydney North Weeds Committee
<i>Ex-officio</i>	
A. Duncan (AD)	SWC Executive Officer
A Schofield (AS)	Weeds Action Program (WAP) Project Officer
<i>Apologies: Rod Ensbey (DPI)</i>	

Minutes

PRELIMINARIES

Item 1.1 Welcome (Chair)

- The Chair welcomed attendees
- Apologies were noted
- Agenda was confirmed

Noted that the Board decision item has been brought forward in the meeting to allow Mr Schofield, WAP Project Officer, Hawkesbury River County Council to provide a presentation to the SWC Board Agenda Item 2.1.

Item 1.2 Declaration of pecuniary and any other conflicts of interest (All)

- Jonathan Sanders, Chris Stanfield, Matt McNaughton, Alex Burgess-Buxton, Anthony Schofield all declared conflicts of interest as being in receipt of Weeds Action Program funding. It was also noted that HRCC was the lead agency for the Weeds Action Program.

Item 1.3 Visitors to Meeting (Chair)

- Mr Schofield, WAP Project Officer, Hawkesbury River County Council was invited to give a presentation in relation Agenda Item 2.1.

BOARD DECISIONS

Item 2.1 Weeds Action Program 1520: SWC Approach (Treasurer) part 1

- Mr Anthony Schofield made a presentation to the Board on behalf of HRCC re the proposal that HRCC remain the Lead Agency for the Sydney region for the Weeds Action Program for WAP15-20.
- Anthony outlined HRCC achievements as Lead Agency in year 4 and year 5 of Stage 1 WAP. This included strong alignment with the invasive species strategy, completion of the strategic documents, review of the Alligator Weed Strategy, streamlining of project administration and reporting, allocation of 180K of unspent funds, development of strong relationships with partners.
- HRCC was commended for their efficiency and a vote of thanks was moved.

Moved: Steven Smith

Seconded: Alex Burgess-Buxton.

All in favour.

The Chair then decided to deal with previous meetings and intersessional matters before returning to more substantive consideration of Item 2.1.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND INTERSESSIONAL MATTERS

Item 3.1 Minutes of previous meeting (Chair)

- Minutes of the previous meeting provided at Agenda Item 3.1 Attachment were accepted.

Moved: Jeff Hill

Seconded: Matthew McNaughton

All in favour.

Item 3.2 Actions arising (Chair)

- The summary of Actions Arising from the previous meeting provided at Agenda Item 3.2 Attachment was noted.

Item 3.3 Correspondence list (Chair)

- The Correspondence provided at Agenda Item 3.3 Attachment was noted.

Item 3.4 Out of Session decisions (Chair)

- The summary of the Out of Sessions decisions list is provided at Agenda Item 3.4 Attachment was noted.

BOARD DECISIONS

Item 2.1 Weeds Action Program 1520: SWC Approach (Treasurer) part 2

The agenda paper and attachments were noted and discussed at length.

It was agreed that the Weeds Action Program should only be a small part of SWC Inc business.

In relation to the Lead Agency role for the WAP, GSLLS was largely seen as the logical choice for the long term - an independent partner providing not only program management capacities but also a strategic perspective and likely to hold strategic responsibilities for weed management. However SWC has received no indication from GSLLS when and how a transition of WAP lead agency might take place.

It was therefore agreed in the interim that SWC Inc. would continue to support the current operational arrangements. i.e. that HRCC should proceed with developing the regional application on behalf of SWC Inc.

Moved: Matt McNaughton

Seconded: Mick Pattison

All in favour.

The Chair noted however, that once DPI have assessed the WAP 15-20 application and provided feedback, SWC Inc. would undertake a collaborative and inclusive review process with members and partners, in consultation with GSLLS, to ensure maximum integration, efficiency and effectiveness of the final application, a process which also builds regional understanding and is a hallmark of SWC.

All other matters on the agenda were postponed as members of the Board had to leave.

Item 7.3 Meeting Close (Chair)

The meeting closed at approximately 4.30PM