

# Corangamite CMA Board Meeting Summary



15 August 2008

Our Vision:  
Every community member  
inspired, empowered and actively  
contributing to land, water  
and biodiversity health

This meeting summary is placed on the CMA website to better inform the community of the discussion and directions arising from the Corangamite CMA Board meetings.



CHAIRMAN

**DR PETER GREIG**

*a full-time beef and wine  
producer in Murroon.*

COMMITTEES:

*Staff & Remuneration  
(Chair)*

*Ex-officio on all other committees*

## Acid Sulphate Soils

The Board endorsed its support for the directions of the Corangamite Acid Sulphate Soils program as a regional priority. This was reinforced after a presentation by Troy Clarkson, DPI, on the potential impacts within the Corangamite region.

## Environmental Best Management Practices (EBMP)

The Board endorsed its support for the use of the Environmental Best Management Practices program by landholders as a regional priority. Ralph Cotter, DPI, reported on the current state of the EBMP program within the Corangamite region. The Board noted the importance of landcare groups in promoting the use of EBMP to landholders.

## 2008/2009 Funding

The Board expressed concern that at the time of the meeting, only 50% of funding for the 2008/2009 financial year had been approved leading to uncertainty amongst internal and external project proponents as to their future project and financial viability. Whilst funding is expected, the Chairman and CEO have expressed to investors the difficulty being experienced within the region.

## 2007/2008 Annual Report

The Board was advised that the first draft of the 2007/2008 Annual Report had been considered by the Business Planning Committee with a revised draft to be presented to the committee on the 9 September 2008 before its presentation to the September Board meeting.

## Geelong Ring Road

The Board commended Vic Roads on their planned storm water management of the Geelong Ring Road as a model to be used for stormwater management throughout the region.



DEPUTY CHAIR

**VAL LANG**

*mixed farming business at Lismore.*

COMMITTEES:

*Staff & Remuneration  
Business Planning*



MEMBER

**DR KAYE RODDEN**

*farms beef and sheep in the  
Barwon Valley, west of  
Geelong.*

COMMITTEES:

*Staff & Remuneration  
Implementation (Chair)  
Water Statutory Functions  
Barwon River Users Group  
Coastal Liaison*



MEMBER

**JULIE HANSEN**

*lives in Anglesea and has  
extensive local government  
and environmental knowledge.*

COMMITTEES:

*Audit  
Business Planning  
Water Statutory Functions*



MEMBER

**ROGER HARDLEY**

*primary producer and has lived in the Otway Ranges near Apollo Bay for more than 20 years.*

COMMITTEES:

*Audit (Chair)*

*Business Planning  
Staff & Remuneration*



MEMBER

**HEDLEY THOMSON**

*currently working as a free-lance planning and environmental consultant in the Ballarat region.*

COMMITTEES:

*Audit*

*Central Victorian Farm Plantations*



MEMBER

**DEBRA TSILFIDIS**

*based in Creswick and grows Abbacchio milk-fed lambs.*

NEW MEMBER

### **Sustainable Water Strategies**

Members were updated on the CCMA involvement in the preparation of the Western Sustainable Water Strategy and the statewide implications of the Northern Sustainable Water Strategy which is due out soon. Submissions will be developed by the Corangamite CMA.

### **2008/2009 Landcare Sustainable Practices (LSP) Grants**

This program, previously the National Landcare Program (NLP), has been rebadged as LSP under the Australian Government's Caring for our Country Program. Five projects valued at \$456,000 were approved within our region. At the same time, it was noted that a number of high priority projects were unsuccessful in attracting funding. The CCMA has undertaken to proactively seek alternative sources of funding for these projects, matching relevant funding streams to proponents.

### **Environmental Water for the Moorabool River**

The CEO briefed members on the progress made to secure environmental water from the Batesford/Fyansford Quarry for the Moorabool River, including a meeting held with representatives from EPA Victoria, Southern Rural Water and DSE. Strong support from these agencies was apparent.

### **Regional Salinity Program**

Staff and members of the Soils & Salinity Operational Portfolio Group were commended on the success of the progress of the salinity program in achieving the reviewed financial and on ground targets.

### **Strategic Planning Workshop**

The Board will hold a Strategic Planning Workshop on the 16 October 2008 in Ballarat. The strategic directions identified at the workshop will provide the basis for the preparation of the 2009 – 2014 Corangamite CMA Corporate Plan.

### **Board Performance Assessment**

The annual individual and whole of Board performance assessment has concluded. Members analysed the results with the aim of continuous improvement.

### **Sue Hickey Memorial Grant**

The Board discussed the Sue Hickey Memorial Grant program which aims to recognise volunteerism within the community. Applications, which close on the 19 September 2008, were encouraged by the Board.



MEMBER

**ALAIN PURNELL**

*living in Lorne, former General Manager Environmental Affairs of BHP and former director of Landcare Australia Limited.*

COMMITTEES:

*Business Planning  
(Chair)*

*Implementation  
Coastal Liaison*



MEMBER

**SUSAN SALTER**

*a teacher at Bellarine Secondary College for more than 20 years.*

COMMITTEES:

*Water Statutory Functions (Chair)*

*Committee for Geelong*