

Corangamite CMA Board Meeting Summary



19 September 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*



MEMBER
DR KAYE RODDEN
*farms beef and sheep in the
Barwon Valley, west of
Geelong.*

COMMITTEES:
*Staff & Remuneration
Water Statutory Functions
Barwon River Users Group
Coastal Liaison*

Agroforestry

Members discussed the current status of the agroforestry industry within the Corangamite region and acknowledged the need to develop a way forward in the promotion of "trees in the landscape" through agroforestry. The Board resolved that further discussion in respect to this issue should be held during the Board Strategic Planning Workshop which may set a "CCMA position statement" within the Corporate Plan.

Victorian Landcare Council

The Board voiced its general support for the formation of a Victorian Landcare Council with representatives from each of the 10 CMA regions to attend the first meeting of the council in November.

Board Appointment Process

The appointment process for CMA Board membership has been announced by DSE. In an effort to broaden the range and number of applicants, an advertising campaign has been planned for the lead up to the advertisement of Board appointments in November 2008. To establish continuity of membership, Board terms have been changed to 2 and 4 years with a one third rollover in membership every two years.

Board Committees

The Terms of Reference and membership of our Board committees are reviewed annually. Please note the new committee membership as displayed under member profiles.

2007/2008 CCMA Annual Report

Subject to changes suggested by members and feedback from the Auditor General's office, the draft 2007/2008 CCMA Annual Report and financial accounts were endorsed for submission to the Minister for Environment and Climate Change.

2008/2009 Funding

The Board noted that our 2008/2009 funding has largely been confirmed whilst several initiative funding bids are still being considered by investors.



DEPUTY CHAIR
VAL LANG
mixed farming business at Lismore.

COMMITTEES:
*Business Planning
Implementation
Staff & Remuneration*



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

COMMITTEES:
*Audit
Business Planning
Staff & Remuneration*



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 freelance planning and environmental consultant in the Ballarat region.

COMMITTEES:

Audit

Water Statutory Functions

Central Victorian Farm Plantations



MEMBER

DEBRA TSILFIDIS

based in Creswick and grows Abbacchio milk-fed lambs.

COMMITTEES:

Business Planning

2008/2009 RCIP Process Evaluation

Following an extensive review of the CCMA 2008/2009 RCIP process, an evaluation report recognising and reporting on community and investor concerns and recommending actions to address these concerns has been prepared. The Board asked that this report be prepared for public distribution and provided to our stakeholders.

Second Generation Landcare Grants Program

Fourteen projects totaling \$185,300 were recommended by the Board for approval by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change. Forty-nine \$300 Landcare Support Grant applications were also supported.

Sue Hickey Memorial Grant

A total of six applications have been received for funding under this grant. With \$10,000 available for distribution each year, a selection panel has been established to assess and recommend successful applications to the Board.

WestVic Dairy

Mike Weise & Rob Page of WestVic Dairy, provided members with an update on NRM activities within the dairy industry.

Western Region Sustainable Water Strategy

Work has begun on the development of the Western Region Sustainable Water Strategy. The Board noted the involvement of CCMA staff on the consultative committee and working group.

Coastal

The CCMA recently participated in a coastal forum in Torquay with community members and organisations associated with the coast.

Recognising the importance of our coast & estuaries, the CMA in partnership with the Western Coastal Board, sponsored two Board members to attend the Coast to Coast Conference held in Darwin in August.

Next Board Meeting

Our next Board meeting will be held on the 17 October 2008 in Ballarat, preceded by a Strategic Planning Workshop on the 16th. This workshop will contribute to the development of the 2009-2014 Corporate Plan and will include discussion on a number of issues identified by members including agroforestry and sustainable agriculture.

The Strategic Planning Workshop will be followed by an informal dinner with key partner groups from within the Ballarat area.



MEMBER

ALAIN PURNELL

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

COMMITTEES:

Implementation (Chair)

Business Planning-

Coastal Liaison



MEMBER

SUSAN SALTER

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

COMMITTEES:

Water Statutory Functions (Chair)

Committee for Geelong