

Corangamite CMA Board Meeting Summary



17 October 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 com-
mittees*



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*

BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

The Corangamite CMA Board and management participated in a strategic planning workshop in Ballarat on the 16 October 2008 to set the strategic directions for the next 5 years. The outcomes from this workshop will guide the preparation of our 2009-2014 Corporate Plan which is reviewed annually.

That evening some of our Ballarat friends and partners joined Board members for an informal dinner.

Our Board meeting the following day discussed many matters including:

LANDCARE

The Board reiterated the importance of landcare and other community groups in the planning and delivery of natural resource management activities within the Corangamite region. It reinforced the need for continued representation to Australian and Victorian governments to further improve and consolidate the position of these organisations as key partners and investors in improving catchment condition.

Further, while the Authority will continue to support and encourage investment in landcare and other such groups through traditional funding sources, it will also recognise and support those groups who seek, and are successful in attracting, alternative sources of funding.

BARWON RIVER THROUGH GEELONG RISK ASSESSMENT

In its role as manager of the 21km stretch of the Barwon River through Geelong, the Authority has identified a number of risks relating to assets owned or managed by third parties. These third parties are to be advised of the identified risks and reminded of their responsibility to minimise them.



DEPUTY CHAIR
VAL LANG
*mixed farming busi-
ness at Lismore.*

COMMITTEES:
*Business Planning
Implementation
Staff & Remuneration*



MEMBER
JULIE HANSEN
*lives in Anglesea and has
extensive local government
and environmental knowl-
edge.*

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

EEL HARVESTING OF THE BARWON RIVER

A six month licence to operate a power boat in parts of the Barwon River for the purpose of harvesting eels has been issued. Environmental and social impacts of this licence, which has had strict conditions placed upon it, will be monitored during this 6 month trial period.

ENVIRONMENTAL WATER RESERVE—MOORABOOL RIVER

Members supported management in their efforts to secure environmental water for the Moorabool River from the Batesford/ Fyansford Quarry. Board members also sought further information on the opportunities to enhance the environmental flows for the Moorabool River as a result of Barwon Water tapping the Jan Juc aquifer.

The Board was pleased to note that Central Highlands Water have committed a further 240ML of environmental water for the Moorabool River, taking the total amount held in reserve up to 400ML.

The Federal Member for Corangamite, Darren Cheeseman, and the Parliamentary Secretary for Environment & Climate Change, Michael Crutchfield, will join representatives from the CCMA Board and management, on a tour of the Moorabool River Catchment on Friday the 24 October 2008.

WESTERN REGION SUSTAINABLE WATER STRATEGY

The development of this strategy has commenced with the Authority represented on the consultative committee and the associated working group. The Strategy's aim is to secure water supplies for homes, business, industry, agriculture and the environment for the next 50 years. In doing so it will investigate the available surface water, groundwater, storm and waste water and how it can be most effectively utilized against the current and expected pressures of climate change, population growth and land use change.

COASTAL PRIORITIES

The Board was briefed on the Coastal Priorities Project, partly funded by the CCMA, and advised that it has progressed to the final stage. This project will greatly assist in the attraction and allocation of funding from government coastal initiatives.

INTEROPERATIVE WEB-BASED GIS

As an initiative of the CCMA and in partnership with the University of Ballarat, an Interoperative Web-based GIS project is nearing completion. This project will consolidate the datasets held by a number of organisations within this region onto one easily accessible to the public website.

This newsletter will provide updates on this exciting project.

SUE HICKEY MEMORIAL GRANT

At the conclusion of the Board meeting the judging panel met to assess 7 applications for funding from the \$10,000 annual Corangamite CMA Sue Hickey Memorial Grant program.



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*