

Corangamite CMA Board Meeting Summary



21 November 2008

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.

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



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*

Victorian Investment Framework

The State Government has recently announced changes to future funding delivery with the Victorian Investment Framework (VIF) to replace the Regional Catchment Investment Plan (RCIP).

The VIF will simplify funding processes by bringing together state-wide and regional investments to ensure that priority government outcomes are achieved through targeted investment that is guided by policy and priorities.

As part of their commitment to the new framework, DSE will outline the government's investment priorities to key stakeholders at the VIF 2009/10 Priorities Conference on the 28 November 2008.

Representatives from the CCMA Board, together with our management team, will attend this conference. Landcare Coordinators have also been invited to attend.

Federal Community Cabinet

The Australian Government will be holding a Community Cabinet Meeting in Geelong on the 7 December 2008. In addition to attending this meeting, the Chair, CEO and Community & Partnerships Program Manager, have requested a one-on-one meeting with the Minister for Environment & the Arts, Peter Garrett, to discuss future funding opportunities for the region.

Land & Biodiversity at a time of Climate Change White Paper

The Minister for the Environment, Mr Jennings, has requested input from the State CMA Chairs' Group into the development of the Land & Biodiversity at a time of Climate Change White Paper, in particular, the future institutional arrangements of CMAs. The Chairs will develop their submission at a workshop on the 2 December 2008.

Sue Hickey Memorial Grant

Recipients of the 2008 Sue Hickey Memorial Grant were the Surf Coast and Inland Plains Network, Townies for Landcare and the Lorne Aireys Inlet P-12 College. An additional \$2500 will be used to provide governance training workshop for landcare and natural resource management group members.

The CCMA will look to the appointment of a Sue Hickey Memorial Grant Ambassador to further promote the program throughout the region.

Congratulations to the Camperdown College Environment Group on taking out the Westpac Landcare Education Award at the National Landcare Australia Awards.



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

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Central Victorian Farm Plantations



MEMBER

DEBRA TSILFIDIS

based in Creswick and grows Abbacchio milk-fed lambs.

COMMITTEES:

Business Planning

Western Region Sustainable Water Strategy

The CCMA, through its membership of the Western Region Sustainable Water Strategy (WRSWS) Consultative Committee, has identified a number of key regional and state issues to be addressed and pursued during the development of the strategy including: groundwater management, farm dams and increased protection for the Gellibrand River.

Central Sustainable Water Strategy

In its role as environmental water reserve manager, the Authority has been monitoring progress towards the implementation of water recovery projects as identified in the Central Sustainable Water Strategy (CSWS). The Board commended the progress made by water authorities towards achieving these actions, in particular, the additional 240ML of environmental water set aside for the Moorabool River and the return of flows in the river between the Lal Lal Reservoir and Meredith.

NRM Integrated Landscape Zone Working Groups

In order to facilitate the collaboration of integrated project delivery and implementation through improved engagement, the Authority is to establish 7 NRM Integrated Landscape Zone Working Groups (ILZWG) with membership to include regional NRM stakeholders. These groups will provide a forum for improved coordination of NRM project delivery, strengthen and streamline communication between NRM groups, improve monitoring and evaluation of project outcomes and provide a mechanism to strengthen integrated strategic planning and project development.

Given the recent changes in the delivery of Government funding, the Authority has identified the importance of improving its communication with Landcare, NRM community groups and other regional partners in order to maximise on opportunities to attract funding into the region.

In addition to reviewing how the Authority communicates with individual groups and planned improvements to its website, the Board recognises the potential for the ILZGWs to further strengthen partnerships with and between regional NRM groups.

Drought Employment Program (DEP)

The Authority has again been successful in securing funding from the State Government for the employment of drought affected people, in partnership with Central Highlands Water, to undertake NRM activities in the Lal Lal Reservoir catchment.

Board Member Appointments

The Department of Sustainability & Environment is calling for expressions of interest for positions on the Boards of the 10 CMAs and the Victorian Catchment Management Council. With applications closing on the 15 December 2008, interested people are encouraged to visit www.dse.vic.gov.au for detailed information and application forms.



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:

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(Chair)

Committee for Geelong