

# Corangamite CMA

## Board Meeting –20 February 2009



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

### ENVIRONMENTAL FLOW RELEASE

The Corangamite CMA released its third 80 megalitre environmental flow release in the Moorabool River between 19 and 28 January 2009. Flows from this release were recorded 53km downstream of the release point.

A further environmental release of 80ML will occur between the 25 February and the 11 March 2009. This will be in conjunction with a release of 95ML by Barwon Water for water supply to Meredith residents which should further maximise benefits to the river.

Progress is being made with the EPA in securing environmental water from the Batesford Quarry for the Moorabool River.

Flows in the Leigh, Barwon and Gellibrand rivers are continuing to decline with no flow currently being recorded in the Barwon River.

### FUNDING 2009/2010

Australian and State Government funding for 2009/10 and beyond continues to be a major concern for the Authority and our service delivery partners.

While the Australian Government has given indicative core budget allocations for the next four years (a further reduction on previous years' funding), uncertainty still exists as to the level of Australian Government competitive and State core & competitive funding available to the region.

To assist management in addressing the projected budget decline, the Board resolved to hold an extraordinary Board meeting on the 3 March 2009 to consider and advise management on budget planning and strategic directions for the 2009/10 financial year.

In the meantime, the Chair, management and staff, on behalf of the region, are exploring all avenues of funding opportunities to ensure that the ongoing capacity of the Authority and its partners are maintained.

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING

In line with its commitment to assist DSE, the CCMA has surveyed staff on their willingness and ability to assist in the event of an emergency situation within the Corangamite region. This information, together with our Emergency Response Contact Officer's contact details, has been provided to DSE. CCMA staff will also be involved in post emergency response efforts within the region.

**The Board expressed its condolences to all those affected by the recent bushfires and offers its encouragement and support to fire affected CMA regions in their post fire recovery efforts.**

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*



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*



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

COMMITTEES:  
*Business Planning  
Implementation  
Staff & Remuneration*



MEMBER  
JULIE HANSEN  
*lives in Anglesea and has ex-  
tensive 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



Australian Government

**SUE HICKEY MEMORIAL GRANT AMBASSADOR**

The Sue Hickey Memorial Grant, set up in memory of a former staff member who volunteered extensively within the local community, rewards individuals and groups for their volunteer efforts in natural resource management. The role of the Ambassador is to act as the public face of the program, encouraging applications and raising its profile within the region.

It was felt that an Ambassador should be a respected community volunteer who is prepared to make a commitment to the promotion and support of the program.

In recognition of her extensive knowledge of the program and her volunteer work within the community, the Board appointed member, Kaye Rodden, as the inaugural Sue Hickey Memorial Grant Ambassador for a two year term.

**THE VICTORIAN LANDCARE COUNCIL**

The establishment of a Victorian Landcare Council is gaining momentum and attention with the committee of management continuing to meet regularly to oversee its preliminary planning and implementation.

A meeting of peak groups from across Australia met in Melbourne on the 1 February 2009 resulting in the formation of an interim National Landcare Working Group.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**2008 State of the Environment Report**

Author of the 2008 State of the Environment Report and Victorian Commissioner for the Environment, Ian McPhail, provided members with a presentation which summarised the key findings of the report. The State Government has until December 4 2009 to table a response to the recommendations contained within the report, giving NRM groups until that time, an opportunity to influence how that response will look.

**Vic Roads Presentation**

Jozef Vass and Andrew Peplinkhouse of Vic Roads provided members with a presentation on the project overview and the Vic Roads management process for environmental management associated with the Geelong Ring Road including the treatment of water run-off and environmental offsets.

**TRANSFORMATION FOR RESILIENT LANDSCAPES & COMMUNITIES**

The CCMA and a local shire have been asked to participate in this national research project being sponsored by Land & Water Aust., CSIRO, Australian National University and the Charles Sturt University.

Three NRM groups and their local councils have been paired to develop stronger partnerships and collaboration in relation to natural resource management. The three regions include: the A.C.T NRM Council with government; Burdekin Dry & Wet Tropics NRM Groups with the Townsville Council; and Corangamite CMA with the Surf Coast Shire.



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

