

Corangamite CMA

Board Meeting –20 March 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.

FUNDING 2009/2010

Victorian Investment Framework (VIF)

A total of nine projects are to be submitted under the four VIF investment programs.

Caring for our Country (C4oC)

One large integrated project will be submitted under the CCMA Caring for our Country (C4oC) four year base level funding. The CCMA has also collaborated with partners in developing two projects for submission under the C4oC competitive grants program.

While concerned at the prescriptive nature of the guidelines of the funding programs, members were comfortable that staff had taken into consideration regional priorities in preparing both submissions and had optimised opportunities for investment in the region.

It was also noted that wherever possible, projects would be delivered through our regional partners including Landcare and equivalent community groups and non-government organisations.

The State-wide CMA Chairs and CEOs will continue to seek future alignment with regional priorities in the development of our investors' future business plans.

LAND & BIODIVERSITY AT A TIME OF CLIMATE CHANGE WHITE PAPER

Due to the recent bushfires, the release of the White Paper is expected to be postponed until June 2009. While there has been no advice yet as to what changes, if any, can be expected to the institutional arrangements of CMAs, the CMA Chairs are pursuing funding to address regional priorities and greater influence in regional land use planning.

WESTERN REGION SUSTAINABLE WATER STRATEGY (WRSWS)

The CCMA, through its membership of the WRSWS Consultative Committee, has been continuing to provide substantial input into the development of the Strategy, maintaining the focus on environmental issues specific to the western region, in particular environmental water reserves, groundwater and stock and domestic dams.

VICTORIAN COASTAL STRATEGY

The CCMA and Western Coastal Board, 'Coastal Partnership Group', have met to consider implications for the CMA arising from the recently released Victorian Coastal Strategy, in particular planning for flood and coastal inundation arising from climate change. A series of regional briefings will be held across the region between the 6 April and the 4 May 2009.

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 ROD-
DEN

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

COMMITTEES:
*Staff & Remuneration
Water Statutory Func-
tions
Barwon River Users*



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 Abbachio milk-fed lambs.

COMMITTEES:

Business Planning

ANGLESEA BOREFIELD

CCMA staff have provided considerable input into the preparation of the draft Bulk Entitlement to allow Barwon Water to extract water from the Anglesea Borefield. This input has resulted in a process for the monitoring of the impacts from the extraction of water from the Anglesea borefield on groundwater dependent ecosystems and staff are confident that the methodology developed to undertake that task is both robust and comprehensive.

CCMA CORPORATE PROFILE

The CCMA has developed a comprehensive profile of the Authority and the Corangamite region as a whole. This document is an extremely useful reference tool for anyone wishing to learn more about our beautiful and diverse natural resource assets and the way in which the Authority, with and through its regional partners, manages those resources. Copies of the profile are available at our Colac office.

TEN YEARS OF THE CORANGAMITE CMA

With the help of our many regional partners, CCMA staff have collated the natural resource management activities in the Corangamite for the ten year period from 1997 to 2007. A report on the findings of the collations project is currently being prepared.

VICTORIAN LANDCARE COUNCIL

The establishment of the Victorian Landcare Council is continuing to gain momentum. An announcement on the co-patrons of the Council is expected at the Landcare Expo being held on the 18 April 2009 at the Caulfield Racetrack.

CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

The three year term of the current Board expires at the end of June 2009.

Members of the new Board will be appointed for two and four year terms with changes to membership every two years to improve continuity between successive Boards.

While the Board member appointment process is still underway, our Chair, Peter Greig, has been reappointed for a two year term.

LANDCARE AWARDS

After discussions with Landcare Networks, the Board has agreed to run this bi-annual event on June 12, this year. The function, which will be fully sponsored, will focus on recognising volunteerism and encouraging groups to maintain their enthusiasm.



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*



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