

Corangamite CMA

Board Meeting – 17 April 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

The CCMA has submitted proposals for funding under the Victorian Investment Framework and the Caring for our Country programs for 2009/10. Feedback on our presentations to investors has been excellent and whilst still awaiting formal approval of these submissions, early indications are that the Authority has placed itself in a strong position to attract funding into the region.

Our partners, Board members and staff are to be commended for their efforts in developing bids which align regional priorities with the targeted investment outcomes of our investors.

The Authority's offer to provide input into future State government funding processes was well received which will further maximise opportunities for regional investment into the future.

CORANGAMITE CMA CORPORATE PLAN 2009-2014

The Authority's 2009-2014 Corporate Plan has been developed to align with our legislative responsibilities and the priorities set by our investors, primarily the Victorian and Australian governments. As such, the Corangamite CMA has identified the following programs for 2009/2010:

- Protection of regional biodiversity and coastal assets
- Capacity building and engagement through landcare
- Sustainable land management
- Protecting river, wetland and estuary health.

The Corporate Plan is currently being finalized for submission to the Minister for Environment & Climate Change by the 30 April 2009.

VOLUNTEER NRM GROUPS

The Corangamite CMA recognises the importance of all NRM volunteer groups and individuals in maximizing government investment and achieving positive environmental outcomes within the Corangamite region. Further, the Board has resolved to continue to demonstrate to our investors the importance of investing in the social capital of our region to ensure the capacity of our volunteer groups into the future.

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 Abbacchio milk-fed lambs.

COMMITTEES:

Business Planning

FARM FORESTRY

The Corangamite CMA, in recognising the importance of 'trees in the landscape' is in the progress of developing a position statement which considers the diversity of tree plantings and the multiple outcomes which they achieve. The Board also noted that the Corangamite CMA, with the help of appropriate modeling, can guide such planning and help to implement optimal tree cover restoration, while maintaining catchment health and indigenous ecosystems and increasing sustainable agricultural production.

WOADY YALOOK DIVERSION SCHEME REVIEW

As part of the review of the Woody Yaloak Diversion Scheme, consultants have examined the potential impact of climate change on future lake levels as it relates to the management of the drainage schemes.

Corangamite CMA is also promoting the inclusion of the drainage scheme review in the development process for the Western Sustainable Water Strategy, to ensure policy decisions on the future management of the Woody Yaloak Diversion Scheme are supported by Government.

A summary of the review will be completed and presented to the Board for its consideration before the 30 June 2009.

MEETING WITH MINISTER BURKE

The Corangamite CMA hosted a visit from the Hon. Tony Burke, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, and the Member for Corangamite, Darren Cheeseman, on the 2 April 2009. While the visit focussed on Landcare, both agroforestry groups and the CCMA also had the opportunity to hold discussions with the Minister. The Minister expressed his strong support for Landcare and made a commitment to investigate opportunities to strengthen financial investment in Landcare and regional NRM volunteer groups.

VICTORIAN COASTAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

The Corangamite CMA Great Ocean Road Estuaries and Estuary-Watch programs have been named as finalists in two categories in the Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence. Winners are to be announced on the 23 April 2009.

MOORABOOL RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL FLOW RELEASE

An 80ML environmental flow was released on 7 April 2009. The release date was timed to link with a Barwon Water operational release, therefore maximising the overall environmental benefit. There is also 80ML of environmental water remaining, which will be used if water quality trigger levels are reached. Corangamite CMA staff are continuing to monitor the river to ensure environmental values are protected.



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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