

Corangamite CMA

Board Meeting – 15 May 2009



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

COMMITTEES:
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Water Statutory Func-
tions
Barwon River Users*

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.

2009/2010 Caring for our Country Open Grants Bid

The Chair, management and staff participated in a tour of the Leigh, Moorabool & Barwon rivers with Federal Member for Corangamite, Darren Cheeseman, the Victorian Parliamentary Secretary for Environment, Michael Crutchfield, and a representation of project partners, on the 29 April 2009. The tour was initiated by Darren Cheeseman as a way of promoting our region's Caring for our Country Open grants application 'Caring for our Barwon, Moorabool and Leigh Catchments in the Corangamite region of south-west Victoria'.

Award Nominations

Congratulations go to the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee on winning the Victorian Coastal Award for its environmental land and management plan and also to the Lorne-Aireys Inlet P-12 College as finalist in the education category. While unsuccessful in taking out an award at the Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence, staff involved in the Great Ocean Road Estuary and EstuaryWatch projects are commended on their achievements in being named as finalists in two of the categories.

The Corangamite CMA EstuaryWatch program has also been named as a finalist in the **2009 Clean Beaches Community Action Award** category. Other finalists from within our region include: Barwon Coast Committee of Management (Zero Waste Award), Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (Community Government Partnership Award) and Greater Geelong City Council (Friendly Beach Award). This is a great effort for the region and our congratulations go to all involved. Winners are to be announced at a presentation function on the 29 May 2009.

Landcare

The CCMA, through the Vic CMA Chairs' Group and in ongoing discussions with local, State and Federal politicians, continues to emphasise the importance of Landcare and NRM Community volunteer groups in the delivery of natural resource management activities. A Victorian CMA Chairs' statement expressing support for Landcare and equivalent volunteer groups was circulated at the recent Landcare Expo held in Melbourne on the 18 April 2009. A copy of the statement has been posted on our website.

The CCMA, through the **Second Generation Landcare Program**, has been able to offer up to \$19,000 to each of the Landcare Networks for coordinator support and/or on-ground works. Further funding opportunities are being pursued.

Regional Landcare Awards are being presented at Narmbool on the 12 June 2009. 32 nominations across each of the 10 categories have been received.

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



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

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*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 Abba chio milk-fed lambs.

COMMITTEES:

- Business Planning

'Restoring Trees to the Landscape' Position Statement

The Board has adopted a position statement defining its position in respect to the restoration of trees to the landscape. The statement recognises the diversity of plantings, the need for proper planning, and the multiple of outcomes, both positive and negative, that result from tree plantings on catchment health and biodiversity. This statement is available on the CCMA website.

Regional Catchment Strategy Review

Draft guidelines for the review of the Regional Catchment Strategy (RCS) have been released. The review process, which will strongly inform the direction and development of the next RCS and the State Natural Resource Management (NRM) Plan will involve two stages: a survey of stakeholders; and an analysis of progress towards targets by themes. This process is to be completed by October 2009.

The RCS renewal is due for completion and approval by the Minister by August 2010.

Land & Water Australia

The Board discussed and expressed serious concern at the withdrawal of funding for Land & Water Australia. The loss of this practical and applied research organisation is most disappointing given that the CCMA, in making evidence based decisions, relies heavily on the research undertaken by Land & Water Australia. In addition the Authority will need to investigate opportunities for an alternative manager of our regional knowledge database which is currently hosted by Land & Water Australia's AANRO database.

Victorian Coastal Strategy

The CCMA has recently been involved in a number of Victorian Coastal Strategy (VCS) information sessions. Of particular interest to the CCMA, as a floodplain referral authority, is the need for clarification of its role in influencing future coastal planning and development decisions in line with the predicted sea level rise resulting from climate change.

Woody Yaloak Diversion Scheme Review

The CCMA has been successful in its application to have the Woody Yaloak Diversion Scheme review adopted for consideration under the draft Western Region Sustainable Water Strategy.

Environmental Water for the Moorabool River

The CCMA is progressing towards a successful resolution of its bid to secure water from the Batesford/Fyansford Quarry for release into the Moorabool River system. This water will not only benefit the lower Moorabool River, but also have long term benefits for the Barwon River and the Ramsar listed, Lake Connewarre.

Congratulations!

The CCMA would like to congratulate:

Alice & Kevin Knight on being awarded the **McKell Medal**, an annual national award recognising outstanding achievements in shaping community attitudes and practices in natural resource management through promotion, education, research or other development activities; and

Mike and Dawn Waite of Ecklin South, for taking out the **Dairying for Tomorrow Natural Resource Management Award** at the Great South West Dairy Awards held in Warrnambool on the 23 April 2009.



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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