

MINUTES

Executive Meeting 6/07 Thursday 11th October, 2007



Time/Venue: 10.00am - 12.30p.m
Lunch to follow
Meeting Room 2
DSE, 574 Main St.
Bairnsdale

Attendees: Keith Hamilton (Chair), Chris Barry (Executive Officer) Duncan Malcolm (Gippsland Coastal Board), Angus Hume (DPI), Tony Staley (Gippsland Water), Martin Fuller (WGCMA), Kate Nelson (East Gippsland Shire), Martin Kent (Southern Rural Water), Graeme Dear (EGCMA) and Mike Timpano (DSE).

Apologies: Elizabeth Radcliffe (EPA), Neville Penrose (DSE), Geoff Hocking (WGCMA), Sam Adeloju (GRCG, Monash University), Steve Kozlowski (East Gippsland Shire Council), Debbie Saliba (Baw Baw Shire Council), Paul Smith (Bass Coast Shire Council), Steve Dickson (Wellington Shire Council), Peter Quigley (Latrobe City), Michael Edgar (Latrobe City), Kate Morton (AAV) and Chris Rose (Parks Victoria)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Keith Hamilton opened the meeting welcomed all attendees.

2. Actions from last meeting

The meeting discussed the Action items.

2.1 It was noted that the next Greenhouse Network meeting will be held on 26th October 2007

2.2 It was noted that Eleisha Keogh would be responsible for finalising the discussion papers *Understanding the Regions Water Resources (RM2)*.

Action: East & West Gippsland CMA

2.3 It was agreed that EGCMA would make a presentation at the next GINRF meeting on the options for the future process and product of the GINRF Report Card.

Action: East Gippsland CMA

3. Presentation: Indigenous Employment Program Mike Timpano A/Regional Director DSE

Mike Timpano emphasised this was a program to improve capacity and training and not an employment scheme. It was initiated through the Regional Managers Forum with support from a number of regional agencies/organisations.

GINRF will be looking to an evaluation and recommendations for future directions in this area.

It was agreed to prepare a summary of indigenous programs occurring in NRM agencies/organisations across Gippsland to forward to the RMF for information.

Action: C. Barry

4 Presentation – Coastal Catchment Initiative – Chris Barry Gippsland Coastal Board

Chris Barry advised of the range of projects currently agreed to for Gippsland Lakes and Corner Inlet under the Coastal Catchments Initiative.

5 Presentation – Small Town Country Sewerage Scheme – Mike Timpano

Mike advised of the extent and nature of investments to date for the this scheme. Future funding opportunities may be expected.

6 Key Strategic Issues/Events

ISSUE/EVENT	STATUS
Water Week	A number of activities being undertaken across the region
Gippsland Sustainable Water Strategy	Discussed under item 2.2
Small Town Country Sewerage Scheme	Discussed under item 5
LV2100	Report submitted to State Govt. - awaiting response
MID 2030	Strategy signed off by SRW Board in July. Now identifying financial implications and potential investors. Item for future GINRF presentation
Local Environmental Sustainability Accord	East Gippsland and Latrobe Councils have signed
Victorian Coastal Strategy	Draft scheduled to be launched in early November with follow up regional consultations planned
Land and Biodiversity Green Paper	Process has been extended by 6 months
NHT 3	Details of future arrangements to be available in near future.
Drought Conditions and Response	Agreed to have a regular report on this
Bushfire condition and response	Agreed to have a regular report on this

7. Other Business

8. Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be:

10.00am – 12.30am Thursday 29th November in Traralgon

Future Meeting dates 2007

GINRF Executive: All meetings Thursday 10am – 12.30pm unless otherwise stated	Other meetings:
29th November - Traralgon	RMF meeting dates (for information): 22 November 2007

Action List Summary

	Action	Responsible	Status
Meeting 6 Thursday 11th October 2007			
1	Finalising the discussion papers <i>Understanding the Regions Water Resources (RM2)</i> .	East & West Gippsland CMA	To be advised
2	Presentation at the next GINRF meeting on the options for the future process and product of the GINRF Report Card	EGCMA	Achieved – See Item 3 meeting 7
3	Prepare a summary of indigenous programs occurring in NRM agencies/organisations across Gippsland	C. Barry	Incomplete
4	Provide regular report on Drought conditions	Angus Hume	Meeting report
5	Provide regular report on bushfire conditions	Neville Penrose	Meeting report
Meeting 5 Thursday 23rd August 2007			
6	Investigate how best to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage a peer network of relevant staff in NRM agencies • Encourage a representative network of Indigenous groups to engage with NRM agencies 	Mike Timpano, Kate Morton & Chris Barry	Discussions held with indigenous facilitators from Parks-Vic and DSE. Meeting proposed and draft invite prepared.
7	Identify costs (\$) and benefits of the Narracan Catchment Plan	Geoff Hocking, Tony Staley and Mike Timpano	Update report to be made at 7 th meeting
Meeting 4 Thursday 17th May, 2007			
8	Prepare options for future Report Card processes and product.	Chris Barry	Achieved – Now to be undertaken by EGCMA see Item 3, Meeting 7
Meeting 3 Thursday 19th April, 2007			
9	Arrange presentation on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eastern Treatment Plant Recycling project - Baw Baw Climate Change forum - Melbourne Water's Risk Management Strategy 	Chris Barry	Presentation requested