

MINUTES

Executive Meeting 5/07 Thursday 23rd August, 2007



Time/Venue: 1.00pm – 3.30pm
Board Room
WGCMA - Leongatha

Attendees:

Keith Hamilton (Chair), Chris Barry (Executive Officer) Debbie Saliba (Baw Baw Shire Council), Paul Smith (Bass Coast Shire Council), Peter Quigley (Latrobe City), Mike Timpano (DSE), Elizabeth Radcliffe (EPA), Duncan Malcolm (Gippsland Coastal Board), Angus Hume (DPI), Sam Adeloju (GRCG, Monash University), Tony Staley (Gippsland Water), Kate Morton (AAV) and Geoff Hocking (WGCMA).

Apologies: Michael Edgar (Latrobe City), Martin Kent (Southern Rural Water), Neville Penrose (DSE), Chris Rose (Parks Victoria), Graeme Dear (EGCMA), Steve Dickson (Wellington Shire Council), Steve Kozlowski (East Gippsland Shire Council) & John Mitchell (Gippsland Water)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Keith Hamilton opened the meeting welcomed all attendees and introduced Kate Morton (Regional Manager, Gippsland for Aboriginal Affairs Victoria) who will now be joining the GINRF Executive.

2. Actions from last meeting

The meeting discussed the Action items attached to the agenda (See attached Action List).

3. Presentation - Cultural Heritage Act (Kate Morton, Regional Manager AAV Victoria)

Kate provided members with details, roles and responsibilities of the Cultural Heritage Act.

Following Kate's presentation, members discussed how GINRF could add value to the relationships associated with indigenous matters. It was agreed to explore the following actions from DSE's Gippsland Action Plan 2007 - 08:

- Encourage a peer network of relevant staff in NRM agencies
- Encourage a representative network of Indigenous groups to engage with NRM agencies

ACTION: Mike Timpano, Kate Morton & Chris Barry to investigate what is required to achieve these actions.

4. Presentation - Gippsland Lakes EPA Water Quality Monitoring (Andy Stephens - Marine Projects Officer – EPA)

Andy presented the results from recent water quality sampling from the Gippsland Lakes and discussed the likely impacts of the recent fires/flood events on water quality and algal blooms.

5. Presentation – Narracan Catchment Plan (Gillian Busch - Water Quality and Governance, Gippsland Water & Jo Caminiti - Senior Partnerships Development Coordinator, WGCMA)

Jillian and Jo outlined the process for preparation of the catchment plan and then raised a number of resultant issues associated with implementation of the Plan. The Executive agreed that identifying the costs of activities outlined in the Plan and the related benefits would assist further discussions on determining priorities and responsibilities.

Action: WGCMA (Geoff Hocking), Gippsland Water (Tony Staley) and DSE (Mike Timpano) will identify costs (\$) and benefits of the Narracan Catchment Plan.

6. Key Strategic Issues/Events

ISSUE/EVENT	STATUS
Water Week	Common advertising message to be investigated ACTION: Chris Barry
Small town sewerage	Tyers township scheduled for sewerage. Status report to be prepared for next meeting. ACTION: Mike Timpano
LV2100	Report submitted to State Govt. - awaiting response
Gippsland Energy Response	Angus Hume advised the Minister was scheduled to announce near-zero emissions from Latrobe Valley power stations.

7. Other Business

8. Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be:

10.00am – 12.30am Thursday 11th October in Bairnsdale

Future Meeting dates 2007

GINRF Executive: All meetings Thursday 10am – 12.30pm unless otherwise stated	Other meetings:
11 th October - Bairnsdale 29th November - Traralgon	RMF meeting dates (for information): 30 & 31 August 2007 22 November 2007

Action List Summary

	Action	Responsible	Status
Meeting 5 Thursday 23rd August 2007			
1	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	
2	Identify costs (\$) and benefits of the Narracan Catchment Plan	Geoff Hocking, Tony Staley and Mike Timpano	
3	Investigate a common advertising message for Waterweek	Chris Barry	
4	Provide status report on Town and Country Sewerage Scheme for next Exec. Meeting	Mike Timpano	
Meeting 4 Thursday 17th May, 2007			
5	Prepare options for future Report Card processes and product.	Chris Barry	Underway
Meeting 3 Thursday 19th April, 2007			
6	Arrange presentation on status of Eastern Treatment Plant Recycling project	Chris Barry	Presentation requested
Meeting 2 Thursday 22nd March, 2007			
7	Arrange future presentations from: Baw Baw Climate Change forum Melbourne Water's Risk Management Strategy	Chris Barry	Underway
Meeting 1 Thursday 8th February, 2007			
8	Understanding the Region's Water Resources (RM2) – funding for publication.	Neville Penrose	Ongoing