

MINUTES

Executive Meeting 7/2008
Thursday 27th November 2008



Time/Venue: 10.00am – 12.30pm
(Followed by lunch @ 12.30pm)
Board Room – WGCMA
16 Hotham St. Traralgon

Present:

Keith Hamilton (Chair), Chris Barry (Executive Officer), Adam Miller (WGCMA), Angus Hume (DPI), Mike Timpano (DSE), Geoff Hocking (WGCMA), Steve Shinnars (GW), Andrew Marshall (Parks-Vic), Martin Kent (SRW) & Natasha Vassey-Ellis (GCB)

Apologies:

Duncan Malcolm (Gippsland Coastal Board), Kate Morton (AAV), Graeme Dear (EGCMA), Debbie Saliba (Baw Baw Shire Council), Steve Kozlowski (East Gippsland Shire Council), Chris Rose (Parks Victoria), Carol Jeffs (Latrobe City) Paul Smith (Bass Coast Shire Council), Steve Dickson (Wellington Shire Council), Sam Adeloju (GRCG, Monash University), Liz Radcliffe (EPA)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Keith Hamilton opened the meeting welcomed all attendees.

2. Actions from last meeting

The meeting discussed the Action items and noted their progress or completion.

3. Key Strategic Issues/Events

Due to the length of time for the presentations the following matters were noted with no further development to their status:

3.1 Gippsland Sustainable Water Strategy

It was agreed to forward a copy of the Ministerial response on GINRF's concerns on the Gippsland SWS to Daniel Mainville (DSE water Manager)

3.2 Land and Biodiversity Green Paper

It was noted the release date for the White Paper has been moved to March 2009

3.3 GINRF Funding

Letters to be sent requesting contribution from GINRF partners

3.4 Small Town and Country Sewerage Scheme

It was noted that work on Banksia Peninsular and Tambo Bluff schemes have commenced and that Gippsland Water and Latrobe City are investigating a decentralised system for Tyers

3.5 Drought Conditions and response

ENRC had visited the regions recently to inspect EC conditions

3.6 Bushfire Conditions and Response

Conditions continued to be severe and predictions are for a serious situation especially in the Dandenongs, Otways, east of Cann River and parts of the Grampians.

Other Matters

Martin Kent advised that there will be 100% of high reliability water available this season and 20% of low reliability water available.

It was noted that Chapter 8 of the Northern SWS had some relevant matters that may be applicable to the Gippsland SWS and members were encouraged to note this section.

Application for the \$2M pilot program for the Water Swap project will be closing on 18th December 2008

4. Other Business – GINRF Report Card Review

GINRF Report Card Workshop – conducted by Ethos NRM Pty Ltd

Consideration was given to:

- Assets/Icons – which ones?
- Assessment and Ratings – which method?
- Data Collection and Supply – best ways?
- Products and distribution – Changes required?
- Summary sheets were distributed and members were requested to return them when completed.

5. Next Meeting

A schedule for GINRF meetings for 2009 will be distributed early in 2009.

Action List Summary

	Action	Responsible	Status
Meeting 7 Thursday 17th November 2008			
1	Forward a copy of the Ministerial response on GINRF's concerns on the Gippsland SWS to Daniel Mainville (DSE water Manager)	C. Barry	
2	GINRF members to note Chapter 8 of the Northern SWS	GINRF members	
3	GINRF members to complete and return GINRF Report Card Review summary sheet	GINRF members	
Outstanding actions			
4	Discuss opportunities with Marjorie Thorpe for Indigenous Forum.	C. Barry	Incomplete See Action 8
5	Request contribution for GINRF operating budget from Executive membership	C. Barry	Incomplete
6	Keith Hamilton to present a paper to the Regional Managers Forum raising the options of having a Report Card for social and economic health and stewardship for Gippsland.	Chair and EO	Incomplete
7	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	To be followed up with Marjorie Thorpe.

Future Meeting dates 2009

GINRF Executive:

All meetings Thursday 10am – 12.30pm unless otherwise stated

Final Dates to be confirmed in New Year