

MINUTES

Executive Meeting 5/2008 Thursday 4th September 2008



Time/Venue: 10.00am – 12.30pm
(Followed by lunch @ 12.30pm)
Meeting Room 1
Bass Coast Shire Council,
76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi

Present:

Keith Hamilton (Chair), Chris Barry (Executive Officer), Steve Dickson (Wellington Shire Council), Sam Adeloju (GRCG, Monash University), Liz Radcliffe (EPA), Meagan Dennet (East Gippsland Shire Council), Rocky Marco (Parks Vic.), Martin Fuller (WGCMA), Ruth McGowan (DPI), Hannah Duncan-Jones & Paul Smith (Bass Coast Shire Council), Doug Crawford & Austin Brown (DPI)

Apologies:

Duncan Malcolm (Gippsland Coastal Board), Kate Morton (AAV), Martin Kent (Southern Rural Water), Graeme Dear (EGCMA), Mike Timpano (DSE), Debbie Saliba (Baw Baw Shire Council), Geoff Hocking (WGCMA), Angus Hume (DPI), Steve Kozlowski (East Gippsland Shire Council), David Mawer (Gippsland Water), Chris Rose (Parks Victoria), Carol Jeffs (Latrobe City)

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. Presentations

3.1 Coastal Acid Sulphate Soils (CASS)– An Overview, Chris Barry

Chris provided an overview of CASS including :

- their development
- likely locations
- potential impacts
- management options

3.2 CASS – a Gippsland Perspective, Doug Crawford and Austin Brown

Doug and Peter provided a Gippsland perspective and discussed likely sites where CASS may be present (based on a drilling program, maps and geomorphological iteration) its likely impacts at the regional scale and potential management options.

The recently released draft Victorian CASS Strategy was also discussed and members encouraged to provide comments.

3.3 Environmental Sustainability Plan, Paul Smith

Paul presented an update on the Bass Coast Shire's Environmental Sustainability Plan and explained its development and applicability to the the unique circumstances of Bass Coast.

3.4 Urban Strategies and Frameworks. Hannah Duncan-Jones

Hannah outlined the development and outcomes form the Bass Coast Shire's Urban Strategy Framework.

4. 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:

- 4.1 Gippsland Sustainable Water Strategy
- 4.2 Land and Biodiversity Green Paper
- 4.3 GINRF Funding
- 4.4 Small Town and Country Sewerage Scheme
- 4.5 Drought Conditions and response
- 4.6 Bushfire Conditions and Response
- 4.7 Narracan Catchment Plan

5. Other Business

5.1 Wonthaggi Desalination Site Inspection

Members inspected the Wonthaggi desalination plant site and noted the site location and discussed a range of issues with Max Anderson, Site Manager.

6. Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the meeting will be held on 27th November - Traralgon

Action List Summary

	Action	Responsible	Status
Meeting 3 Thursday 17th April 2008			
1	Discuss opportunities with Marjorie Thorpe for Indigenous Forum.	C. Barry	Incomplete See Action 8
Meeting 4 Thursday 22nd May 2008			
3	Request contribution for GINRF operating budget from Executive membership	C. Barry	Incomplete
Meeting 5 Thursday 29th July 2008			
	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
Outstanding/Ongoing Actions			
8	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 2007

GINRF Executive:

All meetings Thursday 10am – 12.30pm unless otherwise stated

27th November - Traralgon