

# MINUTES

## Executive Meeting 4/07 Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2007



**Time/Venue:** 10.00am – 12.30p.m.  
Board Room  
Warragul Arts Centre  
Warragul

### **Attendees:**

Keith Hamilton (Chair), Neville Penrose (DSE,), Angus Hume (DPI), John Mitchell (GW), Geoff Hocking (WGCMA), Kate Nelson (East Gippsland Shire) & Chris Barry (Exec Support)

### **Apologies:**

Duncan Malcolm (Gippsland Coastal Board), Elizabeth Radcliffe (EPA), Sam Adeloju (Monash University), Martin Kent (SRW), Graeme Dear (EGCMA), Steve Kozlowski (East Gippsland Shire Council) and Chris Rose (PV).

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Keith Hamilton opened the meeting welcomed all attendees.

### **2. Actions from last meeting**

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

### **3. Report Card**

#### **Review of Report Card**

The meeting reviewed the preparation of the Report Card for 2007-07 and agreed the following:

- Further work needs to be done to ensure the framework for determining the condition and stewardship ratings can be populated with real rather than 'assumed'
- A single manager capable of providing evidence of change for each asset should be sort.

### **4. Eastern Treatment Plant Recycling Project Status**

The proposed presentation on the Eastern Treatment Plant Recycling Project Status was delayed pending advice of an important announcement regarding a range of large scale water augmentation options.

## 5. Regional Reports

| PROJECT                          | STATUS   |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Climate Change Impacts           | Gippsland Greenhouse Alliance has been formed with a strategic and an operational component. Funding for executive support will be sought. |
| RM2 – Regional Water Allocation  | David Willington is finalising background papers prior to circulation  |
| Narracan Creek Catchment Project | Presentation to be made at next GINRF meeting  |
| East Gippsland Common Messages   | G. Dear to report at next meeting  |

## 6. Key Strategic Issues/Events

| ISSUE/EVENT   | STATUS   |
|---|--|
| Gippsland Sustainable Water Strategy                                    | Under consideration – no timelines available at present  |
| Small town sewerage   | Ongoing -Neville Penrose to provide updates as available |
| MID 30 year infrastructure plan   | Discussion Paper currently being circulated for comment  |
| Gippsland Energy Policy   |  |
| Peak Oil – increasing fuel prices                                       | WGCMA – watching brief                                   |
| Gippsland Regional Development Strategy                                 | Launched at Regional Managers Forum                      |
| Indigenous Cultural Heritage legislation and institutional arrangements | Presentation to be made at next GINRF meeting            |
| Land and Biodiversity Green Paper                                       | Ongoing discussions                                      |

## 7. Other Business

### 8. Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be:

10.00am – 12.30am Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2007 in Sale

## Future Meeting dates 2007

| GINRF Executive:<br>All meetings Thursday 10am – 12.30pm<br>unless otherwise stated   | Other meetings:  |
|---|--|
| 19 <sup>th</sup> July – Sale<br>30 <sup>th</sup> August – Leongatha<br>11 <sup>th</sup> October - Bairnsdale<br>29 <sup>th</sup> November - Traralgon | GINRF regional conference and report card launch<br>– Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2007<br><br>RMF meeting dates (for information):<br>31 May 2007<br>30 August 2007<br>22 November 2007 |

## Action List Summary

| <b>Meeting 4 Thursday 17th May, 2007</b>                |  |                    |   |
|---|--|--------------------|---|
| 1   | <i>Prepare options for future Report Card processes and product.</i>   | Chris Barry        | Underway  |
| <b>Meeting 3 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2007</b>   |  |                    |   |
|   | <b>Action</b>  | <b>Responsible</b> | <b>Status</b>   |
| 2   | <i>GNIRF will review the number of assets and the process for preparing the Report Card.</i>                     | GINRF              | Discussed at May meeting                              |
| 3   | Arrange presentation on status of Eastern Treatment Plant Recycling project                                      | Chris Barry        | Presentation requested                                |
| 4   | Arrange presentation on the new Aboriginal Heritage Legislation for GNIRF executive members                      | Chris Barry        | Presentation to be made at August GINRF meeting       |
| <b>Meeting 2 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2007</b>   |  |                    |   |
| 5   | Arrange future presentations from:<br>Baw Baw Climate Change forum<br>Melbourne Water's Risk Management Strategy | Chris Barry        | Underway  |
| <b>Meeting 1 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2007</b> |  |                    |   |
| 6   | Understanding the Region's Water Resources (RM2) – funding for publication.                                      | Neville Penrose    | Ongoing   |
| 7   | Gippsland Cultural Heritage Unit nominee for GINRF   | Chris Barry        | Kate Morton appointed and invited to join GINRF Exec. |
| <b>Meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2006</b>    |  |                    |   |
| 10  | Update on Managing Our Catchments – Narracan Creek Pilot Project   | Carol Jeffs        | Scheduled for August 07 meeting                       |