

MINUTES

Executive Meeting 3/08
Thursday 17th April 2008



Time/Venue: 10.00am - 12.30p.m
Lunch to follow
Board Room – WGCMA
16 Hotham St
Traralgon

Attendees: Keith Hamilton (Chair), Chris Barry (Executive Officer), Megan Dennet (East Gippsland SC), Raj Manihar (Baw Baw SC), Phil Harris (Latrobe City), Duncan Malcolm (Gippsland Coastal Board), David Mawer (Gippsland Water), Elizabeth Radcliffe (EPA), Neville Penrose (DSE), Frank Donohue & Adam Miller (WGCMA), Sam Adeloju (GRCG, Monash University) and Helen Dixon (Parks Vic).

Apologies: Geoff Hocking (WGCMA), Angus Hume (DPI), Michael Edgar (Latrobe City), Steve Kozlowski (East Gippsland Shire Council), Debbie Saliba (Baw Baw Shire Council), Paul Smith (Bass Coast Shire Council), Steve Dickson (Wellington Shire Council), Kate Morton (AAV), Chris Rose (Parks Victoria), Martin Kent (Southern Rural Water) and Graeme Dear (EGCMA),

1. Welcome and Introductions

Keith Hamilton opened the meeting welcomed all attendees including new members and alternative representatives.

2. Actions from last meeting

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

3. Presentation – Gippsland Desalination Plant - Rod McLellan, Major Projects, DSE

Rod outlined the rationale for the project, the scale and scope of the project and the timetable for intended progress.

4. Key Strategic Issues/Events

Gippsland Natural Resources Report Card

A 'mock-up' of the 2008 Report Card was circulated and it was agreed that the 'theme' for 2008 will be the major flood event.

It was agreed that the launch will be held in Stratford and that Fiona Williams would be invited to launch the 2008 Report Card.

Action: C. Barry & A. Miller

Gippsland Sustainable Water Strategy

The paper prepared by the East & West Gippsland CMA outlining the proposed process for the development of the Gippsland Sustainable Water Strategy was discussed.

It was agreed to advise the Minister for Water of the risks to community engagement, participation and ownership if there was no discussion paper, timelines were truncated and the entire Latrobe/Thomson/Macalister systems were not taken into account.

Action: GINRF Chair

Land and Biodiversity at a Time of Climate Change – Green Paper

It was agreed GINRF would hold a regional workshop to develop a GINRF response to the Green paper. The opportunity to link with DSE's proposed community forums was also discussed.

Action: C. Barry

Victorian Coastal Strategy

Duncan Malcolm advised that submission had closed and there had been over 170 submissions received which the Victorian Coastal Coouncil will now consider.

DSE Restructure

Neville Penrose outlined the basics of the intended restructure of DSE.

5. Other Business

It was noted that Marjorie Thorpe (DSE Indigenous facilitator) had advised there was considerable interest in developing an indigenous forum under GINRF.

It was agreed that Chris Barry would discuss opportunities with Marjorie and report back to GINRF.

Action: C. Barry

6. Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the meeting will be held on 22nd May 2008 in Leongatha and that the August meeting will be moved to Thursday 28th August 2008

Action List Summary

	Action	Responsible	Status
Meeting 3 Thursday 17th April 2008			
1	For GINRF Report Card, arrange: - finalisation of Report Card - launch at Stratford; - Speaker (Fiona Williams) - invitations - media coverage	C. Barry & A. Miller	Completed
2	Advise Minister for Water of risks in proposed process for Gippsland SWS	Chair	Completed
3	Arrange facilitated regional workshop for preparation of GINRF response to Land 7 biodiversity green Paper	C. Barry	Completed
4	Discuss opportunities with Marjorie Thorpe for Indigenous Forum.	C. Barry	See Item 8
Outstanding/Ongoing Actions			
5	Prepare a summary of indigenous programs occurring in NRM agencies/organisations across Gippsland	C. Barry	Incomplete
6	Provide regular report on Drought conditions	Angus Hume	Meeting report
7	Provide regular report on bushfire conditions	Neville Penrose	Meeting report
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.
9	Identify costs (\$) and benefits of the Narracan Catchment Plan	Geoff Hocking, Tony Staley and Mike Timpano	Update report to be made at next meeting

Future Meeting dates 2007

GINRF Executive: All meetings Thursday 10am – 12.30pm unless otherwise stated	Other meetings:
22 nd May - Leongatha 24 th July – Warragul 28 th August – Wonthaggi 16 th October - Bairnsdale 27 th November - Traralgon	RMF meeting dates (for information): TBC