

Minutes

Executive Meeting 3/05
Tuesday 24th May, 2005



Time/Venue: 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Government Offices
Calvert Street, Bairnsdale

Attendees : Duncan Malcolm (Gippsland Coastal Board), Geoff Hocking (WGCMA), Tony Edgar (DSE), Angus Hume (DPI), Graeme Dear (EGCMA)

Apologies : Paul Buckley (GLGN), Mick Harding (Gippsland Cultural Heritage Unit) Barry Hart (Chair), John Mitchell (Gippsland Water)

1. Business Arising from Executive meeting 2/05

1.1 GINRF structure, roles and membership

? Mick Harding Replacement – pending discussion about GINRF structure
Healthy State Document

Regional managers State Govt departments plus local govt – Chaired by Departmental Secretary
Gipps Inter Agency Network

Could be confusion about groups, roles, membership etc.

Target directors responsible for NRM? Councillors?

Various types of opportunities for local govt to engage with other agencies – communicate the whole range of opportunities.

Invite council reps and leave remaining executive as is for next 6 months.

Action: Offer CEO or Councillor by letter, with follow up phone calls – by next meeting (to invite to August meeting?) – plan event – orientation meeting/ networking opportunity - Gus paying for boat trip.

Action: Co-opt EPA regional manager

1.2 Indigenous Cultural Heritage

WGCMA strategy – CJ has worked with John Durrant to flesh out opportunities. Will be talking with GIAN indigenous group.

Seek understanding of who communities are, the communication channels, who to talk to - priority

2. Report Card

Carol Jeffs

For: Information and Discussion

Purpose: Presentation of the 2005 Report Card and Launch arrangements. Discussion of 2006 Report Card process budget, steering, MERGe, development process

3. Regional project reports

3.1 National Carbon Accounting System

Include East Gippsland in Veg trial
Investigate soil carbon

3.2 Sustainability Covenant Link with Sustainability Accord

3.3 Project MERGe

Ensure that monitoring costings are included in

3.4 Climate Change Impacts

3.5 Gippsland Research Co-ordination Group

3.6 Coastal Catchments Initiative – Gippsland Lakes

4. Program for regional meetings/events

For: Discussion

Purpose: To discuss events for 2005: topics, event types, purpose, key audience. Agree on proposed conference topic, timing and location.

Indigenous Liaison

Coastal Spaces Project

Report Card

Energy – wind, coal

Fire – good or bad

Water recycling – ETP

Ocean outfall

Where we put the next sewerage scheme - submission

Wetlands

Debate – with several topics

Community court – work with school children

Next RG meeting – getting water people together re: National Water week and Conference

Conference – Water Theme – national water week

Action: Program for next meeting for conference and other meetings

5. Other Business

GINRF budget – NHT through East Gippsland \$30K and West Gippsland (in overhead) \$50K

6. Meeting/event dates 2005

Executive:	Reference Group:
21 June 2 August 5 September 14 October 29 November	18 March 12 July 16 September 7 November