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Since the last newsletter in March, we've held our second AGM, and undertaken actions under the following headings:

- statutory planning
- Submissions

letters.

Statutory Planning Activities – Update

- Sheep dairy near Inverleigh: Proposal for a large undercover sheep dairy south of Inverleigh was rejected by the Surf Coast Shire Council. Deadline for appeal by the proponents to VCAT has passed. No other information.
- Proposal to Golden Plains Shire Council for a 5000 head free-range poultry farm on Dears Lane, Stonehaven, has been withdrawn.
- Proposal for a motocross circuit on the river floodplain at Fyansford has been called in by the City of Greater Geelong Council. FOTB have been asked to meet with the local community. Proposal for a subdivision off Pollocksford Road, Gnarwarre, has been withdrawn.

Submissions

Central and Gippsland Sustainable Water Strategy - [link](#) here to submission.
Draft regulations on Camping on Crown Land Watercourse Frontages in Victoria - [link](#) here to submission.

Letters

- Acting Minister for Water and Planning, Richard Wynn, in regard to the budgetary implications of proposed regulations re camping on crown land watercourse frontages. Mr John Bradley, Secretary, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) lamenting the short timeline for preliminary submissions to the Central and Gippsland Sustainable Water Strategy.

Membership

Currently, financial members total 86, and the mailing list is 200. Membership fees are \$10 per person, \$20 per family. New members are most welcome: follow this [link](#) to our membership page.

Indigenous representation on our committee is still being sought, but so far, unsuccessfully.

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AGM

- Our second AGM was held on Wednesday 28 April at the Inverleigh Bowling Club.
 - 42 people attended, and appointed a new committee (see below).
- A summary of Chair Kaye Rodden's report can be found [here](#), and a note on the address about groundwater in the Barwon system by Associate Professor Peter Dahlhaus [here](#).

Committee

Dr Kaye Rodden (chair), Sarah Brien (deputy chair), Trevor Hodson (treasurer), Lach Gordon (fund-raising), Dr Peter Greig (secretary), Dr Hugh Stewart, Gill Gartlan, Cara Johnson, Stewart Mathison, Tim Trottier, and Phil Bade.

Attachments

Chair's report to AGM link [here](#)

Note on Peter Dahlhaus's address to AGM – link [here](#)

Preliminary submission to Central and Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy. – link [here](#)
Submission on regulations for camping on crown land watercourse frontages in Victoria. - link [here](#)

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