



Our Condamine Catchment Community with the
Capacity to achieve a Sustainable Future.



CCMA & Catchment Management Landcare Group Function

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Presentation

- History
- CCMA who we are
- CCMA's Objectives
- CCMA's Group Health
- CCMA's Planning/Actions
- 2010/2011



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History

- 1986 Victoria Government registered LandCare
- 1989 NFF and ACF joined forces to request Federal Govt fund LandCare
- 1990 Start of Decade of Landcare
- 1991 Introduction of QLD Integrated Catchment Management
- 1992 CCMA born**
- 1996 CCMA became Incorporated
- 2002 Regional Bodies Introduced
- 2010 Qld Celebrating 21 Years in Landcare
- 2010 CCMA Celebrating 19 Years**



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Why engage the community?

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- Empower and motivate the community to take charge of the health of their natural resources
- To sustain and enhance the social capital built up through past initiatives
- For sustainability ... *governments come and go, regional bodies will come and go, but the community will always be there....*





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Integrated Catchment Management

At the state level the Queensland government developed the Integrated Catchment Management Strategy in 1991.

The principles behind the strategy are:

- Land and water resources are basic and interactive components of natural ecosystems.
- Management of land and water resources should be based on river catchments as geographic units which account for the interactions between these resources.
- River catchments are continuously changing in response to natural processes.
- Management of land and water resources must be coordinated.
- Land and water resource management decisions must be based on the best available information.
- In a democratic society sound land and water management is best achieved through the informed action of the individual users and managers of these resources.
- A balance between economic development and conservation of land and water resources must be maintained.



Where we are.....

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CCMA's Objectives put into ACTION

1. *To collect and distribute NRM information relevant to the Condamine Catchment.*

- Website (2010 Upgrade)



- Group's Networks through membership
- Newsletter – 'Catch Up with the Condamine'



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Objective #2

2. *To act as a catalyst for community/government/industry interaction and cooperation on issues.*

2005 Coal Seam Gas Workshop
Dalby Ag College





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9.30 – 9.45	<p><u>Welcome</u> <i>Mary-Lou Gittins, CCMA Chair, Facilitator</i> <i>Official Opening – Ray Hopper MP, Member for Darling Downs</i></p>
9.45 – 10.10	<p><u>Industry Development</u> <i>Richard Cottee, Managing Director, Queensland Gas Co.</i> Arrow Energy – Geoff Hines, Market Development Manager and Ralph Gunness, Land & Environment Manager Origin Energy – Martin Riley, Manager Queensland Producing Assets and Owen Hobbs, Queensland Operations Manager</p>
10.10 – 10.35	<p><u>Policy & Regulation Framework</u> <i>Peter Green, Manager Exploration Mining & Petroleum Strategies, Bureau of Mining & Petroleum</i> <i>Judith Jensen, Principal Policy Officer, Water Reform, Department of Natural Resources & Mines</i></p>
10.35 – 11.00	<p><u>Social and Economic Environment</u> <i>Cr Bill McCutcheon – Mayor, Chinchilla Shire Council</i> Chinchilla Shire Council – Cr Glenys Gaske & Cr Sue Lewis Dalby Shire Council – Terry Fagg & Leigh Cook, Water & Sewerage Murilla Shire Council – Cr Simon Drury & Cr Pam Stallman Wambo Shire Council – Cr Mick Cosgrove, Mayor & Cr Doug Browne Millmerran Shire Council – Cr Paul Antonio, Mayor</p>
11.00 – 11.25	<p><u>Research</u> <i>Prof. Chris Moran – Centre for Water in the Minerals Industry, University of Queensland</i></p>





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Key Findings

- Coal Seam Gas will develop in the Condamine catchment and has the potential for positive and negative, environmental, economic and social impacts in the catchment.
- The majority of stakeholders in the catchment are unaware of the impacts of coal seam gas.
- Minerals and energy development in the Condamine catchment is occurring at a more rapid rate than we estimated and there is serious lack of publicly available research and /or information on the benefits and issues associated with coal seam gas development in the catchment.

Questions such as

- How saline the water is (including the particular salts)
- Who regulates the development and environmental impacts from the industry?
- How exploration and development affect groundwater?
- The risk from not readily available information to the wider community is that uninformed decisions may be made that either reduce the development of a sustainable industry and/or result in environmental and social impacts.



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09 Green Day Out – NRM Community Grant

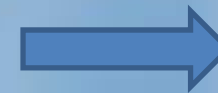
- Partnerships: University of Southern Queensland, Gatton University Queensland, Toowoomba Regional Council, Condamine Alliance, HOPE Inc, North Eastern Downs Landcare Group. Toowoomba Landcare Group, Queensland Murray Darling Committee Education Unit, Queensland Museum, Condamine Catchment Management Assoc, Cambooya Landcare, Bushcare Toowoomba, Schools.
- Education: Tree planting, garden and rural weeds, art, gardening information and Youth regarding Climate Change.





Objective #3

3. To be a representative body in dealing with natural resource management issues in the Condamine Catchment.



Project Applications & Events



Membership On Other Bodies

- CCMA representative on Darling Downs Regional Landcare
- CCMA Natural member on Condamine Alliance Board
- CCMA Director on Condamine Alliance
- Members Networks



Membership On CCMA

- Landcare
- QWaLC
- DEEDI
- DERM
- Science
- Youth
- Farmers
- Urban
- University
- Consultants
- Environment

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Blue Print For The Bush Project:
**Building NRM Volunteer
Bridges in the Darling Downs
Region**

Objective #4

Commonwealth
Community Action Grant:
**Improving Sustainable
Farming Practices in the
Condamine Catchment**



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- 4. To promote and coordinate community engagement activities that builds capacity and improves the management of natural resources in the Condamine catchment*



Group Health

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- Once a Year 'Grease and Oil change
- Operation Manual (Governance Document)
- Acknowledgement of members yearly participation – Certificates of Appreciation
 - Professional Development (1 per year)
- AGM Dinner with Guest Speaker

(Open to public)



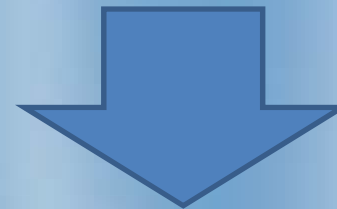


Planning leads to ACTION

Business Plan



Develop Yearly Action Plan



AGM Report

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Business Plan

Reviewed each year

- *Goal 1: Uphold strong group*
- *Goal 2: Keep doing NRM business in the region*
- *Goal 3: Develop high public profile*
- *Goal 4: Involve stake holder groups*
- *Goal 5: Review and Action - key issues*





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Develop Yearly Action Plan

- Plan Focus of each meeting
- Yearly Community Event
- Project Implementation and Submissions
- Develop and Maintain Partnerships
- Monitor and Report on group and member activities at each meeting





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AGM Report

- Report on Accomplishment for the year
- Use this report to inform others of successes
- Celebrate successes
- Highlight planned activities for coming year





2010/2011

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Goal 1: Uphold strong group

Action	Date	Whom	Outcome
Review Procedure Document	March Meeting 11	Members	
Renew CCMA Pamphlet	18/09	MLG DH	

Goal 2: Keep doing NRM business in the region

Action	Date	Whom	Outcome
Survey Community re issues	December 10	Members	
Update contact data base	2011	Secretary	

Goal 3: Develop high public profile

Action	Date	Whom	Outcome
Update Logo	December 10	OR	
CCMA member Website Training	December 10	Members	

Goal 4: Involve stake holder groups

Action	Date	Whom	Outcome
Exchange of knowledge through events	2010 Water Forum	Members	
Maintain members	2010/2011	Management Group	

Goal 5: Review and Action - key issues

Action	Date	Whom	Outcome
NED presentation on sub-catchment planning	March 2010	GB	
CA presentation on NRM Plan	December 2010	OR	



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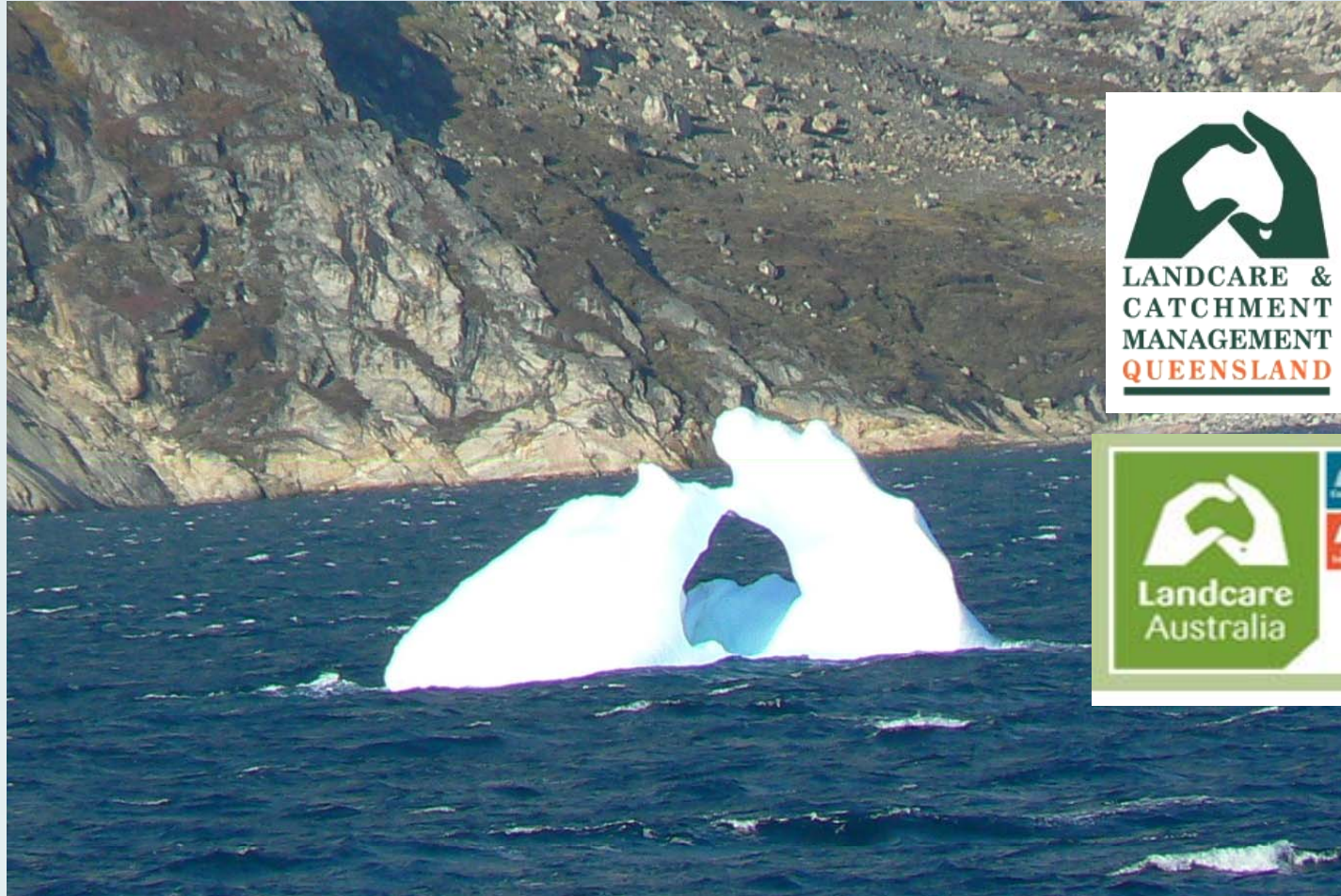
Lobbying Advice by Jock Douglas

If it's just to get the dough – do not bother, best not to go.
This is not a revolution – you're providing a solution.
Show that you are not alone – develop your support at home.
You must make sure to well versed – with all your homework done well first.
Your story really must be “said” – so have it all there, in your head.
Governance has lots of bits – you should know where you concept fits.
Do your departmental grounding – support from there can be astounding.
You've done the lead up, now the meeting – it's confidence after warmly greeting.
After the Minister meeting has ended – the follow up must be attended.
And finally with the battle won – the whole team celebrate, has fun.



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