

# COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

47<sup>TH</sup> MEETING – 26 JUNE 2008

## ATTENDANCE

### APVMA

Dr Simon Cubit	Manager Public Affairs
Dr David Loschke	Principal Scientist
Dr Raj Bhula	Manager Pesticides
Mrs Elvira Currie (part)	Senior Reviewer AERP
Dr Les Davies (part)	Chemical Review

### MEMBERS

Dr Heather Yeatman (Chair)	Australian Consumers Association / Public Health Association of Australia
Mr Joe Elbustani	Greenhouse Vegetables Association, NSW Farmers Association
Ms Julie Northridge	National Audit & Registration Agency
Mr Neville Prowse-Brown	Australian Landscape Trust, East Gippsland Landcare Network, Victorian Farmers Federation East Gippsland District Council, Monash School of Rural Health, East Gippsland Organic Association, Redgum Conservation Management Network

### APOLOGIES

Mr John Temperley	Farmsafe Australia Inc
Mr Peter Cone	Cotton Australia, National Farmers Federation

## 1. INTRODUCTION

### Item 1.1 Welcome and Adoption of Agenda

1. The Chair opened CCC 47 and welcomed members and APVMA staff.
2. CCC ADOPTED the agenda and agreed to the new format.

### Item 1.2 Minutes & resolutions of CCC 46

1. CCC ACCEPTED the report of CCC 46, with a minor amendment to the John Temperley summary – 1 (b), as an accurate record of the meeting. Once this is completed, the report will be listed in the CCC section of the APVMA website.

### Item 1.3 Actions from previous meetings

1. CCC NOTED the actions arising from CCC 46 as completed.

### Item 1.4 CCC correspondence register

1. CCC discussed the current format of the correspondence register to see how it can be more effective for the committee.
2. Members agreed to the reformatting of the current correspondence register to only provide new items from the previous meeting, with historical items only being continued if there is a current item of correspondence relating to it. All previous correspondence registers are to be archived by APVMA.
3. Members stated the following items should be identified in the correspondence register;
  - a. Correspondence that is of a community concern.
  - b. Comments or feedback directly involving the CCC.
4. Members felt the ‘grey areas’ in relation to the CCC or any ‘heated’ questions or queries to the APVMA, will be identified in the program managers’ reports.

ACTION	Secretariat is to reformat the correspondence register for CCC 48 and archive the previous correspondence register.
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## 2. MEMBERS MATTERS

### Item 2.1 Members Reports

#### Julie Northridge

1. CCC NOTED and thanked Julie for her written members report summarising her activities since CCC 46.
2. Julie also raised the question of APVMA’s responsibility of training.

- a. APVMA stated that we are periodically involved in the ‘national’ training package and are in contact with training groups to see that training methods are met.
- b. APVMA does not have staff in a dedicated training role, although APVMA does work closely with the National Skills Council.
- c. All states have an interest in chemical training and they are responsible for their own control of use function.

### **Neville Prowse-Brown**

1. CCC NOTED and thanked Neville for his written members report summarising his activities since CCC 46.
  - a. Neville stated the Latrobe Hospital meeting to be held on 25 June 2008 was postponed till 2 July 2008.
2. Neville reinforced the positive comments that were provided from the presentation that Dr David Loschke provided at the Chemcert (Vic) Conference.

### **Joe Elbustani**

1. Joe mentioned the good work with minor use and recognises the effort from APVMA on issuing the permits.
2. Joe requested that the Minor Use Manager keep him up to date with what is happening in minor use, as the growers’ community find it very hard to get the information on registration and permits.

### **Item 2.2 Labelling Committee**

1. There has been no action on the labelling committee for some time. Members would like to re-visit the last action on the labelling committee. They realise there are some continuing issues with labelling, these being;
  - a. Clarification of some labelling issues:
    - i. Language needs to be easier to understand
    - ii. Labels are very difficult and time consuming to read

ACTION	APVMA to enquire on the last action on the labelling committee and provide an update at CCC 48 with a view to re-commence the committee.
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### **Item 2.3 International Developments**

1. Since the end of terms on the CCC for Jo Immig and Liz Hanna, there hasn’t been anyone involved in international developments. This will be removed from the agenda until further notice.

### 3. WORK PROGRAM

#### Item 3.1 Emerging Issues project

1. The CCC Chair explained the emerging issues project brief was circulated to APVMA out-of-session.
2. The initial response was;
  - a. An issue with regard to the allocation of funds for CCC to commence the project, and;
  - b. Concern that it would only be a one sided view to the project.
3. After more recent discussions with APVMA, CCC will now revise the emerging issues paper and look at identifying the work that can be completed as a committee and the remaining work that will need to be completed by an external resource and thus require funding.
4. Julie Northridge will work with the CCC Chair out-of-session. A draft will be circulated out of session to CCC members and finalised at CCC 48.

<b>ACTION</b>	CCC Chair and Julie Northridge to work together out-of-session to revise the emerging issues paper and clearly identify what areas of the project will be covered by CCC at no cost and what areas need to be completed outside of CCC resources with an associated cost.
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#### Item 3.2 e-bulletin

1. CCC agreed the e-bulletin should continue in the role that it was designed for, as it was a valuable link of communication. The following applies;
  - a. The responsibility of producing the e-bulletin will be the CCC Chair and one member of the CCC.
  - b. The e-bulletin will contain easy to understand information and be user relevant.
  - c. This will be reviewed at the completion of each CCC meeting and fine-tuned out-of-session, and then distributed on the APVMA website and via the regulatory update mailing list.
2. On the bottom of the e-bulletin there will be a link to the CCC email address for anyone that wishes to raise any issues or concerns. The email address is [ccc@apmva.gov.au](mailto:ccc@apmva.gov.au)
3. CCC will also decide on a new name for the e-bulletin out-of-session.

<b>ACTION</b>	CCC to decide on e-bulletin name out-of-session. Julie Northridge to liaise with Chair re e-bulletin arising from present meeting.
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#### Item 3.3 Member communication

1. CCC agreed on the continuation of dissemination of information from CCC or ex-CCC members.

2. The CCC secretariat will send a fortnightly email consisting of this information for member distribution.

### **Item 3.4 AERP Community education**

1. Simon Cubit reported on the activities undertaken by Neville Prowse-Brown in promoting AERP in the East Gippsland area.
2. APVMA advised the AERP Ag forms have been shortened and now look similar to the Vet form. APVMA will be working on this further with the intent to encourage report submissions.
3. The CCC discussed the option of creating an A5 sized form from a tear away pad that can be provided for hospitals, smaller community users and growers for AERP reporting.
4. Neville Prowse-Brown suggested a trial be held in East Gippsland specifically to raise awareness in the medical profession. The APVMA expressed an interest in mounting a trial and will commence internal discussion regarding such a project.
5. APVMA thanked Neville Prowse-Brown for his work in displaying the banner and providing information on AERP since the last CCC meeting.

<b>ACTION</b>	APVMA to cConsider an AERP awareness trail in East Gippsland and will liaise with Neville Prowse-Brown.
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### **Item 3.5 New matters**

1. CCC raised the question of the role within the APVMA for training and education and what leadership and co-ordination in the education area is provided for by APVMA.
2. CCC would like to write to APVMA to see if there is a specific area of the APVMA that would be responsible for the role of education.

<b>ACTION</b>	CCC Chair to write to APVMA enquiring about the role of education within the APVMA.
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3. CCC asked how they could engage the APVMA of issues of community concern, what channels and themes are available?
  - a. APVMA stated it currently has a complaints register, although it is currently under review.

<b>ACTION</b>	How community can engage the regulator of issues of community concern
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## **4. APVMA REPORTS**

### **Item 4.1 Pesticides Program**

1. Members NOTED the Pesticides program report.

#### **Item 4.2 Veterinary Medicines Program**

1. Members NOTED the Veterinary Medicines program report.

#### **Item 4.3 Regulatory Strategy and Compliance Program**

1. Members NOTED the Regulatory Strategy and Compliance program report.

#### **Item 4.4 AERP Review**

1. APVMA informed CCC of the review of AERP Ag, which will highlight the AERP program awareness as a formal program.
2. A background and scoping paper has been written and APVMA are gathering communication for the AERP Ag review, looking at the registrant component.
3. The review document will be accessible on the web in the near future. Members will be notified when it is on the web via the regulatory updates.

### **5. APVMA COMMITTEE UPDATES**

#### **Item 5.1-5.3 ILC, ITC & RLC**

1. CCC NOTED copies of papers from other consultative committees provided for information:
  - a. The approved minutes of RLC 33 [September 2007] and actions from RLC 34 [March 2008]
  - b. The approved minutes of ITC 24 [February 2008] and actions from ITC 24 [February 2008]
  - c. The approved minutes of ILC 37 [November 2007] and actions from ILC 38 [April 2008]

### **6. OTHER BUSINESS/NEXT MEETING**

#### **Item 6.1 Other business/date for next meeting**

1. CCC AGREED CCC 48 would be held on Friday 19 September, as the original date of 13 August was considered too soon after CCC 47.

#### **Item 6.2 CCC Membership update**

1. CCC NOTED the update of the current CCC memberships.
2. APVMA provided the following clarification on the representation on the CCC stating:

Representation may be drawn from interests including but not limited to:

  - Consumer organisations
  - Environmental organisations
  - Public health organisations

- Farmers' organisations
  - Farm chemical training organisations
  - Rural organisations, including women's organisations
  - Local government; and
  - Unions
3. APVMA has asked members if they could assist in the process of seeking appropriate nominees to fill the vacant positions in the field of environment, local government and unions for the 2007/8 recruitment round.

<b>ACTION</b>	CCC members to seek nominees to fill the vacant positions in the field of environment, local government and unions ASAP and to forward suggestions to Simon Cubit.
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**Item 6.3 CRIS update (workshop dates)**

1. CCC NOTED the CRIS update.

The chair thanked members for their attendance and input to the meeting and closed CCC 47 at 2.45pm.