



## Media Release

### **East Gippsland Agencies Sharing Senior Staff**

East Gippsland CMA and East Gippsland Water have always worked together closely, and they are now taking it to a new level through a program to share senior staff.

Brett Millington has recently been appointed as Acting CEO of the East Gippsland CMA for 6 months whilst Graeme Dear is working on several projects for the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning (DELWP).

Chairman of the East Gippsland CMA, Dr Peter Veenker, said: “The East Gippsland agencies have an objective to create a shared working environment to help develop the management skills of our staff. Brett acting in Graeme’s role for an extended period will give him an opportunity to experience a senior position in another organisation.”

Graeme Dear is working on some CMA related projects for DELWP during this period: “I will be working with DELWP for 12 months before returning, which will allow the board to give two senior managers a go at the CEO role.”

East Gippsland Water Chairman, Joe Rettino, said: ”While Brett is on secondment, East Gippsland Water can also offer other staff a chance to take on higher duties and gain valuable developmental experience.”

The initiative is part of a broader East Gippsland agencies’ priority to increase professional development opportunities for people working in our region. The chairman of both organisations agree that the creation of a dynamic working environment that shares skills and expertise is an ideal way to improve services to the community of East Gippsland.

Summing up, Brett said: “East Gippsland is a great place to live and professionally I am seeking an enjoyable and challenging working life. These types of initiatives allow both myself and my staff to gain valuable experience in a senior role while staying in the region of Victoria we love.”



Pictured from left: Brett Millington, Dr Peter Venkeer, Bruce Hammond, Joe Rettino, Graeme Dear

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