

New appointments at East Gippsland CMA

Two new appointments have been made at the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority.

Bill Bulmer has been appointed as the new deputy chair of the board and Craig Parker as acting chief executive officer for six months.

Mr Bulmer has farmed in Lindenow all of his working life, transforming a small 30-hectare dairy farm in the 1970s into the 500-hectare intensive vegetable growing operation that Bulmer Farms is today.

He is well known throughout the local community and has been an active member of many federal, state and local government forums over the years.

Mr Bulmer is an active member of the vegetable industry and the local community, currently serving on the Vegetable Growers Association of Victoria Executive Committee, AUSVEG board, Victorian Farmers Federation Horticulture Committee, Mitchell River Catchment Agricultural Business Association (chair) and Lindenow Irrigators Advisory Committee (chair).

Board chair, Dr Peter Veenker, said he was excited

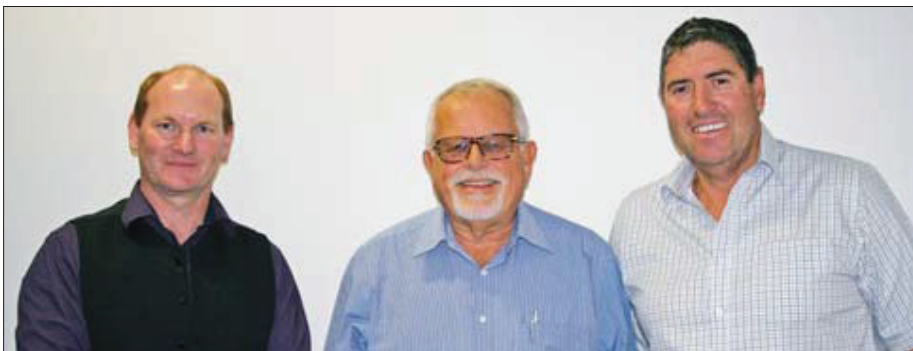
to welcome Mr Bulmer to the position and believes his wealth of experience makes him a valuable asset.

"Bill's broad range of skills and insights developed from being a leader in the vegetable industry through to his community work and other board and forum appointments will see him continue to be a valuable contributor to Board discussions and decision making," Dr Veenker said.

Craig Parker's appointment as acting chief executive officer sees the continuation of an East Gippsland agencies skills share project aimed at increasing professional development opportunities and further develop and foster management skills in the region.

Employed by Southern Rural Water since 2000, Mr Parker is currently general manager groundwater and rivers. Living in Gippsland for this time, Mr Parker has become quite familiar with water matters in East and West Gippsland.

"The board is excited to have Craig on board. I'm sure both Craig and the authority will benefit from Craig's time as acting CEO. We are pleased to be working closely with



Craig Parker will be the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority acting chief executive officer for the next six months, welcomed to the position by board chairman Peter Veenker and deputy chairman Bill Bulmer, the latter also a new appointment. (PS)

Southern Rural Water through this important initiative," Dr Veenker said.

The initiative, which has seen East Gippsland Water's Brett Millington in the acting CEO position for the past six months, has allowed current authority CEO, Graeme Dear, the opportunity to spend time working on various projects with the Department of Environment, Land and Water (DELWP).