

H11 H12 CATCHMENT NEWS

for the Fiery and Salt Creeks and Lake Bolac Catchment

The focus for H11 H12 for 2008 is the preparation of an **Integrated Catchment Management Plan** (ICMP.) for the Fiery and Salt Creeks and Lake Bolac Catchment.

The slogan for the group's prospectus is: **Towards an Integrated Catchment Management Plan**

E.B.M.P. courses are now available to landholders and these when completed by individuals may contribute well towards the ICMP.

A basic aim of the group is to develop an ICMP for the whole of the H11 H12 catchments.

The development of such a plan (and its ultimate implementation) will address the issues and concerns of the community and management and land use issues affecting the waterways of the catchment and the Lake. The plan is being developed by the H11 H12 Group which represents the community and in consultation with the community and relevant agencies.

The aim is to develop a realistic plan of action that will become an ICMP based on what is achievable within the catchment

The group is strongly supported by local organizations: Lake Bolac Development Association, Lake Bolac Foreshore Committee and is working with Southern Farming Systems, and DPI with the EBMP program

The work of the group so far has been funded by Second Generation Landcare, Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority (GHCMA), and on ground works by Commonwealth Government "Community Water Grant" and GHCMA Partnership Projects.

These on ground works are specifically to correct erosion along the lower section of the Fiery Creek and to provide sediment retention to save sediment from entering the Lake. GHCMA funding also provides for alternative watering for stock where stock access is affected by fencing of waterways. Further funding will be sought this year to develop the catchment plan and to fund ongoing community engagement and on ground works such as fencing and revegetation over the next three years.

The group is keen to meet and consult with landholders during the planning process to access landholder input to the plan and to look at potential project sites.

Such sites maybe planned for salinity control, erosion control and sediment retention, water management and other on ground works.

We are looking for potential projects for such works as part of the action plan.

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