

BOCA's Conservation Team – Activities April to June, 2008

Submissions have been lodged on:

- Victoria Government's Land and Biodiversity at a time of Climate Change Green Paper (this is our second submission on the subject).
- Victoria Government's – A Climate of Opportunity Summit Paper.
- Victoria Government's – Draft Terms of Reference for VEAC Investigation of Remnant Vegetation.
- Victoria Government's – Draft Terms of reference for VEAC Investigation into Crown land and public authority land in metropolitan Melbourne.
- Murray Basin Mineral Sands Project.
- Kooyoorra State Park Draft Management Plan.
- Great Otway NP and Otway Forest Park Draft Management Plan.
- Amendment to Scare Gun Local Law – Yarra Ranges Shire.
- Proposed subdivision of Tootgarook Swamp Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.

Submissions to :

- Federal Minister for the Environment etc : regarding Lonsdale Lakes Complex – proposed subdivision. Note that D.S. is to give evidence to the Planning Panel on this issue on 24-7-08.
- Federal Minister for Environment etc : on proposed Mortlake Wind Farm.
- Tasmanian Minister for Forests on Bruny Island logging.
- Melbourne City Councillors regarding dogs off-lead in Royal Park Bird habitat.

Participated in :

- Connectivity Summit organised by Trust for Nature and Parks Victoria.
- Workshop on Integrating Fauna in Fire Planning organised by A.R.I.
- South West Victoria broilga count :
 - Monthly count January to May, 2008 with BOCA's six Western Victoria branches being regularly contacted. Note that a research project is in the pipeline and may involve member participation.
- BIGNET Meeting in Canberra on 5-6 April, 2008.
- Negotiations regarding BOCA becoming a member of the Victoria Naturally Alliance.

Regional Representation :

- Travelling Stock reserves in NSW and Queensland – an extremely important issue. Rod Bloss (BRISBOCA) represents BOCA on the Queensland Group and keeps the national office informed.
- Workshop on the Status of Seabirds and Shorebirds in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area and Queensland – BOCA is to be represented by TRBOC's Ian Boyd.

Contract Management :

- DSE Contracted BOCA (and BA) to prepare a paper on community monitoring as a Headline Indication of Climate change. This has involved a lot of work, largely undertaken by Jenny Lau with support from Annette Cook and oversight by Don Saunders.
- Jenny Lau takes over management of the Melbourne Water Surveys from 30th June, 2008.
- **Note :** In addition to the above there are many on-going issues relating to earlier conservation matters. Don is heavily involved in *The Bird Observer* production and participates in the regular meetings of BOCA's Executive and Conservation Committees and the meetings with Birds Australia.