

2014 in review

In 2014 our staff, volunteers and partners worked tirelessly to lead a collaborative and integrated approach to natural resource management. This year Perth Region NRM has delivered outstanding on-ground outcomes and has consistently strived to strengthen relationships across all levels of community, business and government.



Over the past year, 184,000+ native seedlings were planted, 9,000+ volunteer hours were contributed and 3,000+ individuals were engaged

As an organisation, we continue to deliver value through leveraging off our established systems, relationships and professional expertise. This is across areas such as sustainable agriculture, our project delivery and management as well as a more recent focus on stakeholder engagement and communications. Engagement helps build community awareness about NRM and thus ultimately benefits all of our community in generating support for the important on ground work.

As we work towards becoming 'holders of knowledge', again we are widening our audience reach. With more diverse online resources, the Perth Region NRM website is now a focal point for use across business and community. Together with our social media presence, this has helped reach out to and strengthen the value we deliver to our stakeholders.

Amongst other exciting projects in the pipeline, the updated Swan Region Strategy for Natural Resources Management will be released over the coming months. This will reflect the collective actions of a range of stakeholders. This strategy belongs to all the organisations that have an interest in managing natural resources and promoting sustainability in the Swan Region. It will be a vital base from which to continue the fantastic environmental efforts that are so important to our future.

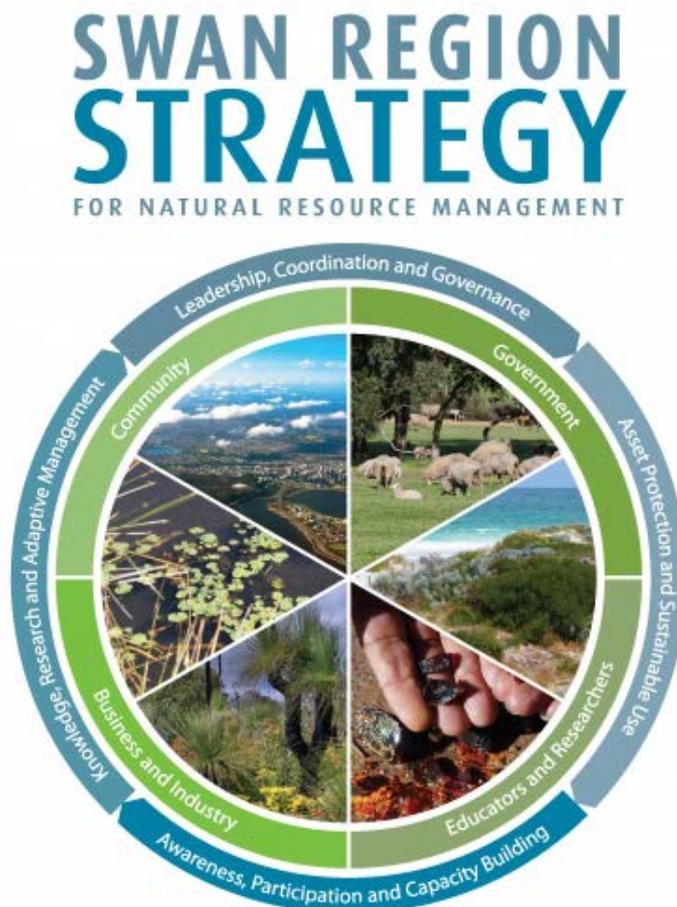
My sincere thanks to the board of directors, Perth Region NRM staff, members, supporters and partners. Your expertise, enthusiasm and professionalism reflects the leading role we play in bringing together diverse interests to achieve a common goal – the sustainable management of the natural resources in the Swan Region. I look forward to working with you, as natural resource management is everyone's responsibility. We are energised about the opportunities and planned works ahead. I hope you enjoy viewing our innovative, web-based annual report.

Mariyon Slany
Chairperson, Perth Region NRM

The Swan Region Strategy for NRM

The Swan Region NRM Strategy is an important guiding document for the region and recognises the collective actions from an extensive and diverse range of stakeholders, all of whom contribute to environmental outcomes for the Region. The Swan NRM Committee in developing the Strategy aims to provide a clearer direction in how we as a region, can best manage our natural resources for the future.

Garry English
Perth Region NRM Board of Directors



In April 2013, Perth Region NRM announced their intention to review and update the 2004 Swan NRM

Strategy. As custodian of the Strategy, Perth Region NRM are responsible for maintaining and updating the document in consultation with key stakeholders. After a twelve month consultation process involving more than 130 people from 74 different organisations and groups across the region, the new incarnation of the Strategy has emerged. Unlike the asset-based approach of the 2004 Strategy, the new Strategy presents a more integrated action-area approach that holistically considers the social, cultural, economic and environmental drivers and opportunities for effective natural resource management.

To inform the development of the Strategy, a Sustainable Agriculture Discussion Paper has been prepared in consultation with key stakeholders. Another input into the Strategy is the Australian Government funded Planning for Climate Change project. This national project brings together the latest climate change information to inform regional strategies and planning across Australia.

The Swan NRM Committee, established by Perth Region NRM in December 2013, has overseen the Strategy development process. With representatives from across government, community, industry and research sectors, the committee are uniquely positioned to take a whole-of-region view of natural resources and their management.

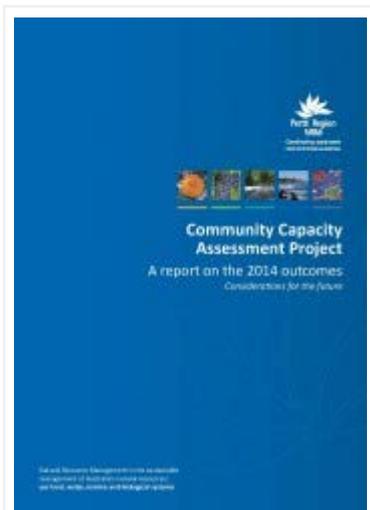
Furthermore, to keep the community informed of the progress of the Strategy and the Swan NRM Committee, Perth Region NRM launched the Swan NRM News in May 2014. The newsletter is circulated monthly and currently has a circulation of over 700. To date, feedback from the community on the Swan NRM News has been extremely positive.

The draft Strategy will be released for public comment late in 2014, with a final Strategy launched in early 2015. The final Strategy will be an online, living document that will provide a practical and interactive guide for the region. Perth Region NRM would like to thank all those people who have contributed to the update of the Strategy.

**SWAN REGION
STRATEGY**
FOR NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Assessing capacity

Capacity assessment allows us to better understand how well-equipped the community is, to carry out natural resource management activities.



A total of 106 individuals and groups responded to the survey and the overall results are now available in a report which may be used for collaborative planning and project development.

We launched a capacity assessment project to determine what skills, knowledge and tools individuals and groups possessed that enabled them to help preserve the environment.

The aim was to look more deeply at one stakeholder group – environmental volunteers – by measuring their capacity for natural resource management (NRM) in the region and to determine how we could add value to our stakeholders and help build their ability to deliver on ground outcomes.

To build capacity for NRM we needed to consider what stakeholders have been doing and what they could do with respect to natural resource management. We wanted to look at the gaps between what is and what could be, in other words, their 'capacity' for NRM.

We created an assessment framework that incorporated human, social, financial and organizational capital combined with the ability, or motivation, to act. We then created and administered a survey to show where gaps in skills, knowledge, experience or organizational capability existed.

What we found

We found correlations between the possession of capitals and achievement of NRM outcomes on the ground.

Capacity building activities in one area of capital would serve to increase the capital of another. In these circumstances, more hectares of protected or preserved natural areas are as likely to be achieved through increased human "support" capital, social and organisational capital and financial capital.

The importance of our finding is that it demonstrates the benefits of a full range of capabilities beyond the undoubtedly valuable contributions of committed and qualified environmentalists and/or those with the capacity for heavy duty on-ground work.

The most effective environmental volunteer groups in Perth are those where people are enabled to contribute from a wide range of backgrounds and where those contributions are mutually respectful and appreciated. The lesson learned is that environmental volunteer groups have the potential to recruit from the broader community for the skillsets because many people will want to realize their own "...desire to protect and preserve the environment" if given the opportunity to do so.

An ongoing focus

We will conduct such assessments annually to identify capacity gaps through existing or repurposed programs or the development of new capacity building initiatives. We would encourage all organisations to promote participation in the Perth Region NRM annual capacity assessment.

[Click here to read the full Capacity Assessment Report](#)

Building communities online

We continued to strengthen our communications platform to build online communities and to effectively engage with our stakeholders, whilst providing easy, instant access to information for business, government, educational institutions and the community.

Reaching out through social media

In 2014 we widened our reach to an **audience of almost 4,000 stakeholders** who regularly interacted with us via our social media sites such as [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and our own [You Tube channel](#), as well as through our regular electronic newsletters. This was a dramatic increase from the same period last year. All our social media sites continue to drive visitors to the Perth Region NRM website.

Many of our 'Friends of' groups increasingly chose to promote their activities and events via our communications channels. This helped add value to our members and stakeholders, whilst helping to strengthen our community relationships.

The successful introduction of our online event registration system delivered time and cost efficiencies and allowed to us to respond quickly to any changes.

Building online resources and a knowledge hub

Throughout 2014 we regularly featured interesting stories from our staff and volunteers showcasing the wonderful environmental work being done in the region.

We also steadily built up an online resources hub on our website with useful links, 'how to' booklets and fact sheets enabling thousands of visitors each month to access important information.



Water

To help and support those community groups involved, the workshop took participants through the whole process and they were able to complete the online induction right there in the workshop. It was a great turn out with eleven community groups in attendance, who will now be able to continue the success of their drains to living streams projects – Belinda O’Brien, Environment Program Coordinator.



Lake Gwelup, a seasonal lake in the City of Stirling.

Protecting Ramsar sites and values, building NRM community skills, knowledge and engagement and enhancing indigenous people’s capacity for natural resource management in our region has been the focus for our Water Program in 2013-2014.

A review of management of Ramsar wetlands in the region, including Forrestdale and Thomsons Lakes and Becher Point wetlands with the Department of Parks and Wildlife, local governments and community groups.

Supporting implementation of drains to living streams projects by facilitating access arrangements between the Water Corporation and community groups.

We established the Light Industry Working Group with over ten key stakeholders to work towards reducing the impact of light industry on water quality in the region.



Beenyup Swamp

Other program highlights include:

- Provided support to the New Waterways initiative for implementation of water sensitive urban design in the region.
- Provided input into stakeholder reference groups and community advisory committees including Perth Airport Environmental and the Yellagonga Community Advisory Committees.
- Successful Shifting sands forum leading to the establishment of a collaborative 'sediment taskforce'.

The next step – Water program goals

Sediment Task Force

Building on from the Shifting Sands forum held in April 2014, a 'sediment taskforce' is being developed to address the ongoing environmental issues of sedimentation in urban waterways around Perth. This process will involve bringing together thirteen key stakeholders, involved in the management of new development sites. The goal of this taskforce will be to minimise 'sand drift' from new building sites in order to protect the environmental values of the Swan and Canning Rivers.

Light industry

Perth Region NRM will continue to work with our stakeholders to address the impacts of light industry on water quality in the Swan and Canning rivers. Perth Region NRM will partner with state and local government, industry groups and the community to support ongoing implementation of the Swan-Canning Water Quality Improvement Plan which addresses these issues.

Drains to living streams

Perth Region NRM will continue to work with the Swan River Trust and sub-regional NRM groups to build the capacity of local community groups to undertake drains to living streams projects in the region. Perth Region NRM would like to thank the Swan River Trust and South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare for their support with these activities.

Water Sensitive Urban Design

Perth Region NRM will also continue to work with the New Waterways Program for implementation of water sensitive urban design in the region. Water sensitive urban design better integrates water management into urban planning to improve water quality, provide habitat, aesthetic and recreational appeal and minimise

environmental degradation from development.

Management of Ramsar Wetlands

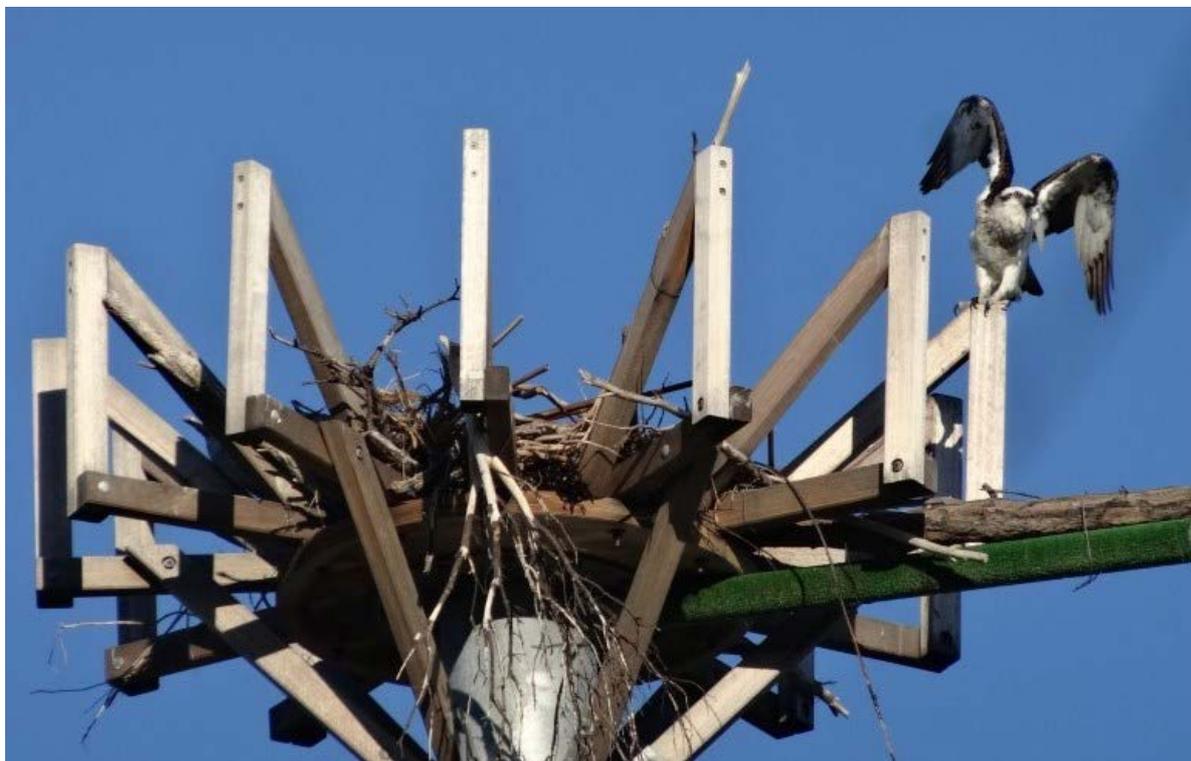
In 2014 a review was carried on three Ramsar listed wetlands Forrestdale Lake, Thomson's Lake and Becher Point wetlands. The review was to determine gaps in management and identify opportunities for improvement. Future work will involve working with key stakeholders including Department of Parks and Wildlife, local governments and the community to help protect and restore these significant wetlands.

A video featuring Noongar elders Vivienne and Mort Hansen at Lake Forrestdale was developed. Vivienne and Mort share their stories about how Noongar people once relied on the wetlands for food, water and shelter.

The Water Program has fostered a 'Sediment Taskforce' working in partnership with – WA Local Government Authority, Master Builders Association, Housing Industry Association, Water Corporation, Department of Water, Swan River Trust, Perth Region NRM, South Eastern Regional Centre Urban Landcare (SERCUL), City of Gosnells, City of Armadale, Main Roads WA, Urban Development Industry of Australia, Department of Housing.

Coastal & Marine

Community volunteers provide the energy that powers coastal rehabilitation along the Perth metropolitan coastline. Coastcare groups, Friends groups, schools and corporate groups all contribute by planting coastal species, removing invasive weeds and cleaning up our beaches of marine debris. Volunteers from a variety of countries and cultural backgrounds unite for a common cause helping to build social bonds while strengthening coastal biodiversity – Craig Wilson, Coastal and Marine Program Manager.



The limestone cliffs along our coastline are nesting grounds for many seabirds such as Osprey. Here an Osprey can be seen at the Coogee Beach Osprey nesting pole.

Restoring and preserving our iconic coastline is the goal of our dedicated Coastal and Marine Program team. Highlights over the last year have included increased community engagement and education, as well on-ground achievements undertaking plantings, weeding and wildlife conservation.

Wildlife monitoring

The Osprey nesting pole installed at Coogee Beach, Cockburn has attracted a pair of Ospreys who will hopefully continue to nest and breed over the winter.

The bandicoot monitoring program at Challenger Beach, Kwinana is showing new season recruits, however, foxes and cats are still present. Here on our Perth coastline feral cats are known to predate on bandicoots, birds and the many species of lizards that we see in our coastal reserves.

Capacity Building has provided our community with resources to improve their personal impact on our local environment. The Great Gardens workshop was chosen to launch the extremely popular Perth Coastal Garden Guide. Participants were instructed in the use of coastal water wise plants and soil improvement to create stylish, water wise gardens with local native plants.

Marine Debris Surveys

Schools and corporate groups contributed time and energy to clean up our beaches also recording data that is used by coastal managers to reduce the volume of debris reaching our shoreline.

Community

More than twenty one community and stakeholder events have been run to increase awareness and involvement in coastal restoration activities. This included our annual **'Coastcare for Singles'** event at Cottesloe which saw over 1000 plants in the ground and 30 new volunteers looking for love whilst loving our environment!

Training

Volunteers from our Coastcare groups were invited to attend a tour of the Water Corporations Advanced Water Recycling plant at Craigie to see how groundwater replenishment is adding another option to Perth's drinking water supplies.



Craig Wilson, Perth Region NRM's South Coastcare Program Manager, has assisted in enabling nine Local Governments and over 1300 volunteers get involved in coastal restoration works including weeding, planting and erosion control, helping to protect over 880ha of coastal areas.

Plans in the pipeline 2014 and beyond

As well as continuing the important projects currently underway, the Coastal and Marine Program will see exciting new developments in the coming year. We will be supporting our groups involved in **MARINE** conservation, including seagrass monitoring and Scuba groups undertaking underwater rubbish removal.

We will also recruit community groups to **ADOPT THEIR LOCAL BEACHES** to carry out planting events and remove invasive weeds.



Adopting their local beach will enable groups to take ownership of the restoration work in their area. Undertaking rubbish removal, weeding and planting, groups will be able to claim 'bragging rights' for the beautification of their favourite piece of coastline.

Biodiversity

We established a partnership with Chittering Landcare to undertake a landscape scale restoration project to connect the Julimar State Forest to Banksia woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain. It is hoped that by 2018, 360ha of critical Carnaby's habitat will be restored – Lisa Potter, CEO



The Biodiversity Program saw the active management of 57ha of threatened ecological communities through restoration, flora surveys, weed and dieback management in partnership with the Department of Parks and Wildlife. Pictured: *Hypocalymna robustum*.

Perth Region NRM's Biodiversity program continues to protect high priority threatened ecological communities and species, and manage key threats such as weeds of national significance, invasive animals and dieback.

Projects have included; Engaging the community in the survey and control of 353ha of weeds such as boneseed, bitou bush, blackberry and brooms.

Establishing and supporting invasive pig, fox and weed networks in the region to facilitate cross tenure communication and collaboration.

Perth Region NRM have established a number of critical partnerships to support the recovery of the endangered Carnaby's Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*):

- Since 2011, Perth Region NRM have sponsored Birdlife Australia's annual Great Cocky Count, the longest-running community-based, on-ground conservation program for Carnaby's Black Cockatoo. In 2014, more than 700 volunteers participated across the South West, with 7154 black cockatoos recorded in the Swan region.
- Perth Region NRM's partnership with the Dieback Working Group has led to the protection of 297ha of critical Carnaby's Black Cockatoo habitat from the impacts of *Phytophthora Dieback*.
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The Swan River Trust and Alcoa Landcare Program (SALP)

The program, established in 1998, has funded more than 1100 projects worth over \$7 million across the metropolitan area since inception.

- In the 2013 funding round, 27 community groups received a total of \$313,500 SALP funding for 78 projects.
- Weed control was carried out over a total of 121 hectares, 97,132 plants were installed and a total of 7,400 volunteer hours valued at \$185,006.25 were contributed.
- In 2013, estimated funding support and in-kind contributions from local government and other partners was in excess of \$306,000.
- In 2014, 20 groups have been funded for 56 projects to the value of \$368,500.



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Perth Region NRM, through the Biodiversity Program, aspires to continue and increase our role in managing the region's natural assets and threats. We will continue to build community capacity, seek opportunities to work in partnerships on priority areas and deliver real outcomes on the ground.

Sustainable agriculture

The wine and table grape workshops were a great success with 90% of vegetable grower attendees indicating they'd improved their knowledge and skills in assessing soil health. Wine growers indicated 72% would trial some of the practices presented and 97% said they improved their knowledge and skills in assessing soil. A really positive outcome for the attendees and the environment – Keith Pekin, Sustainable Agriculture Program Manager



Our program has seen an increase in the adoption of sustainable agriculture practices by 70 land managers, managing 700 hectares in the Swan region.

Improving sustainability in food production

The core objective of the Sustainable Agriculture and Regional Landcare Facilitator programs are to increase the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices. The information development and extension program that we deliver focuses on a staged learning process, which has achieved a number of outcomes in the last 12 months.

Key outcomes in 2013-2014 have included:

- Increased the awareness of sustainable agriculture practices for **720** land managers

- Improved the knowledge and skills of sustainable agriculture practices for **325** land managers managing **975** hectares
- Supported the trialling of sustainable agricultural practices by **122** land managers managing **1,200** hectares
- Increased the adoption of sustainable agriculture practices by **70** land managers managing **700** hectares

We have achieved these great results through a collaborative approach with peak industry bodies including Vegetables WA, Wines of Western Australia, Grape Wine and Research Development Corporation, WA Citrus Improvement Group, Hills Orchard Improvement Group.



We engage growers, horse and livestock owners and pastoralists through field days to ensure that we achieve effective communication and increased adoption of the sustainable practise education we are providing,

A number of key activities were undertaken over the year in order to achieve the programs excellent extension outcomes.

These included the delivery of 12 workshops, themed around improving soil health and soil quality. We also provided onsite expert knowledge and information stands at the Karragullen and Gidgegannup field days, providing all growers an opportunity to access our resources.

A new demonstration site was established in the Perth Hills for infield research demonstration projects and we developed the “Assessing soil quality and interpreting soil test results” fact sheet ([link](#)). A number of industry magazines also featured articles regarding our Sustainable Agriculture program work.

The Future of Agriculture in the Swan Region

We will continue with our existing information extension program and also develop a number of new initiatives, including;

- Develop an online hub to foster and support our sustainable agriculture objectives.
- Seek opportunities to link and support producers and industry for improved 'beyond farm gate impacts' in our fresh food supply chain.
- This 'fresh food supply chain' initiative will aim to integrate NRM objectives into the fresh food supply chain management principles, within the context of improving producer viability and long term food security.

Cultural heritage

The future will see us initiating a demonstration project that integrates the key elements of Perth Region NRM's expertise, on Aboriginal Land with Aboriginal youth and job seekers, learning and undertaking landcare activities – Lisa Potter, CEO



Perth Region NRM's Cultural Heritage program visited Medina Primary School, to share Noongar history with them. Students in years 2-4 were able to see artifacts, learn Noongar language names for native animals and even took a site visit with a local elder

Our focus has been on engaging a wider range of Noongar and non-Noongar people at our events and incorporating and supporting local Noongar businesses, such as utilising a local Noongar person to present Noongar cultural education to primary school students and utilising a Noongar run catering firm at all of our events.

We have worked closely throughout the year with the Noongar community to preserve Noongar booja (knowledge) and language and to promote positive outcomes for Noongar engagement in community.

Highlights

- Your Way Our Way Workshop- two highly successful workshops were held that provided attendees with

information on Aboriginal consultation and practices. The workshop covered cultural awareness in LGA planning, guidance on which part of the West Australian *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* relates to Natural Resource Management work as well as providing guidance and advice on Aboriginal consultation and protocols. More than 90 people attended the two events ranging from government employees, industry groups and community volunteers.

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- Mentoring and Planting day Lake Joondalup- over 30 young Noongar trainees from the Wirrpanda Foundation participated in a day where Noongar Elder Noel Nannup presented on the mythological and cultural background of the Lake Joondalup area, as well as providing an inspiring speech advising the trainees to lead and to continue to work on beneficial activities for their community. The trainees planted 490 trees on the shore of Lake Joondalup which is a significant cultural heritage site in the Perth Region.



Noongar youth from the Wirrpanda Foundation have begun learning how to fight dieback disease and help save local bushland at Pioneers Park in the Bibra Lake Reserve.

Working together for the future

Next year the Cultural Heritage Program is looking to integrate our expertise, events and connections so that our activities not only engage Aboriginal people in landcare activities, but do so by also reintroducing Aboriginal youth to significant cultural heritage sites and incorporating knowledge about traditional customs and beliefs from Aboriginal Elders in the community. The Cultural heritage Program will be looking to get started on a demonstration project that integrates the key elements of Perth Region NRMs expertise, on Aboriginal Land with Aboriginal youth and job seekers learning and undertaking landcare activities.

I have a deeper understanding. I believe of the depth of aboriginal spiritual connection to country. I also heard some interesting

statements that will stay with me for a long time – Pat Hart, SERCUL.

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SERCUL

Leadership

Our Board of Directors

Our **skills-based board** ensures good governance and oversees our ongoing focus on the delivery of sustainable outcomes with certainty and transparency. All of our Board Directors are members of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD), including the CEO as a non-executive Director. We model our governance practices on the advice provided in the AICD's 'Good Governance Principle and Guidance for NFP's, which reflect the 'ASX Corporate Governance Council's Principles and Recommendations'. Our governance framework is supported by documented strategies, plans and policies.

Mariyon Slany – Chairperson

Mariyon is the Director of her Communications and Art consultancy and is a recognised Art Coordinator. Mariyon has both a Graduate Certificate in Law and post graduate Psychology qualifications. Mariyon has over 15 year's governance experience on Boards including current roles on the DCA Peer Review Panel and the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre Board.

Rod Henderson – Deputy Chairperson, Chairperson Finance Committee.

Rod brings strong financial management and audit skills to our board. He is founder and current Chairman of the Swan Valley Progress Association Inc., a Board member of Ballajura Community College and deputy CEO of the Combined Small Business Alliance of WA.

Lorica Storey – Independent Chairperson, Audit Committee

Lorica has more than 10 years' experience as a senior executive reporting to boards and various sub committees. She has held various finance roles in mining and resources, manufacturing and education and is currently a Director at Bioelectric Pty Ltd. Lorica is a Certified Practising Accountant.

Garry English – Independent Chairperson, Nominations Committee

As a recipient of the 2002 Commonwealth McKell Medal for achievements in natural resource management and a 1991 National Landcare Award, Garry has been a broad acre farmer on the south coast of Western Australia for the last 40 years and is the current Chair of the State NRM Panel.

Lisa Potter – Executive Director, Chief Executive Officer, Perth Region NRM

With previous experience in the private and not-for-profit sector, Lisa has an outstanding record in the review, development and implementation of operational effectiveness of organisations through strategic planning, project management and quality management.

Lisa has held a range of senior roles in medium to large organisations from Managing Director, General Manager to Chief Financial Officer.

Lucy Stocker – Director

Lucy trained as a mining engineer completing her Honour's in mine-site rehabilitation. She was offered Rio Tinto's first senior leadership job-sharing role as General Manager of Business Improvement for Rio Tinto iron ore. Lucy has a Bachelor's degree in engineering and an MBA.

Pat Cesare – Director

Pat is a consultant with more than 20 years experience in the mining industry. With operational roles in Australia and south-east Asia, Pat has managed technical and multi-disciplinary teams. Pat holds a Masters of Science (Mineral Economics) and is a member of the Geostatistical Association of Australia.

Steve Dobson – Director

Steve is a qualified Financial Planner and Director of Mal Dobson & Associates. He is a serving Justice of the Peace and volunteer firefighter with Jandakot Volunteer Bushfire Brigade. Steve holds an MBA, a Bachelor of Business (Financial Planning), Advanced Diploma of Public Safety (Police Investigation), Advanced Diploma of Financial Services (Financial Planning) and a Certificate IV in Training & Assessment.

Matt Taylor – Director

As a Chartered Professional Engineer, Matt has global experience in project engineering across the oil and gas industry. He brings strong governance, risk management and strategic planning skills to our board. He is a National Congress Representative, an active member of Engineers Australia and is on the Industry Advisory Council for Edith Cowan University.

Steve Vanstan – Director

Steve has extensive experience in corporate governance, strategy, risk management and finance. He sits on committees at Curtin University, Department of Agriculture & Food WA, Department of Parks & Wildlife, Perth Zoo and the Royal Perth Hospital. Steve holds a Bachelors Degree in Business (Mgt.).

[Read full board profiles](#)

Directors Report

The Directors have pleasure in submitting the financial report of the Perth Region NRM Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

Board of Management

The names of Board members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Pasquale Cesare Steven

Dobson Douglas Hall

Rodney Henderson

Sally Lake

Lisa Potter

Mariyon Slany

Lucia Stocker

Matthew Taylor

Stephen Vanstan

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the year were to provide coordination of natural resource management in the Perth region.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The surplus for the year amounted to \$18,993 (2013, \$469,889).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Mariyon Slany – Chairperson

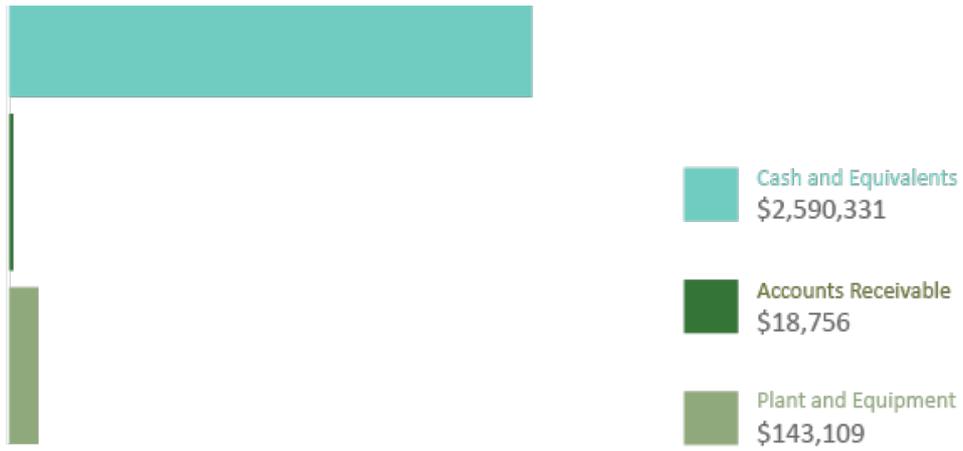
Rodney Henderson – Finance Committee Chairperson

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2014

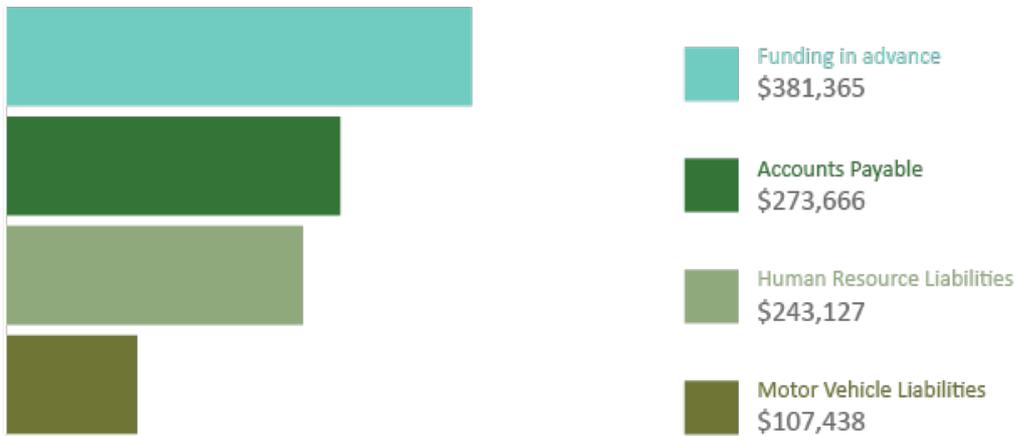
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as at 30 June 2014

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Income Statement

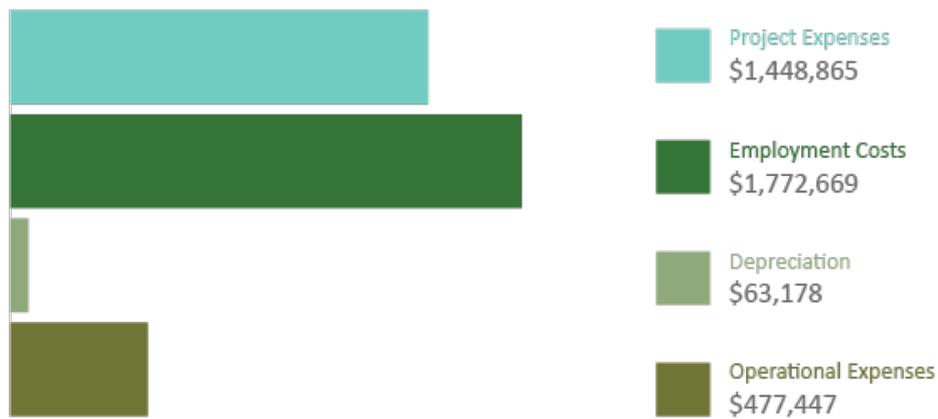
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Income





for the year ended 30 June 2014
Expenses



Notes to Accounts

The financial report covers Perth Region NRM Inc. as an individual entity ('Association'). Perth Region NRM Inc. is an association incorporated in Western Australia under the Associations Incorporation Act 1987.

The principal activities of the association are to provide co-ordination of natural resource management Perth region.

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a) General Statement

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (WA) and have not been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Australian accounting interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB).

The Board has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

b) Basis of Preparation

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (WA), and the Association's accounting policies.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis of accounting using the historical cost convention. The changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets were not taken into account.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this special purpose financial report.

c) Income

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised as follows:

Grants, donations, gifts and other non-reciprocal contributions

Revenue is measured at the fair value of contributions received or receivable. Income arising from the contribution of an asset to the association is recognised when all of the following conditions are met:

- › The Association obtains control of the contribution or the right to receive the contribution
- › It is probable that the economic benefits comprising the contribution will flow to the entity, and
- › The amount of the contribution can be measured reliably

Interest

Revenue is recognised as the interest accrues. There is a prior year reduction to the 2012/13 Interest amount of \$30,375.22.

d) Financial Instruments

In addition to cash and cash equivalents, the Association has two categories of financial instrument:

- › Receivables; and
- › Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost

These have been disaggregated into the following classes:

Financial Assets

- › Cash and cash equivalents
- › Receivables and prepayments

Financial Liabilities

- › Payables
- › Finance lease liabilities

Initial recognition and measurement of financial instruments is at fair value which normally equates to the transaction cost or the face value. Subsequent measurement is at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The fair value of short-term receivables and payables is the transaction cost or the face value because there is no interest rate applicable and subsequent measurement is not required as the effect of discounting is not material.

e) Income Tax

The Association is a non-profit organisation and thus exempted from income tax by virtue of section 23(3) of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

f) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the Statement of Financial Position are shown inclusive of GST.

g) Property, Plant and Equipment (Note 3)

As per Sec. 31 of the Constitution, Net assets (after all other costs are paid) are to be passed over to a like organisation on winding up and in case of the leasehold improvements; these will be abandoned when Perth Region NRM vacates the premises. Until 30 June 2012, the Association's policy was to expense all capital expenditure assets.

The Association has changed its accounting practice in respect of recognition of Property, Plant and Equipment. As from 1 July 2012, it recognises its Property, Plant and Equipment as Non-current assets in the Statement of Financial Position (Note 1g). These assets, which would previously have been expensed to the Statement of Comprehensive Income, are now recognised in the Statement of Financial Position as non-current assets.

All non-current assets having a limited useful life are systematically depreciated over their estimated useful lives in a manner that reflects the consumption of their future economic benefits.

Depreciation on assets is calculated using the straight line method, using rates which are reviewed annually. Estimated useful lives for each class of depreciable asset are:

Furniture and fittings	4 years
Motor Vehicles	4 years

h) Provisions

Provisions are liabilities of uncertain timing or amount and are recognised where there is a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event and when the outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is probable and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Provisions are reviewed at the end of each reporting period.

Provisions – employee benefits

Annual leave and long service leave

The liability for annual and long service leave that is expected to be settled within 12 months after the end of the reporting period is recognised and measured at the undiscounted amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

Long service leave expected to be settled more than 12 months after the reporting period is measured at the present value of amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Leave liabilities are in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period. When assessing expected future payments consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels including non-salary components such as employer superannuation contributions.

Note 2: Property, Plant and Equipment

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Property, Plant and Equipment

2014 at Cost	Cost (\$)	Accumulated Depreciation (\$)	Carrying Amount (\$)
Furniture and Equipment	37,980	(9,144)	28,836
Vehicles	173,576	(59,303)	114,273
Total	211,556	(68,447)	143,109

Note 3: Change in Accounting Policy

The Association has changed its accounting policy in respect of recognition of property, plant and equipment. As from 1 July 2012, it recognises its property, plant and equipment as non-current assets in the Statement of Financial Position (Note 1g). These assets, which would previously have been expensed to the Statement of Comprehensive Income, are now recognised in the Statement of Financial Position as non-current assets.

Management believes that the above change in accounting policy results in the financial report providing reliable and more relevant information about the effects of transactions and conditions on the Association's financial position and financial performance.

Note 4: Funding received in advance

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Funding received in advance

	2014 (\$)	2013 (\$)
Balance brought forward	217,006	748,847
Less: unspent funds from prior years transferred to income statement	0	(387,559)
Less: funding received in advance transferred to income statement	(217,006)	(361,288)
Add: funding received in advance for current year carried forward	381,365	217,006
Balance carried forward	381,365	217,006

Officers' Assertion Statement

The Board has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements. In the opinion of the Board the financial report:

- . Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Perth Region NRM Inc. at 30 June 2014 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- . At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Perth Region NRM Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by: Mariyon Slany – Chairperson Rodney Henderson – Finance Committee Chairperson

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