



Perth NRM

2018/19

Year in Review

Perth NRM provides solutions to mitigate the environmental impact of climate change, population growth and unsustainable land and water management practices.

Perth NRM acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and community.

We respect the Whadjuk Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land where we predominantly live and work. We pay our respects to them and their cultures; and to elders both past and present.

FROM THE BOARD
Acting Chair, Dr Bruce Hegge PhD GAICD



I congratulate the staff's commitment to this process and note that Perth NRM was at all stages one of the first regional NRMs in Australia to meet the required application deadlines.

Although our coastal program was not eligible for funding through RLP we made a deliberate decision to continue this successful work during this past year, funded through a combination of our own reserves, grants from local council partners, Coastwest project grants and our corporate partners.

It is my pleasure to present this review of Perth NRM's highlights and achievements in 2018/19.

I'd like to start by thanking the staff and Board of Perth NRM who have embraced the challenges that the year presented and looked forward with positivity and enthusiasm.

I'd especially like to thank Mariyon Slany, the previous Chair, who steered the organisation with great passion and knowledge and who stepped down from the Board in September.

While challenging, the year was one of renewal, during which we chose to invest in our future and set a strategic direction based on great aspirations and motivations.

This was our first year of operation under the new Regional Landcare Partnership funding model of the Federal Government.

Considerable time and effort was spent ensuring we were successfully appointed to deliver services to the Swan Region as part of the RLP.

Through the year Perth NRM continued to engage with the collective of NRMs through NRMWA and NRM Regions Australia. Most notable is the developing sector stakeholders group including NRMWA alongside WA Landcare Network, WA Conservation Council, Grower Group Alliance and others.

Paul Bodlovich has completed his first year as CEO, fully embracing Perth NRM's strategic direction. His focus on organisational culture and strengthening connections to our community embody our approach to successfully achieving our endeavours. Paul has brought a fresh perspective and has been a strong advocate of the use of stories to engage stakeholders to join us on our journey.

Thanks to all the volunteers who give their time, passion and expertise to improving our world. Our vision reflects a future of their making.

Volunteers Engaged 3,472



Event Attendees 9,554

Community Funding \$1.2M



Seedlings Planted 119,394

On-ground Works 5,611ha



Community Events 498



Groups Engaged 317

Volunteer Value \$612.4k



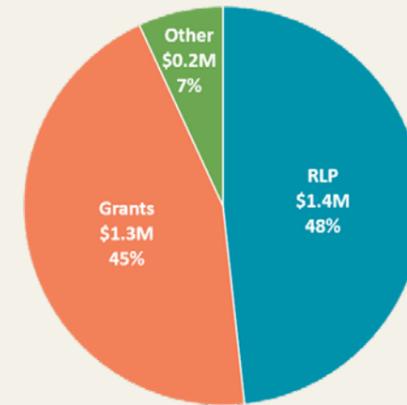
Volunteer Hours 20,416

Landholders Engaged 547

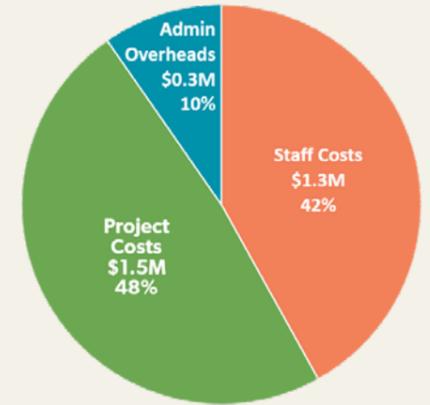


FINANCE AT A GLANCE

SOURCE OF FUNDS



APPLICATION OF FUNDS



THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS IN 2018/19 and to all the groups and individuals who help us make change

FEDERAL

The Australian Government's National Landcare Program and Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.

STATE

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (State NRM Program). The Department of Planning Lands and Heritage (Coastwest Program).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Towns of Cambridge and Cottesloe, and the Cities of Armadale, Cockburn, Joondalup, Kwinana, Fremantle, Rockingham, Stirling and Wanneroo.

CORPORATE

Alcoa. The APC Stonefruit Committee. Kleenheat. Bankwest.

INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS

The Feilman Foundation. Commonland.

ON-GROUND PARTNERS

Thank you to our sub-region group partners SERCUL (The South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare), EBICG (Ellen Brockman Integrated Catchment Group) and EMRC (East Metropolitan Regional Council). The work that you do is amazing.

Thank you to SERCUL, EBICG, WWF, CVA, Australian Wildlife Conservancy and DBCA for your support in delivering RLP, SCRR and our other funded projects.

Thank you to the friends-of-groups, landcare groups, coast-care groups, grower groups, industry groups, community groups, volunteers, researchers, farmers and others that we work with every day.

Hopefully this is everyone – in short, thank you to all of our incredible stakeholders!

Highlights from 2018/19

- Commencement of a three-year grant from the Feilman Foundation to provide curriculum-aligned coastal environment education through Adopt A Beach.
- Three-year State NRM funding secured to establish the Regenerative Farming Network.
- Successful delivery of the Glossy-Leafed Hammer Orchid Recovery Project, protecting critical habitat for this endangered species from dieback and other threats.
- 20th Anniversary of the SALP program, working with Alcoa and DBCA.
- A nearly 100% subscription rate for the *Noongar Six Season* events, funded by the State NRM.
- RLP funding secured for stakeholder consultation and development of a Food Security Plan for WA.
- RLP-funded development and prototype delivery of a new Sustainable Indicator Platform to connect agriculture and consumers.

Vision for Perth 2050

The New Normal

It is 2050 and Perth is internationally recognised for its liveability and resilience in the face of climate changes and population growth. Our 3.5 million citizens access healthy and sustainably-produced food, enjoy a city which supports populations of native flora and fauna, appreciate the health of our water and soil systems which have continued to improve, and are blessed with a coastline that has maintained both its amenity and environmental values.

Perth's remnant wetlands are healthy and ecologically functional and a healthy bushland is linked by a network of biodiversity corridors, some of which have replaced roads no longer needed due to the rapid uptake of electric autonomous vehicles. Households install and maintain novel habitats on their properties that support indigenous and endemic species as we ReWild Perth.

Indigenous mammals and birds are thriving in suburban and peri-urban Perth, providing a daily reminder that the natural landscape is resilient, functional and self-sustainable. Residents enjoy healthy Swan and Canning Rivers as the result of action within these catchments as well as in the Avon.

WA's Food Security Plan ensures people are readily able to source food that is high in nutritional density, low in food miles, and grown in enriched soil as a result of improving farming practices being adopted throughout WA.

The Swan Region NRM Strategy* successfully combines the cultural science of the Whadjuk Noongar people with western science and the knowledge and experience of the community. Public policy aligns with the Strategy and environmental and cultural outcomes are explicitly valued alongside social and economic outcomes.

People are no longer numbed to accept environmental degradation over time and generational amnesia has been reversed. The community expects environmental improvement in their lifetime, and actively contribute to that outcome.

Welcome to **The New Normal**.

* In 2020 we will work in partnership with the Whadjuk Noongar community to identify a new name for the Swan Region NRM Strategy

