

<b>Meeting</b>	2014 Annual General Meeting
<b>Date</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> November 2014
<b>Location</b>	Zealandia Room, Vibe Hotel, Darwin Waterfront
<b>Attendees</b>	<p><b>Board</b> Chair - Clare Martin, Deputy Chair - Steve Morton; Finance &amp; Audit Committee Chair - Brooke Rankmore; Directors - Sally Sullivan and Rowan Foley</p> <p><b>Members</b> City of Darwin – Shenagh Gamble, Roper River Landcare Group – Ian Rowbottom, City of Palmerston - Sue McKinnon, Frogwatch – Graeme Sawyer, Ecoservices – Brooke Rankmore, Aboriginal Carbon Fund Limited – Rowan Foley, Centralian Land Management Association – Camilla Osborn, Greening Australia – Greg Leach, Friends of Fogg Dam Inc – Jeremy Hemphill, Barkly Landcare Conservation Association – Kate Christianson</p> <p><b>Guests</b> Pam Robinson - City of Palmerston, Heather Boulden - Friends of Fogg Dam, NARMCO – John Jansen, Triple P Contracting; Gordon Jackson and Susey Kidd and Donna Digby, Department of Land Resource Management.</p> <p><b>TNRM Staff</b> Chief Executive Officer – Karen May, Executive Support Officer – Alisa Westland (minutes), Program Manager - Diane Pearson, Regional Coordinator; Top End - Anthony Kerr, Gulf Savanna – Daniel Chapman, Tablelands/ Arid Lands – Jon Hodgetts, Project Support Officer – Nathalie Laurence, Project officer – Caroline Biggs, Anna Gilfillan – Indigenous Capacity Development Coordinator, Philippe Puig – Spatial Scientist.</p>

**Meeting – Opened at 5.00pm, Closed at 5.30pm**

**Item 1 – Welcome, introduction & apologies**

**1.0 Welcome**

The attendees were welcomed by the new Chair, Clare Martin who accepted the position on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

A thank you to Kate Andrews the outgoing of Chair of six years, who has assisted in growth of the organisation to where we find it today.

In Kate's absence the attendees showed their appreciation of Kate in a round of applause.

**1.2 Introductions**

All attendees introduced themselves and if they were a Member.

**1.3 Apologies**

The following apologies were received from TNRM Members and their delegates.

- Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation – Steve Roeger
- Friends of Mitchell Creek Landcare Group - Changing delegates
- JAPFA Santori Australia PL – Georgia Underwood
- Heytesbury Cattle Company – Russell Cornall
- Minerals Council of Australia – NT Division – Drew Wagner
- NT Farmers Association – Grant Fenton
- Live and Learn Environmental Education - Robbie Henderson
- Demed Association Inc – Syd Laker

- Aridlands Environment Centre – Jimmy Cocking
- MTP Contracting Pty Ltd – Joy Priest
- Victoria River District Conservation Association VRDCA – Rhys Arnott

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Item 2 – Tabling of previous minutes

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**2013 TNRM Annual General Meetings accepted**

*Moved by Frogwatch - Graeme Sawyer*

*Seconded by TNRM - Caroline Biggs*

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Item 3 – Adoption of Agenda

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**Adoption of the 2014 TNRM AGM Agenda**

*All attendees accept and agree*

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Item 4 – Reports

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**4.0 Chair (Presented by Deputy Chair, Steve Morton)**

The Deputy Chair summarised the Chair report of Kate Andrews in the Annual Report.

Steve reflected on the words of the outgoing Chair;

- TNRM is for everyone, not exclusive the works on behalf of everyone regardless of your working in the private sector, indigenous association etc.
- Importance of the Australia Federal Government relationship as TNRM is one of 56 regional bodies.
- Maintaining contact with the AG helps us here in the Territory, as well as the importance of the alliance of Northern and Rangelands (inland Australia).
- In the past year the Board focus is on spreading access of funding through multiple sources of funding i.e. private or corporate sector to minimise the rises of the ups and downs of the Australia Government funding.
- Northern Development work
- Impressive results provided in the highlights 2013-14 on page 7 of the Annual report; weed and pest control over vast areas, Finniss Reynolds Catchment project covering area of 5,500km<sup>2</sup>, seven new Territory Conversation Agreements established in the last year, the increase of engagement with lease holders, introduction of the Indigenous traineeships and 18 additional TNRM Members.

The Deputy Chair commended the TNRM staff on the report and their work.

**4.1 Chief Executive Officer, Karen May**

Recognised another year of uncertainty and change, the end of one Caring for our Country program and the start of another, followed by the introduction by a new government of the National Landcare Program with changed priorities.

Part of TNRM's role is to help buffer against the constant change to enable those on the ground to get on with what needs to be done. We do this through continuing to deliver successful programs like Territory Conservation Agreements and pastoral landcare support and through delivery of new initiatives such as the Biochar roadshow.

Acknowledged Naomi Wilson, NT Landcare Facilitator for her work with the Biochar roadshow. Daniel Chapman, Regional Coordinator Gulf Savanna for work establishing of TCA's and actively being involved in new agreements. Anna Gilfillan, Indigenous Capacity Development Coordinator who has been behind the establishment of the two Indigenous traineeships.

It is great to see the new amount of Members over the last year.

A highlight of the year was the TNRM 2013 Forum and the 2013 NT NRM Awards and Landcare Awards, it was a huge success which we hope to be bigger and better this year.

Lastly a big thank you to our Members, Partners and to the dedicated staff of TNRM.

#### **4.2 Finance and Audit Committee Chair, Brooke Rankmore**

The FAC Chair confirmed that TNRM has sound financials, receiving the unqualified report from the auditors. All bank balances are committed.

On behalf of the Finance and Audit Committee we would like to thank the staff of TNRM, particularly the Finance Manager, Rajiv Chaudhary; Business Manager, Ann Palmer and Executive Support Officer, Alisa Westland for their tireless work behind the scenes it is greatly appreciated.

The audited 2013-14 financial report and special purpose report are provided in the back of the TNRM 2013-14 Annual Report.

*Acceptance of the Chair, Chief Executive Officer and Finance & Audit Chair Reports (including 2013-14 financial report and special purpose report.)*

*Moved by Roper River Landcare – Ian Rowbottom*

*Seconded by Friends of Fogg Dam – Jeremy Hemphill*

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#### Item 5 – Adoption of Annual Report

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*Acceptance of the TNRM 2013-14 Annual Report*

*Moved by Frogwatch – Graeme Sawyer*

*Seconded by TNRM – Caroline Biggs*

The CEO would like to acknowledge the work Nathalie Laurence put into coordinating and producing the Annual Report to such a high standard.

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#### Item 6 – Election of Director to Board positions

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##### **Deputy Chair**

Steve Morton confirmed his interest in continuing in the role.

No other nominees.

*Steve Morton confirmed interest in Deputy Chair position*

*Seconded by Greening Australia NT – Greg Leach*

##### **Public Officer**

Brooke Rankmore confirmed her interest in continuing in the role.

No other nominees.

*Brooke Rankmore confirmed interest in Public Officer Position*

*Seconded by Director – Rowan Foley*

##### **FAC Chair**

Brooke Rankmore confirmed her interest in continuing in the role.

No other nominees.

*Brooke Rankmore confirmed interest in Finance & Audit Committee Chair position*

*Seconded by Frogwatch NT – Graeme Sawyer*

The Chair thanked the Directors for their work so far and to continue.

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#### Item 7 – Election of Board Directors and Members to Director Selection Panel

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##### **Director Representation**

Director Brooke Rankmore nominated Chair, Clare Martin

*Clare Martin accepted nomination.*

*Seconded by City of Palmerston – Sue McKinnon*

Director Rowan Foley nominated Director, Brooke Rankmore

*Brooke Rankmore accepted nomination.*

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*Seconded by Deputy Chair – Steve Morton*

**Member Representation - Indigenous sector**

No nomination received. The Board will follow up with Members to seek a representative for the role.

**Member Representation - Pastoral sector**

Roper River Landcare – Ian Rowbottom put forward his interest.

*Ian Rowbottom nominated himself.*

*Seconded by Frogwatch NT– Graeme Sawyer*

**Member Representation – Conservation sector**

No nomination finalised.

Sue McKinnon current delegate of City of Palmerston will be changing to the delegate of Friends of Mitchell Creek Landcare Group. (Change of delegate forms received, however not in time for approval prior to the AGM.) Once amendment is accepted, Sue McKinnon has put forward her interest.

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**Item 8 – Amendments of Constitution**

The Special Resolution paper provides suggested amendments to the constitution to reflect; a move to diversification of funding strategies, this includes Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) and charity status which requires a public fund and the status of a charity. Also minor amendments for clarification of membership of TNRM.

*Accept the amendments to the TNRM Constitution as reflected in the Special Resolution Paper as amendment items a – g.*

*Moved by Friends of Fogg Dam – Jeremy Hemphill*

*Seconded by Frogwatch NT - Graeme Sawyer*

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**Item 9 – Other business**

Director Rowan Foley welcomed Clare Martin to the Chair role, who will be very valuable in the next stage of TNRM.

Clare Martin thanks Rowan for his welcome in saying she was very happy to be associated with an organisation with strong values and looks forward to growing Membership and funding through partnership for the worthwhile cause of natural resource management.