

Meeting	2015 Annual General Meeting
Date	10 th November 2015
Location	Neptuna Room, Vibe Hotel, Darwin Waterfront
Attendees	<p>Board Chair - Clare Martin,; Finance & Audit Committee Chair - Brooke Rankmore; Directors - Sally Sullivan, Rowan Foley, Kate Peake & Ray Hall</p> <p>Members Roper River Landcare Group – Clair O’Brien, Friends of Mitchell Creek Landcare Group - Sue McKinnon, Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation – Steve Roeger, Fire Stick & Associates – Ben Lewis, Environment Centre – Anna Boustead, City of Palmerston – Serenna Shutt, Friends of Fogg Dam Inc – Jeremy Hemphill, Ecoservices – Brooke Rankmore, Aboriginal Carbon Fund Limited – Rowan Foley, Regional Development Australia NT – Kate Peake.</p> <p>Guests Pam Robinson - City of Palmerston, Heather Boulden - Friends of Fogg Dam, Andrew Drenen – Roper River Landcare Group, Tim Dowling, Land for Wildlife, Garden for Wildlife, Suzanne Shearer – Australian Agriculture Company, Keith Armstrong, Sarah Bloustein, Australian Government – Department of Environment</p> <p>TNRM Staff 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, Philippe Puig – Spatial Scientist, Susanne Casanova – Finnis Reynolds Catchment Group Project Officer, Naomi Wilson, NT Landcare facilitator.</p>

Meeting – Opened at 5.00pm, Closed at 5.45pm

Item 1 – Welcome, introduction & apologies

1.0 Welcome

The attendees were welcomed by Chair, Clare Martin who was delighted at the presence of our Members and the increase by a third in 2015 up to 56 Members.

1.2 Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves and if they were a Member.

1.3 Apologies

The following apology was received from TNRM Director.

- Deputy Chair - Steve Morton

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

- Barkly Landcare & Conservation Association - Angela Carpenter
- Northern Land Council – Fiona Peek
- Savannah Way & Guides Limited – Russell Boswell
- City of Darwin – Shenagh Gamble
- NT Seafood Council – Katherine Winchester
- Twin Hill Aboriginal Corporation – Margaret Daiyi
- Shilo Station – Colin Deveraux
- Landcare NT – Jasmine Oakes

Item 2 – Tabling of previous minutes

2014 TNRM Annual General Meetings accepted

Moved by Friends of Mitchell Creek landcare Group – Sue McKinnon

Item 3 – Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of the 2015 TNRM AGM Agenda

All attendees accept and agree

Item 4 – Reports

4.0 Chair, Clare Martin

Twelve months into the TNRM Board, with two new Board Directors Ray Hall and Kate Peake, settling into a terrific board with a wide range of skills and moving forward together.

Mona Liddy left the Board during the year. Her contribution was greatly appreciated.

The Board will begin the recruitment process shortly to seek a new Director.

As the custodians of the NT INRM plan, TNRM have been driving the review of the 2010-2015 NT INRM plan, with extensive consultation across the Territory, providing the opportunity for all sectors of the community to contribute to its formation

Next year our focus will continue to be the funding base, particularly to commitment to maximise the funding received in the NT e.g. Green Army projects are active in Alice Springs, Darwin and a current application in Katherine facilitated by TNRM. The Board recently visited the Olive Pink Botanic Garden in Alice Springs, the work was impressive, and the participants enjoyed their time and gained appropriate skills.

20 Million Trees is still proving difficult to get in place in the NT, but we are not giving up and will continue to work with how we can make this succeed.

TNRM board is looking at how to diversify our sources of income. Some of those strategies include expanding our partnerships with the private sector and examining the opportunity for TNRM to participate, possibly as a broker, in environmental offsets.

The Annual Report has been released which is available on the Conference lanyard USB or some printed copies are available. Thank you to Nathalie Laurence for your amazing work on the Annual Report.

TNRM is a Member of the Lake Eyre Basin (LEB) Advisory Committee Group, which consists of representation across Queensland, South Australian and the Northern Territory and has been operating now for 20 years. In 2014 the group won the Australian River Prize and this year the Theiss International River Prize.

4.1 Chief Executive Officer, Karen May

Another busy and successful year for TNRM with a few changes and challenges along the way. We welcomed a new chair and new board members and relocated our Alice Springs and Darwin offices.

The Caring for our Country (CFOC) program drew to a close and the Australian Government continued its commitment to regional NRM delivery and the community through the new National Landcare Programme (NLP). We worked to wrap up our CFOC activities while adjusting our programs to the NLP. Thank you to the Australian Government staff for in their assistance and helping to make the transition from CFOC to NLP as straight forward as possible.

We reviewed 2010-2015 INRM Plan and published a report on the outcomes of the last 5 years. Worked with the community on the development of the 2015-2020 Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) Plan which will be released early next year.

Through our programs we delivered \$2.2 million of funding to the community through grants and support for engagement and capacity building activities. \$1.6 million supported 39 community groups and organisations undertaking 58 NRM projects. Partner groups and organisation contributed an additional \$1 million in cash and in-kind contributions towards these projects.

This year we continued to build on our successful NRM programs including collaborative catchment scale weed and pest Management in the Finnis Reynolds Catchment, thank you to Susanne and Anthony; the Territory Conservation Agreement Program, thank you to Daniel for his efforts: and the Indigenous NRM Traineeship program with a second trainee coming on board.

As the regional NRM organisation for the NT, TNRM has the privilege of working in partnership with a diverse range of groups, organisations and individuals. Thank you all for your hard work and contribution to managing the natural resources of the NT.

Thank you also to the hard working and dedicated staff of Territory Natural Resource Management for their amazing efforts thought out the year. Our staff has supported people from across the Territory in all manner of NRM activities, as well as helping with everything from the relocation of our offices to organising and running our biggest event, the TNRM conference and awards

4.2 Finance and Audit Committee Chair, Brooke Rankmore

Brooke Rankmore started by noting that this was her second year as the Finance & Audit Committee Chair which provided ongoing challenges due to the cuts across the funding including Board and Operational. The Board has worked hard to reduce costs to ensure the Board costs do not impact on the groundwork budget.

- Community Grants of \$600,000 have and will be distributed within the current funding.
- National Landcare Program requires 20% to community on ground, TNRM is and will continue to exceed this.
- Business Development continues to look at Philanthropic and Corporate opportunities including corporate offsets.
- Public Fund has been established with a committee in place to oversee.
- On track in delivering all that we hope to continue to NRM Members and stakeholders.

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

Moved by Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation – Steve Roeger

Seconded by Environment Centre NT – Anna Boustead

Item 5 – Adoption of Annual Report

Acceptance of the TNRM 2014-15 Annual Report (including 2014-15 financial report and special purpose report.)

Moved by Firestick & Associates – Ben Lewis

Seconded by Friends of Fogg Dam – Jeremy Hemphill

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

Item 6 – Election of Director to Board positions

Deputy Chair

Steve Morton put forward his interest in continuing in the role in his absence.

No other nominees.

Nomination put forward by Director - Rowan Foley

Steve Morton confirmed interest in Deputy Chair position (Advised at Board Meeting 56.)

Seconded Unanimous

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 – Friends of Mitchell Creek Landcare Group, Sue McKinnon

Finance & Audit Committee Chair

Brooke Rankmore confirmed her interest in continuing in the role.

No other nominees.

Nomination put forward by Director – Ray Hall

Brooke Rankmore confirmed interest in Finance & Audit Committee Chair position

Seconded by Director - Sally Sullivan

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

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

Director Representation

Director Brooke Rankmore nominated Chair, Clare Martin

Clare Martin accepted nomination.

Roper River Landcare, Clair O'Brien nominated Director, Ray Hall

Ray Hall accepted nomination.

Member Representation - Indigenous sector

No nomination received. The Board will out a call out to all Members.

Member Representation - Pastoral sector

Director Ray Hall nominated Roper River Landcare – Clair O'Brien.

No other nominations were received.

Clair O'Brien accepted nomination.

Member Representation – Conservation sector

Environment Centre, Anna Boustead put forward her interest.

No other nominations were received.

Environment Centre NT, Anna Boustead accepted nomination.

All Director Selection Panel Members were accepted unanimously.

Item 8 – Amendments of Constitution

The Special Resolution paper provides suggested amendments to the constitution to reflect; Introduction of Clause 53.2 under Part 9 – Public Fund Requirements, amendment of Part 10 – Operation of Public Fund: Minor amendments: re-numbering and formatting of section and amendment of Part 11 – Miscellaneous: Minor amendments: re-numbering.

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

Moved by Chair, Clare Martin

Seconded by Friends of Mitchell Creek Landcare Group - Sue McKinnon

Unanimously agreed by all.

Item 9 – Other business

Ethic policy for fundraising

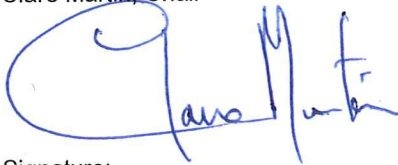
A member expressed their concern regarding some partners(in the oil and gas sector) of the 2015 TNRM Conference and questioned whether TNRM had a clear policy around what sponsorship we would accept and from whom.

The Chair responded that such a policy is not formally in place but will be in the next few months. And will certainly be in place as the Public Fund becomes active.

No other business put forward.

Minutes endorsed by:

Clare Martin, Chair



Signature:

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