

Meeting	2016 Annual General Meeting
Date	22 nd November 2016
Location	Mauna Loa Room, Vibe Hotel, Darwin Waterfront
Attendees	<p>Board Chair - Clare Martin; Deputy Chair – Steve Morton; Finance and Audit Committee Chair - Brooke Rankmore; Directors – Ray Hall, Rowan Foley and Steve Rogers.</p> <p>Members Aboriginal Carbon Fund – Rowan Foley, Centralian Land Management Association (CLMA) – Camilla Osborn; Desert Knowledge Australia – Tristan Simons; Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation – Steve Roger; Ecoservices NT – Brooke Rankmore, EcOz – Chris Brady; Fire Stick & Associates – Ben Lewis; Friends of Fogg Dam - Jeremy Hemphill; Friends of Mitchell Creek Catchment Landcare Group – Sue McKinnon; Greening Australia – Emma Lupin; NARMCO – John Jansen; and Roper River Landcare Group (RRLG) – Clair O'Brien.</p> <p>Guests Barkly Landcare and Conservation Association (BLCA) - Anne Alison; Centralian Land Management Association (CLMA) – Liz Bird; Department of Environment and Energy (AG) - Sarah Bloustein, Steve Costello; Department of Primary Industry and Resources (NTG) - Donna Digby; Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation – Djalinda Ulamari, Hamish Gondarra, Jonathan Wearne, Mandaka Marika; Friends of Fogg Dam – Heather Boulden and Roper River Landcare Group (RRLG) – Rosemary Sullivan.</p> <p>TNRM Staff Chief Executive Officer – Karen May and Executive Assistant – Kimberly Inkster (minutes).</p>

Meeting – Opened at 5.00pm, Closed at 5.35pm

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 in 2016 up to 62 Members.

1.2 Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves and if they were a Member.

1.3 Apologies

The following apologies were received from TNRM Directors.

- Kate Peake
- Sally Sullivan

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

- Charles Darwin University – Dr Natalie Rossier-Rachor
- EcOz – David van den Hoek
- Land for Wildlife (hosted by Low Ecological Services P/L) – Caragh Heenan
- Northern Land Council – Fiona Peek
- NT Farmers – Shenal Basnayake
- Regional Development Australia NT – Kate Peake
- Triple P Contracting – Susey Kidd
- Victoria River District Association (VRDCA) – Estelle Taylor

Item 2 – Tabling of previous minutes

2015 TNRM Annual General Meetings accepted

Moved by Friends of Fogg Dam – Jeremy Hemphill

Seconded by Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation – Steve Roeger

Item 3 – Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of the 2016 TNRM AGM Agenda

All attendees accept and agree

Item 4 – Reports

4.0 Chair, Clare Martin

The 2016-2020 NT NRM Plan has finished consultation, been finalised and launched. It covers the four major areas of the Territory, is a comprehensive strategy for all and focuses on keeping our land, biodiversity, water and coastal resources healthy over the next five years. TNRM has two major roles with the plan: encourage collaborations and partnerships to tackle natural resource issues and review the plan's progress. Clare expressed thanks to Paul Donohoe and all who contributed to the plan.

The TNRM Board focused on three key areas this year:

- 2016-2020 NT NRM Plan – consultation, launch and implementation.
- Better telling the NRM story – impressive natural resource work is happening in the Territory and we're determined to ensure that our community and our decision makers know the progress that is being made.
- Diversifying TNRM's income sources - currently most of the funding comes from the Australian Government, for which we are very thankful. TNRM is building a business plan to identify where alternative funding opportunities are. Drafting of the business plan has started and will be completed early in 2017. We have identified funding opportunities in environmental offsets, although the Territory doesn't yet have environmental offset legislation. There is a commitment from our new Labor Government to introduce it and the legislation has bipartisan support. Until the legislation is developed, TNRM will pursue any offsets opportunities that we can through the Federal Legislation, the EPBC.

The National Landcare Programme, which is the source of our funds, and provides funds for the 55 other NRMs round the country, is under review and is currently funded until 2018. All 56 NRMs are working with the federal government on the review and are pulling together the best information to demonstrate how the funding is / has been spent and determine if funding will continue after 2018. The best work is being done to convince the federal government that those funds are a vital investment.

Another activity on a national scale is the development of a scientific and accounting framework to assess the health of our environment. A bevy of scientists and statisticians, universities and NRMs developed the National Environmental Accounts over the last decade. They've been trialed in ten areas around the country and the work has shown that the framework is robust. Next step is obtain funds to put them in place nationally - \$15m a year. If completed, we can expect that in the future the Australian Bureau of Statistics will release data on everything from trade balances to employment, to health outcomes that will also include the state of our environment. Those figures will show where dollars are spent, with what success and guide future investment.

Clare expressed thanks to:

- Director - Rowan Foley for his hard work and contribution to TNRM during his tenure on the TNRM Board. His third term will finish early 2017.
- Chief Executive Officer, Karen May for all of her hard work, efforts and significant contribution to TNRM.
- Everyone within the Territory who contributes to and supports the management of its natural resources.

4.1 Chief Executive Officer, Karen May

It has been another busy and productive year for TNRM.

We have completed and launched the NT NRM Plan and have continued to build on our successful programs:

- The Territory Conservation Agreement program which supports land holders look after areas of conservation importance on their properties
 - Five new TCA sites covering 16,439ha.
 - 32 TCAs in place covering 48,000ha.
- Finnis Reynolds Catchment project - collaborative catchment scale weed and pest management project - 19,000ha treated for invasive weed Mimosa.
- Indigenous NRM Traineeship Program saw a second trainee successfully complete a traineeship and move to employment. We welcomed our third Indigenous NRM Trainee and look forward to expanding the program in the new year.

Through the year we worked with 60 community groups and organisations as well as many landholders to support natural resource management activities across the NT.

Through our programs we delivered \$2 million to the community through grants and support for training and capacity building activities. \$1.3 million of this funding supported 40 community groups and organisations to undertake 54 NRM projects. Those partner groups and organisation contributed over \$1 million in cash and in-kind contributions towards these projects.

The projects and people involved are many and varied, including:

- Alice Springs Landcare – tackling coral cactus around Alice Springs.
- Projects to protect native species from feral cats – Pellew Islands and New Haven Sanctuary in central Australia.
- Strategic and collaborative fire management in the Western Top End – Indigenous rangers, pastoralists, parks - approximately 7,000 square km.
- East Arnhem Land Indigenous Ranger Forum hosted by Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation, which brought together 100 Aboriginal Rangers from 11 Ranger Groups.

As the regional NRM organisation for the NT, we have the privilege of working in partnership with a diverse and dedicated range of groups, organisations and individuals across the Territory.

None of the achievements captured in our annual report would be possible without the efforts and commitment of our project partners or the hard work and dedication of the Territory Natural Resource Management staff team.

Thank you all for your contribution to managing the natural resources of the Northern Territory.

Thank you also to the staff of the Australian Government's Department of Environment and Energy and Department of Agriculture who have assisted us throughout the year.

4.2 Finance and Audit Committee Chair, Brooke Rankmore

Brooke welcomed all attendees, especially our members who have taken the time to attend the AGM. As shown in Karen and Clare's reports, the Territory continues to deliver NRM outcomes.

This year:

- TNRM received a total of \$3.5m in grant funding from the Australian Government with \$2.84m of this through our Regional Baseline funding. Remaining 660K came from various other Australian Government funding streams, such as Biodiversity fund.
- Under our agreements with the Australia Government, through the National Landcare Program TNRM were required to invest 20% of Regional Baseline funding directly to community for natural resource management activities. TNRM invested more than 40% of Regional Baseline funds in community projects contributing to National Landcare Programme outcomes.

- Funding for NRM has reduced over the last 7 years, as can be seen in the 15-16 Annual Report. In 2015-16, TNRM received just over 55% of funding we received in 2009-10.
- TNRM were financially sound, generating a profit of \$16,522 for this financial year, as shown in the audited statements.

The 2015-16 financial overview, special purpose financial report and independent audit report are presented from page 27 in the 15-16 TNRM Annual Report.

Given the decreasing funding for NRM a key focus of the board for the last few years has been investigating and developing opportunities to secure alternative funding for NRM projects. This year TNRM was successful in securing DGR (deductable gift recipient status) which will increase opportunities for financial donations, corporate contributions and donor organisations and grants.

After a number of years as the Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, I will not be re-contesting the position. Finances are a vital part of an organisation and there should be opportunity for as many directors as possible to get exposure in this position.

Brooke expressed thanks to:

- All of the TNRM staff who work with the community to deliver NRM outcomes on the ground.
- Ann Palmer and Rajiv Chaudhary who work behind the scenes to ensure TNRM is a high performing and financially sound organisation.
- The other members of the Finance and Audit Committee, Sally Sullivan and Kate Peake.

Item 5 – Adoption of Annual Report

Acceptance of the TNRM 2015-16 Annual Report (including 2014-15 financial report)

Moved by NARMCO – John Jansen

Seconded by Fire Stick & Associates – Ben Lewis

Item 6 – Election of Director to Board positions

Deputy Chair

Steve Morton confirmed his interest in continuing in the role.

No other nominees.

Steve Morton confirmed interest in Deputy Chair position

Moved by Deputy Chair – Steve Morton

Seconded by Director – Ray Hall

Finance & Audit Committee Chair

Brooke Rankmore confirmed that she is not re-contesting this position in order to allow another Director to take an active role in overseeing the finances of Territory Natural Resource Management.

Sally Sullivan put forward her interest in stepping into the role, in her absence.

Sally Sullivan confirmed interest in Finance & Audit Committee Chair position (advised formally out of session)

Nomination put forward by NARMCO – John Jansen

Seconded by Chair – Clare Martin

Public Officer

Brooke Rankmore confirmed her interest in continuing in the role.

No other nominees.

Brooke Rankmore confirmed interest in Public Officer position

Moved by Chair - Clare Martin

Seconded by Director – Ray Hall

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

Director Representation

Chair, Clare Martin nominated Deputy Chair, Steve Morton.

Steve Morton accepted nomination

Moved by Chair – Clare Martin

Seconded by Director – Ray Hall

Chair, Clare Martin put forward her interest to sit on the Director Selection Panel.

No other nominees.

Clare Martin confirmed her interest for Director Representation on the Director Selection Panel

Moved by Deputy Chair – Steve Morton

Seconded by Director – Ray Hall

Member Representation - Indigenous sector

Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation – Steve Roeger nominated Djalinda Ulamari.

No other nominees.

Djalinda Ulamari accepted nomination

Moved by Fire Stick and Associates – Ben Lewis

Seconded by Director – Ray Hall

Member Representation - Pastoral sector

Centralian Land Management Association (CLMA) – Liz Bird put forward her interest to sit on the Director Selection Panel.

No other nominees.

Liz Bird confirmed her interest for Member Representation – Pastoral sector on the Director Selection Panel

Moved by Centralian Land Management Association (CLMA) – Camilla Osborn

Seconded by NARMCO – John Jansen

Member Representation – Conservation sector

Fire Stick and Associates – Ben Lewis put forward his interest to sit on the Director Selection Panel.

No other nominees.

Ben Lewis confirmed his interest for Member Representation – Conservation sector

Moved by Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation – Steve Roeger

Seconded by Director – Ray Hall

Item 8 – Other business

No other business put forward.

Minutes endorsed by:

Clare Martin, Chair



Signature:
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