

Meeting	2017 Annual General Meeting
Date	Tuesday, 21 November 2017
Location	Zealandia room, Vibe Hotel, Darwin waterfront
Attendees	<p>Board</p> <p>Chair – Clare Martin, Finance and Audit Committee Chair – Sally Sullivan; Public Officer – Brooke Rankmore, Directors – Bilawara Lee, Ray Hall and Steve Rogers.</p> <p>Members</p> <p>ABS Scrofa trading as Wildscience – Brett Ottley; Centralian Land Management Association – Liz Bird; City of Darwin – Jade Leask (proxy); Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation – Steve Roeger; EcOz Environmental Consultants – David van den Hoek; Environment Centre NT – Shar Molloy; Fire Stick & Associates – Ben Lewis; Friends of Fogg Dam – Jeremy Hemphill; Greening Australia (Land for Wildlife Top End) – Emma Lupin; Land for Wildlife – Caragh Heenan (proxy); Mimal Land Management Aboriginal Corporation – Dominic Nicholls; NT Farmers Association – Greg Owens; Roper River Landcare Group – Clair O'Brien; and Tjuwanpa Women Rangers – Sonya Braybon.</p> <p>Guests</p> <p>ABS Scrofa trading as Wildscience – Stuart Barker; Bush Heritage Australia – Peter Saunders; Friends of Fogg Fam – Heather Boulden; Land for Wildlife – Candice Appleby; Northern Land Council – Matt Salmon; and Tjuwanpa Women Rangers – Danielle Shallow.</p> <p>TNRM Staff Chief Executive Officer – Karen May; Executive Assistant – Kimberly Inkster (minutes) and Project Officer – Anisha Angelroth.</p>
Apologies	Deputy Chair – Steve Morton; Director – Kate Peake and Rick Fletcher

Meeting opened at 4:45pm, Meeting closed at 5:08pm

Item 1: Welcome, introduction and apologies

1.1 Welcome

The attendees were welcomed by the Chair, Clare Martin.

1.2 Introductions

The Board Members introduced themselves to the attendees.

1.3 Apologies

The following apologies were received from TNRM Board Members:

- Deputy Chair – Steve Morton
- Director – Kate Peake
- Director – Rick Fletcher

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

- Desert Knowledge Australia – Tristan Sloan
- Jawoyn Association – Liam Golding
- NASAA Limited – Mark Anderson
- The Nature Conservancy – David Hinchley
- Regional Development Australia - NT – Kate Peake

Item 2: Tabling of previous minutes

2016 TNRM Annual General Meeting Minutes accepted

Moved by Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation – Steve Roeger

Seconded by Friends of Fogg Dam – Jeremy Hemphill

Item 3: Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of the 2017 TNRM Annual General Meeting Agenda accepted

Unanimously accepted

Item 4: Reports

4.1 Chair – Clare Martin

I'm pleased to report that this last financial year has been both a productive and successful time for TNRM and our natural resource management programs and partnerships throughout the Territory.

The work we do is guided by our current NT Natural Resource Management Plan that came into operation last year and sets our direction for the next five years. The plan builds upon our previous one and was developed through extensive consultation across the Territory. Many here would have been part of that consultation.

It is based on a strong adaptive approach to natural resource management, one where managing and learning happen simultaneously. It covers our four regional areas, and has nine programs ranging from managing fire, weeds, and feral animals to industry adoption of sustainable practice. There's more information about the plan and its detail on our website.

Over the past 12 months, TNRM had a grants program of two million dollars to allocate and decisions around grants were guided by the strategies in our NRM Plan: from continuing our biodiversity work in the Finnis Reynolds region to growing the number of Territory Conservation Agreements with pastoralist; working with indigenous rangers across the Territory and eradicating weeds and removing feral animals.

Overall, TNRM supported the natural resource management (NRM) activities of more than 60 community groups and organisations and I can assure you that funding is well targeted and transparently accounted for.

I'm also pleased to report that our indigenous trainee program is working well and has been able to expand in numbers this year. Hopefully we can continue that expansion in the coming years.

Working with partners across the Territory has always been a key aspect of the operation of TNRM. We value those partnerships in our natural resource management activities – the Northern Territory Government, the Australian Government, CDU, Land Councils, industry groups, pastoralists, Landcare

and other community organisations. I am confident that we will further grow those partnerships in the coming years.

The Australian Government is currently redesigning their National Landcare Programme – NLP2 – to begin mid next year – and it will have an even stronger focus on partnerships with all sectors, in delivering effective outcomes in natural resource management. It's a move TNRM welcomes.

The TNRM Board over the past twelve months has worked well and effectively. In addition to a keen focus on our NRM Plan and delivering on its strategies, considerable work has been done in the business planning area around diversifying our sources of income. It's not an easy task and sometimes it moves slowly, but we are confident that NLP2 should complement our efforts.

Our Board this last year bid farewell to one long-term director, and welcomed two new ones. Rowan Foley was on the board for six years and I thank him for his considerable contribution. Bilawara Lee and Rick Fletcher joined our board.

Bilawara is the Larrakia Academic in Residence at CDU and brings to TNRM a strong commitment to helping balance sustainable growth and the health and wellbeing of the land and environment.

Rick Fletcher is NLC's Manager - Regional Development South, overseeing regional development projects in the Council's southern service area. Rick brings to the Board his business skills in building sustainable indigenous economies.

As Chair, my thanks to an excellent board who bring a wide range of complementary skills to our board discussions and contribute to effective decision making for and oversight of TNRM.

Thanks also to our much-valued members – and those numbers continue to grow and in our Annual Report, released today, you can see the diversity and strength of that membership.

And last, but never least, the TNRM staff – those who have been with us for many years and those who are newer. Thank you for your commitment to the delivery of NRM and the expertise with which you do it. Small in numbers, but impressive in outcomes.

Special thanks to Karen whose hard work and dedication over many years to NRM is highly valued and much appreciated. And although this activity occurred in this financial year, I can't finish my report to this AGM without mentioning the recent Australian Government audit of TNRM, on site, over two days. We passed the audit successfully and that is a real tribute to Karen and our TNRM staff.

4.2 Chief Executive Officer – Karen May

This year, TNRM continued to build on successful NRM programs, projects and partnerships across the NT.

Through our grant program and support for community engagement and capacity building activities, we supported 60 groups and organisations to undertake 73 NRM projects and activities.

Partner groups and organisations matched the funding contribution from TNRM through the National Landcare Program and Biodiversity Fund with over \$1.7 million in cash and in-kind contributions towards these projects.

A fantastic level of contribution and commitment.

Our annual report captures a snapshot of some of the work undertaken by our partners throughout the year.

Of all the work under taken this year, I would like to highlight two long-term TNRM projects that were funded under the Australian Government's Biodiversity Fund, which ended in June.

Territory Conservation Agreement program, which supports land managers to protect environmentally important areas in their properties and delivers improved conservation and production outcomes.

This year, we established a record ten TCA's, covering over 7,000ha, bringing the total number of TCAs to 42 covering over 55,000ha.

TCA have been established on both Indigenous and pastoral land, with 12% of pastoral leases in the NT now having a TCA.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment of our partner landholders who have become involved in the program and entered into these 10 year agreements, and thank Ann Palmer and Suzy Shearer for the incredible work they did with landholders in establishing new TCAs this year.

Finniss Reynolds Catchment project - collaborative catchment scale weed and pest management project across an area of 5,500km².

TNRM's Susanne Casanova coordinates the project, supporting and working closely with land managers and Indigenous Rangers to carry out a range of weed and feral animal control activities.

Work in the catchments:

- Annual aerial spraying of Mimosa pigra across 19,000 hectares and use of flea beetles as biocontrol
- Reduction in mimosa across the catchment with 2,000ha of floodplain now free from mature Mimosa plants
- 30% reduction in feral pig numbers since 2014
- Biodiversity surveys show magpie geese numbers have doubled in the catchment
- Camera trapping has detected the endangered Northern quoll and the threatened Floodplain monitor

I would like to acknowledge and thank Susanne and our partner landholders and groups in the Finniss Reynolds catchment for their work and achievements.

TNRM has 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 this annual report would be possible without the efforts and commitment of our project partners.

I would also like to acknowledge our valued members

I recently presented at a meeting and was talking a little about TNRM, and put up a PowerPoint slide listing our members, we had just reached 70 members (groups, orgs). Which to me is both impressive and humbling but what struck me most was the diversity of those members, environment groups, community and landcare groups, industry bodies, indigenous organisations and ranger groups, local, research organisations, local government and business.

To me it demonstrated our common interest and commitment to managing the territory's natural resources.

Thank you the TNRM staff for their support and commitment to NRM in the NT

We also thank the staff from the Australian Government's Department of Environment and Energy and the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources for their support throughout the year.

4.3 Finance and Audit Committee Chair – Sally Sullivan

It gives me great pleasure to present to you, our TNRM members, my first report as Finance and Audit Committee Chair.

Audits

The annual TNRM audit was completed with KPMG in August. Then shortly afterwards, the Australian Government also conducted an on-site audit of TNRM. Pleasingly, the Australian Government considered TNRM's finances are very well-managed and TNRM has an exceptional (my word) record of compliance and performance. TNRM, now a 'trusted delivery partner', is able to move to reduced reporting requirements. Karen indicated the process was of value to TNRM. Audits require significant time and dedication from staff, so many thanks to all staff involved and congratulations on attracting compliments on your management from auditors. Special mentions and thanks to Ann Palmer and Rajiv Chaudhary for their sound management of TNRM's financial and reporting systems and to Karen for her oversight.

Finances

The 2016-17 financial overview, special purpose financial report and independent audit report are presented from page 38 in the 2016-17 TNRM Annual Report. TNRM realised a profit of \$23,165 in the 2016/17 financial year, as shown in the audited statements.

In 2016-17, TNRM received a total of \$3.65 million in grant funding from the Australian Government (AG). Of this \$2.84 million was TNRM's Regional Baseline funding and the remaining \$810,000 came from various other Australian Government funding streams such as the AG Biodiversity Fund and the AG Threatened Species Recovery Fund. The coloured pie chart on p38 of the Annual Report shows indigenous and pastoral sectors were the main recipients of funds devolved directly to community organisations, receiving 66% collectively.

Under TNRM's National Landcare Program agreement with the Australia Government, TNRM is required to invest 20% of Regional Baseline funding directly to community for natural resource management activities. Commendably, more than 40% of TNRM's Regional Baseline funds (\$2 million) have been delivered to the community resulting in a range of environmental and sustainable production benefits aligning with the 2016-2020 NT NRM plan.

The FAC Committee and the board are confident TNRM's accounts are in good order and the organisation is well on the way to successfully completing projects and operations under the current NLP funding, due to wind up in June 2018. The board, Finance and Audit Committee and TNRM management are all too aware of TNRM's almost total reliance on Commonwealth funding and are continually investigating and furthering means of diversifying income. That said, TNRM is well-positioned to apply for the new Commonwealth 'Regional Land Partnerships' replacing the current National Landcare Program when the details are available. Regional Land Partnerships are scheduled to commence on 1 July 2018.

The TNRM Public Fund has been established to receive tax-deductible donations, and has been used this financial year for a donation from the Norman Wettenhall Foundation for funding to support Gouldian Finch habitat studies.

Once again, thank you to the hard-working staff of TNRM who work to deliver TNRM outcomes on the ground and to Ann, Raj and Karen for going above and beyond to ensure TNRM is a high performing and financially sound organisation.

Thanks also to the other members of the Finance and Audit Committee, Brooke Rankmore and Kate Peake for your observance and contribution to the financial oversight of TNRM.

Chair Report, Chief Executive Officer Report and Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report accepted

Moved by Centralian Land Management Association – Liz Bird

Seconded by Mimal Land Management Aboriginal Corporation – Dominic Nicholls

Item 5: 2016-17 TNRM Annual Report (including 2016-17 financial reports)

2016-17 TNRM Annual Report (including 16-17 financial reports) accepted

Moved by Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation – Steve Roeger

Seconded by Friends of Fogg Dam – Jeremy Hemphill

Item 6: Election of Directors to board positions

Deputy Chair

Steve Morton expressed his interest to Chair, Clare Martin in continuing in the role.

No other nominees.

Steve Morton confirmed his interest in holding the Deputy Chair position

Moved by Chair – Clare Martin

Seconded by Director – Ray Hall

Finance and Audit Committee Chair

Sally Sullivan expressed her interest in continuing in the role.

No other nominees.

Sally Sullivan confirmed her interest in holding the Finance and Audit Committee Chair position

Moved by Finance and Audit Committee Chair – Sally Sullivan

Seconded by Director – Ray Hall

Public Officer

Brooke Rankmore expressed her interest in continuing in the role.

No other nominees.

Brooke Rankmore confirmed her interest in holding the Public Officer position

Moved by Public Officer – Brooke Rankmore

Seconded by Director – Ray Hall

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

Director Representation

Steve Rogers expressed his interest to sit on the Director Selection Panel.

No other nominees.

Steve Rogers confirmed his interest for Director Representation on the Director Selection Panel

Moved by Director – Steve Rogers

Seconded by Chair – Clare Martin

Bilawara Lee expressed her interest to sit on the Director Selection Panel.

No other nominees.

Bilawara Lee confirmed her interest for Director Representation on the Director Selection Panel

Moved by Director – Bilawara Lee

Seconded by Chair – Clare Martin

Member Representation – Pastoral Sector

Centralian Land Management Association – Liz Bird expressed 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 Chair – Clare Martin

Seconded by Friends of Fogg Dam – Jeremy Hemphill

Member Representation – Conservation sector

ABS Scrofa trading as Wildscience – Brett Ottley expressed his interest to sit on the Director Selection Panel.

No other nominees.

Brett Ottley confirmed his interest for Member Representation – Conservation sector on the Director Selection Panel

Moved by ABS Scrofa trading as Wildscience – Brett Ottley

Seconded by Friends of Fogg Dam – Jeremy Hemphill

Member Representation – Indigenous sector

Northern Land Council – Matthew Salmon expressed his interest to sit on the Director Selection Panel.

No other nominees.

Matthew Salmon confirmed his interest for Member Representation – Indigenous sector on the Director Selection Panel

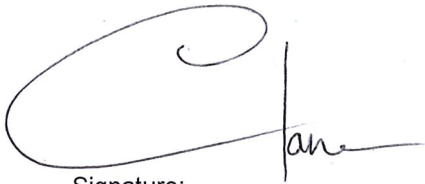
Moved by Chair – Clare Martin

Seconded by Friends of Fogg Dam – Jeremy Hemphill

Item 8: Other Business

No other business put forward.

Minutes endorsed by:
Clare Martin, Chair



Signature:
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