



**NORTHERN AGRICULTURAL CATCHMENTS  
COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday 25 October 2022**

**14.33pm to 15.56pm**

**Venue: Conference Room, Level 1, Lotteries House,  
114 Sandford Street, Geraldton**

**MINUTES**

Signed as a true and correct record of proceedings

**Chair**

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25 October 2022

14.30pm to 16.00pm

## AGM AGENDA

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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>14.30pm</b> | <b>Open Meeting</b>                           |  |
|            |                | 1.1   | Welcome to Country   |
|            |                | 1.2   | Attendance & Apologies   |
|            |                | 1.3   | Public questions and deputations                                   |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>14.35pm</b> | <b>Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes</b> | <b>(for Decision)</b>  |
|            |                | 2.1   | Amendments to previous minutes                                     |
|            |                | 2.2   | Matters arising from previous minutes                              |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>14.45pm</b> | <b>NACC Annual Reports</b>                    | <b>(for Decision)</b>  |
|            |                | 3.1   | Chair's Report   |
|            |                | 3.2   | CEO's Report   |
|            |                | 3.3   | Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements<br>(2021/2022) |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>15.25pm</b> | <b>Appointment of Auditor</b>                 | <b>(for Decision)</b>  |
| <b>5.0</b> | <b>15.30pm</b> | <b>Open Question Time</b>                     | <b>(for Discussion)</b>  |
| <b>6.0</b> | <b>16.00pm</b> | <b>Close Meeting</b>                          |  |

## 1.0 Open Meeting (14.33pm)

**Author:** Dr. Rob Keogh  
**Position:** Chair  
**Date:** 25 October 2022

### 1.1 Welcome to Country

NACC NRM welcomed Elder Donna Ronan from the Wilunyu/Wajarri People, who conducted a Welcome to Country for the meeting.

A minute of silence was held in support of community following the tragic loss of Cassius Turvey, a family member of Elder Donna Ronan.

### 1.2 Attendance & Apologies

**Author:** Ella Neethling  
**Position:** Administration Officer  
**Date:** 25 October 2022

#### Present

**NACC Board Members** Dr. R Keogh; M Stanborough; S Levett; E McLellan; C Evans

**Executive Support** K Allen; T Maina; K Watson; E Neethling

**NACC Members** J Sorgiovanni; C Lee; E Eaton; A Bishop; L Allen; C Love; A Garratt; J Kendle

**Observers** P Royce; A Cornell, T Mamid; P Papertalk; T Flemming; S Kanny; A Campbell; Dr. F Riviera

**Apologies** T Domico; Dr. M Payne; R McLellan; C King, C Farrell

### 1.3 Public Questions and Deputations

No public questions and deputations were received for this meeting.

## 2.0 Previous Meeting Minutes

(for Decision)

**Author** Ella Neethling  
**Position:** Administration Officer  
**Date:** 25 October 2022

### 2.1 Amendments to previous Minutes

Please refer to **Appendix 2.1.1** for a copy of the unconfirmed minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26 October 2021.

### 2.2 Matters arising from previous Minutes

No outstanding matters arising from the AGM Minutes of 26 October 2021.

#### Resolution 1/NACCAGM/10/22

The meeting accepts the Annual General Meeting Minutes of 26 October 2021 as presented.

**MOVED: J Sorgiovanni**

**CARRIED: All**

### 3.0 NACC Annual Reports

(for /Decision)

#### 3.1 Chair's Report

Presented by Chair, Dr. Rob Keogh

#### 3.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report

Presented by CEO, Katherine Allen

#### 3.3 Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements (2021/2022)

Presented by Treasurer, Susanne Levett

The Annual Report can be found here:

[https://www.nacc.com.au/2018\\_report/2021-2022-annual-report/](https://www.nacc.com.au/2018_report/2021-2022-annual-report/)

### Resolution 2/NACCAGM/10/22

The meeting approves the 2021/2022 Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements for the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council.

**MOVED: M Stanborough**

**CARRIED: All**

#### Discussion:

- The Chair informed the members that he has decided to step down as Chair and that the NACC NRM Board has elected Elisabeth McLellan to commence in the role effective 26 October 2022. Dr Rob Keogh will continue as a Director on the NACC NRM Board.
- The Chair invited Elisabeth McLellan to introduce herself to the meeting.
- The Chair invited Director Miriam Stanborough to the floor. Director Stanborough thanked Dr. Robert Keogh for his contribution to the Board over the past seven years including five as Chair. Director Stanborough described Robert as highly principled, thoughtful, and professional, delivering work with high impact and integrity. Dr Keogh represented NACC NRM's interest at both a regional and state scale.
- Refer to **Appendix 3.1** for a copy of the PowerPoint presentation the Chair, CEO, and Treasurer delivered.

## 4.0 Appointment of an Auditor

(for Decision)

**Author** Dr. Rob Keogh  
**Position:** Chair  
**Date:** 25 October 2022

The NACC NRM Audit and Risk Committee resolved at its meeting held on 21 September 2022 to recommend to the NACC NRM Board to re-appoint William Buck Pty Ltd as the independent external financial auditing provider for a further term of 12 months.

The NACC NRM Board resolved at its Board Meeting held on 10 October 2022 to recommend to the NACC NRM Members to re-appoint William Buck Pty Ltd as the independent external financial auditing provider for a further term of 12 months.

### Resolution 3/NACCAGM/10/22

The Board re-appoints William Buck Pty Ltd as the independent Auditors of Northern Agricultural Catchments Council for a further term of 12 months.

**MOVED: J Sorgiovanni**

**CARRIED: All**

## 5.0 Open Question Time

(for Discussion)

The Board and Management answered general questions and comments from members present at the AGM. The range of questions from the floor covered topics including: ·

- GGA Drought Hubs led to NACC NRM delivering on the Geraldton Node Lead Hub, and other Node Leads have been selected for other areas – members can view the particular Hub areas on the GGA website for more clarity. NACC NRM has also been involved in the Regional Drought Resilience Planning work funded by the Future Drought Fund.
- Chapman River Estuary project and improving water quality.

No questions resulted in any action item or resolutions for members.

## 6.0 Close meeting (3.56pm)

## 7.0 Appendices

**Appendix 3.1** AGM Presentation 2022



**Welcome**

# **Annual General Meeting 2022**

**Catalysing Community Conservation**





# Welcome to Country

Donna Ronan

Catalysing Community Conservation





## **NACC NRM Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday 25 October 2022

2:30pm to 4:00pm

### **AGM AGENDA**

#### **1.0 14.30pm Open Meeting**

1.1 Welcome to country

1.2 Attendance & apologies

1.3 Public questions and deputations

#### **2.0 14.35pm Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**

2.1 Amendments to previous minutes

2.2 Matters arising from previous minutes

#### **3.0 14.45pm NACC Annual Reports**

3.1 Chair's Report

3.2 CEO's Report

3.3 Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements (2021/2022)

#### **4.0 15.25pm Appointment of Auditor (for Decision)**

#### **5.0 15.30pm Open Question Time**

#### **6.0 16.00pm Close Meeting**



# Chair's Report

**Dr. Rob Keogh – NACC NRM Chair**

**Catalysing Community Conservation**



# Consolidation



- **Acknowledgements and Introductions**
- **Elements of consolidation**
- **Highlights from 2021/2022**
- **Challenges for 2022/2023 and beyond**
- **Conclusion**



World Wetlands Day community walk, Chapman River Estuary

# Acknowledgements



- Yamaji and Noongar
- Board and Staff
- Federal and State Governments
- NRM Regions Australia
- Friends and Partners



Joy Sherlock and MIG CEO Dee McKeown with NACC NRM CEO Katherine Allen celebrating National Agriculture Day

# Introductions



- **Board**
- **Staff**



NACC NRM staff helping out at the AWC's Mt Gibson Sanctuary as part of the 2022 NACC NRM Team Retreat

# Elements of Consolidation



- **Integrating NARvis and Strategic Priorities**
- **Leadership, Relationships and Capabilities**
- **Fulfillment of Program Objectives**
- **Securing the Future – Walton Close**
- **NRM WA**



Chapman River Estuary Management Plan consultation session

# Highlights from 2021/2022



- **MARP – Funding and Recognition**
- **In the Wake of the Storm**
- **Carnaby's Cockatoo**



Carnaby Cockatoo monitoring, Murchison House Station

# Challenges for 2022/2023 and Beyond



- Next round of Commonwealth funding
- Realising the potential and avoiding the risks at Walton Close
- Building our standing in the Community – Local Government
- Finding a place in the Carbon Economy
- Diversity and Membership



Sustainable Agriculture Project Officer Anna Cornell interviewing Jerry Clune at his farm in Bringo for the Regional Drought Resilience Plan

# Conclusion



- **Well positioned for the future**
- **Leadership and initiative needed to realise opportunities**
- **The Chair and Board**



Malleefowl Conservation Works, Ninghan Station Indigenous Protected Area



# Thank You



Carnaby Cockatoo, photo by Heather Beswick





# CEO's Report

**Katherine Allen – NACC NRM CEO**

**Catalysing Community Conservation**





# Strategic Delivery



- **Four Pillars**
- **Targets**
- **Achievements**



2022 Coastcare Forum, Lancelin



**OG1** Support landholders, community groups, and government to improve biodiversity in the NAR.

**OG2** Work with research and teaching organisations, private landholders, and government to establish and communicate the short-term economic benefits/costs of incorporating sustainable land use practices.

**OG3** Support coastal stakeholders to deliver on-ground coastal conservation in the NAR.

**OG4** Support landholders to engage in market opportunities related to natural resource regeneration.

**OG5** Increase scope of on-ground NRM projects being delivered across the region.

# ON GROUND IMPACT

**To achieve measurable beneficial impact on the region's terrestrial, coastal and marine biodiversity the sustainability of primary production activities and the natural systems that sustain them in line with NARvis 2030 vision and goal statements.**



## TARGETS

An additional 5,000 ha of degraded private or public land restored to benefit biodiversity.

4 Coastal Local Governments have implemented all recommendations of their CHRMAP.

8 projects, delivering 20,000 ha of on-farm best practice management activities.



Malleefowl Monitoring, Badja Station



**AC1** Empower Traditional Custodians, Aboriginal organisations, and Aboriginal-owned businesses to lead NRM activities and achieve NRM outcomes that acknowledge TEK.

**AC2** Establish partnerships with Traditional Custodians and Aboriginal organisations and Aboriginal-owned businesses.

**AC3** Incorporate and communicate TEK across relevant NACC NRM projects.

# ABORIGINAL CUSTODIANSHIP

**To work together with the region's Traditional Custodians to improve recognition, understanding, and integration of Traditional Ecological Knowledge and practices into NRM in the NAR in line with NACC NRM's Reconciliation Action Plan.**



## TARGETS

5% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander attendance at all NACC NRM events and activities.

10% of total NACC NRM workforce identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

5% of RLP budget (not including salaries for ATSI staff directly employed) expended with Aboriginal organisations or Aboriginal owned businesses.

Three NACC NRM projects incorporating TEK



MARP Regional Meeting, Nambung National Park



**CE1** Provide services to and encourage approaches from NRM groups, producer groups, and community members regarding NRM project delivery.

**CE2** Increase communication footprint and the impact of communications efforts.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**To increase community awareness of regional TEK, NACC NRM, and NARvis, and improve opportunities for the local community to contribute to NRM in the NAR.**



## TARGETS

- NACC NRM membership increased to 3,000 people.
- 1.50% increase in engagement (from 2020 baseline) across key social media statistics
- 5 mainstream media articles per year until 31 December 2024
- Average of 2,000 NARvis website users over 12 months (1 September to 30 August)
- Average return rate of visitors over 12 months (1 September to 30 August) is 20%.
- Increase (from 2020 baseline) in reference of Heritage Sites in NACC NRM project applications.
- 5% of event attendees identify as 'new' participants at NACC NRM/NRM activities in the NAR.
- Target Net promoter score of 40.



RALF Annabelle Garratt at the 2021 Mingenew Expo



# ORGANISATIONAL CAPABILITY

To increase organisational capability through agile, robust, and resilient governance and business practices.



- OC1** Increase depth of organisational expertise to capitalise on emerging trends and implement evidence-based approaches in NRM.
- OC2** Develop organisational agility that supports more efficient and effective operations across NACC NRM.
- OC3** Diversify revenue and resource streams to capitalise on emerging market opportunities.

## TARGETS

- 2 staff with implementable knowledge of environmental accounting
- 2 staff with implementable knowledge of carbon markets and project development
- 2 staff with knowledge and skills to undertake Natural Resource Management farm planning
- eNet promoter score of 40
- All procurement funded projects return 5% of total project income to organisational equity
- 2% of total annual (non-RLP) revenue comes from fee for service activities
- NACC NRM Board composition meets pre-determined diversity targets



Programs & Operations Manager Kane Watson at Traditional Owner consultation & planning session, Dalwallinu

# Partnerships and Collaborations



- Regional Drought Resilience Plan
- Turquoise Coast Management Group
- “In the Wake of the Storm”



Farmer Jason Stokes being interviewed for the Regional Drought Resilience Plan, Nanson



# Value of the team



- Team Growth
- Individual Growth
- Purpose and Values



The NACC NRM 2022 team retreat, Mt Gibson



# Summary



- **Strategic Delivery**
- Partnership approach
- **Sustainability**



Malleefowl Monitoring, Badja Station



# Thank You



Where the Chapman River Estuary meets the sea





# Treasurer's Report

Susanne Levett – NACC NRM Treasurer

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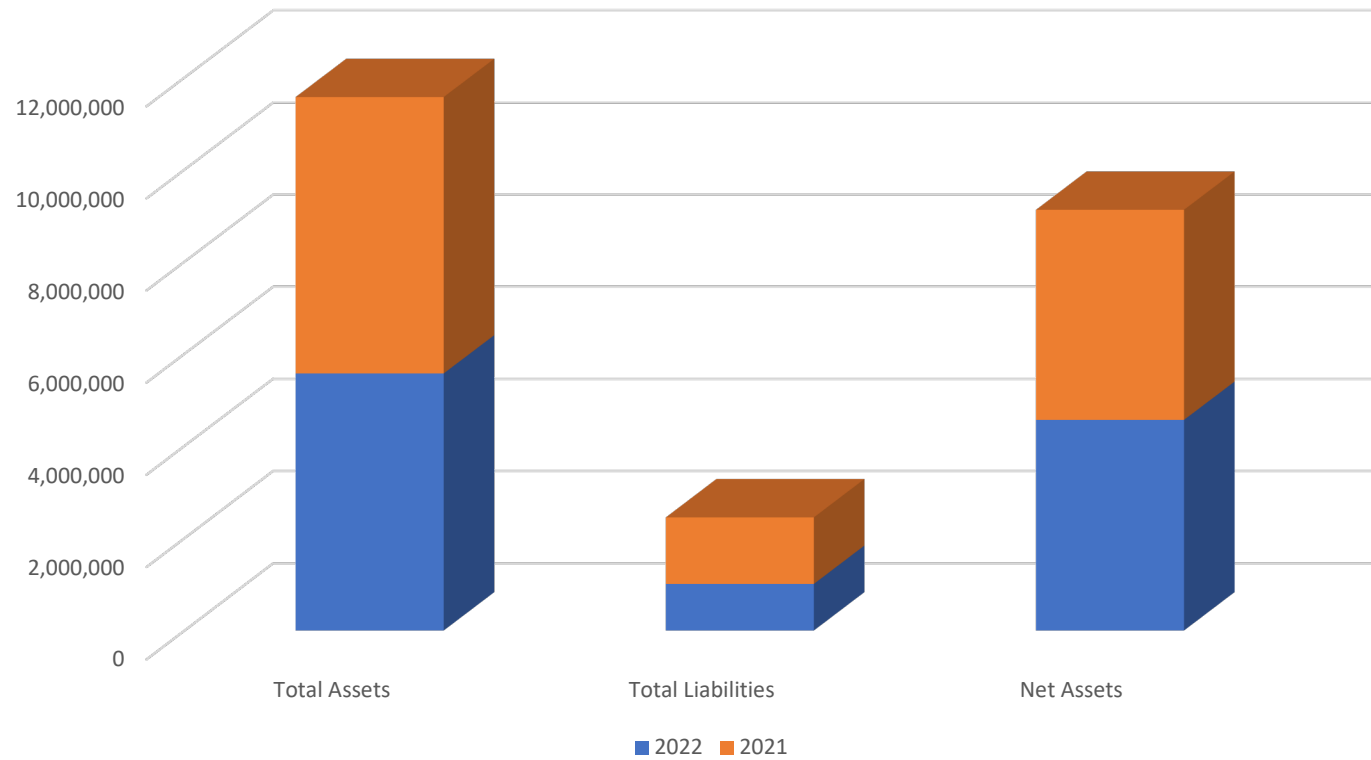
# Overview





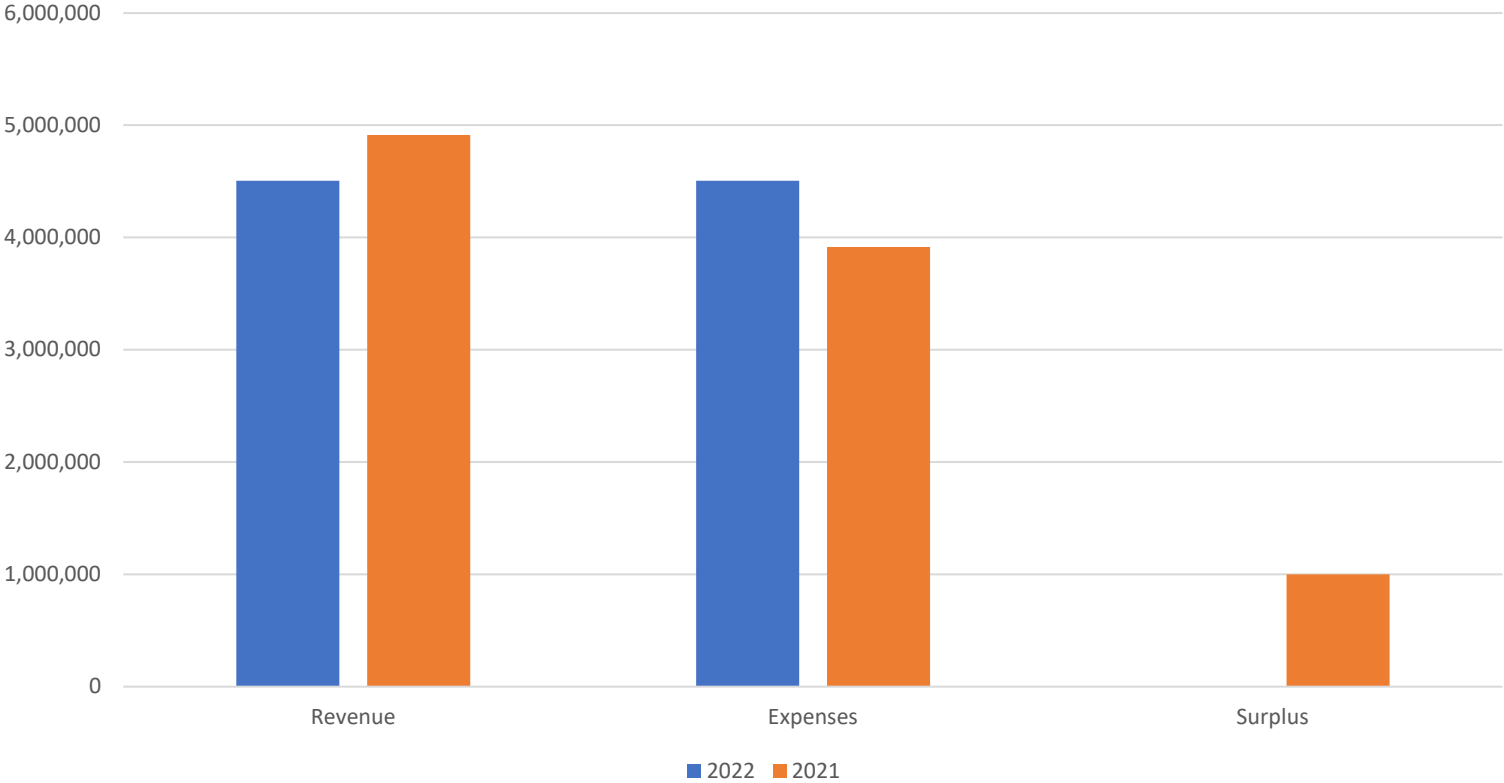


# Statement of Financial Position





# Operating Statement









**Thank You**