



**NORTHERN AGRICULTURAL CATCHMENTS
COUNCIL**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 24 October 2024

14.34pm to 16.00pm

**Venue: NACC NRM Enterprise Hub, 4 Walton Close,
Geraldton**

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Signed as a true and correct record of proceedings

Chair

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AGM AGENDA

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| 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 | (for Decision) |
| | | 2.1 | Amendments to previous minutes |
| | | 2.2 | Matters arising from previous minutes |
| 3.0 | 14.45pm | NACC Annual Reports | (for Decision) |
| | | 3.1 | Chair's Report |
| | | 3.2 | CEO's Report |
| | | 3.3 | Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements
(2023/2024) |
| 4.0 | 15.35pm | Appointment of Auditor | (for Decision) |
| 5.0 | 15.50pm | Open Question Time | (for Discussion) |
| 6.0 | 16.00pm | Close Meeting | |

1.0 Open Meeting (14.34pm)

Author: Elisabeth McLellan
Position: Chair
Date: 24 October 2024

1.1 Welcome to Country

NACC NRM welcomes Leanne Taylor, an Amangu Elder to conduct a Welcome to Country for the meeting.

1.2 Attendance & Apologies

Author: Ella Neethling
Position: Executive Assistant
Date: 24 October 2024

Present

NACC Board Members E McLellan; S Levett; C Evans; C Galli; W Easton

Executive Support K Allen; K Watson; E Neethling

NACC Members G Brennan; R McLellan; Y Marsden; J. Kendle;
Dr M Payne; C Love

Observers P Papertalk; T Flemming; K Ronan; J Burney; Y Hollings;
D Fitzgerald;

Apologies K Barras; J Sorgiovanni

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: Executive Assistant
Date: 24 October 2024

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 2023.

2.2 Matters arising from previous Minutes

No outstanding matters from the AGM Minutes of 26 October 2023.

Resolution 1/NACCAGM/10/24

The meeting accepts the Annual General Meeting Minutes of 26 October 2023 as presented.

MOVED: Y. Marsden

CARRIED: All

3.0 NACC Annual Reports

(for /Decision)

3.1 Chair's Report

Presented by Chair, Elisabeth McLellan

3.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report

Presented by CEO, Katherine Allen

3.3 Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements (2023/2024)

Presented by Treasurer, Susanne Levett

The Annual Report can be found here:

https://www.nacc.com.au/2018_report/2023-2024-annual-report/

Resolution 2/NACCAGM/10/24

The meeting approves the 2023/2024 Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements for the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council.

MOVED: C. Love

CARRIED: All

Discussion:

- 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 Elisabeth McLellan
Position: Chair
Date: 24 October 2024

The NACC NRM Board resolved via circular resolution on 8 October 2024 to recommend to the NACC NRM Members to appoint AMD Chartered Accountants as the independent external financial auditing provider for the 2024-25 Audit.

Resolution 3/NACCAGM/10/24

That the NACC NRM Board appoints AMD Chartered Accountants for the 2024-25 Audit.

MOVED: Y. Marsden

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:

- Proposal to present specific projects at the AGM to engage and draw in more attendees.
- Future Drought Fund / Nature Positive Bill and the scope of community engagement by the government.
- The pros and cons of the Nature Positive approach to achieve conservation outcomes.
- Member support/compliment to NACC NRM's past and present leadership in relation to the purchase of the NACC NRM Enterprise Hub facility.

6.0 Close meeting (15.42pm)

7.0 Appendices (these are emailed separately)

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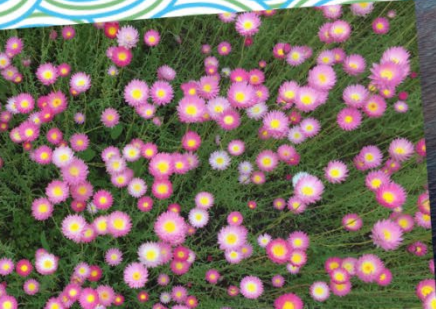


Welcome

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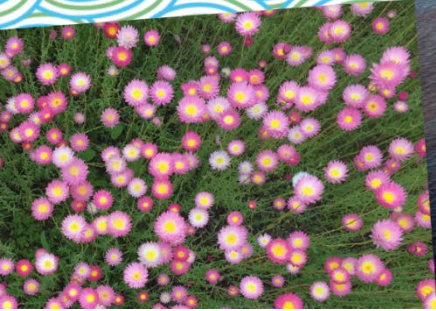




WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Leanne Taylor
AMANGU ELDER

Catalysing Community Conservation





NACC NRM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 24 October 2024 | 2:30pm – 4:00pm

AGENDA

1.0 2:30pm Open Meeting

- 1.1 Welcome to Country
- 1.2 Attendance & Apologies
- 1.3 Public Questions & Deputations

2.0 2:35pm Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes (for Decision)

- 2.1 Amendments to previous minutes
- 2.2 Matters arising from previous minutes

3.0 2:45pm NACC Annual Reports (for Decision)

- 3.1 Chair's Report
- 3.2 CEO's Report
- 3.3 Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements (2023/2024)

4.0 3:35pm Appointment of Auditor (for Decision)

5.0 3:50pm Open Question Time

6.0 4:00pm Close Meeting

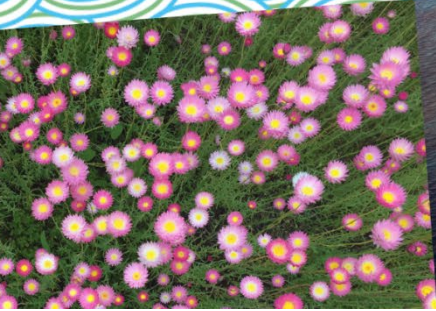


CHAIR'S REPORT

Elisabeth McLellan

CHAIR, NACC NRM

Catalysing Community Conservation



CHAIR'S REPORT



- **NACC NRM Enterprise Hub**

- Moved into 4 Walton Close by late 2023
- Robust Business Plan
- Increasing business in meeting room hire
- Freedom from rental uncertainty
- Increasing our financial resilience



CHAIR'S REPORT



- **Federal Government Region Panel of Delivery Partners**

- NACC NRM successful in our tender to be an RDP
- Protracted contracting process
- Coastal saltmarsh Threatened Ecological
- Community project finally attracted funding



CHAIR'S REPORT



- **Vale Terry Domico**

- NACC NRM Board Director 2021-2024
- Biodiversity Alley
- Major rivers in the Northern Agricultural Region survey
- We will miss you

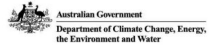


CHAIR'S REPORT



• Policy instruments and opportunities ahead

- Nature Positive Agenda
- Wentworth Group Blueprint to Repair Australia's Landscapes



Detailed outline of the Biodiversity Assessment Instrument

Nature Repair Committee

Nature Repair Market Branch



Soils

Objective S1. Improve physical and chemical condition and productivity of agricultural soils that need remediation due to long term degradation and where that remediation is not likely to occur without direct investment.

1. Apply lime to address soil acidification on agricultural soils where damage is significant, not affected by acid sulfate, and not amenable to current management.
2. Apply gypsum to address soil structure decline on agricultural soils with excess sodicity where amendment is likely to produce substantial improvement.
3. Plant salt-tolerant vegetation (e.g., saltbush) on salt-affected lands to maintain soil stability and some level of production.

Objective S2. Repair gully erosion hot spots across Australia to improve water quality in rivers and expand the availability of healthy land for agriculture and wildlife.

4. Undertake remediation works of revegetation, fencing, stick traps, and rock chutes for high-risk gullies.
5. Undertake remediation works of stick traps, rock chutes, fencing for low-to-medium risk gullies.

Objective S3. Connect agricultural land management practices with broader national ambitions for biodiversity, climate change and agricultural productivity.

6. Revitalise advisory, support and extension services to provide landholders with the knowledge and capacity to better optimise outcomes including maintaining economic productivity, improving catchment health, sequestering carbon and improving biodiversity.

Inland water

Objective R1. Establish and restore riparian buffer zones on all of Australia's rivers and streams to protect productive land from erosion, support biodiversity, improve water quality and enhance the productivity of fisheries and health of freshwater and marine ecosystems.

7. Restore, conserve, and manage strips of healthy native riparian vegetation
8. Incentivise landholders to retire their farmland along the banks of Australia's major rivers, smaller rivers and streams, and major natural lakes and wetlands

Objective R2. Restore overallocated river systems to sustainable levels of take.

9. Return overallocated river systems of the Murray-Darling Basin to environmentally sustainable levels of surface water extraction through the strategic purchase of water licences from willing sellers, on-farm investment, and other measures.

Objective R3. Restore lateral and longitudinal connectivity of rivers, floodplains and their wetlands.

10. Allow water to reach and pass safely across floodplains and wetlands in the Murray-Darling Basin by modifying infrastructure (e.g., bridges and roads), removing high-risk or unauthorised flood works, or purchasing voluntary easements on private land.
11. Restore fish passage by removing or modifying high priority physical barriers.

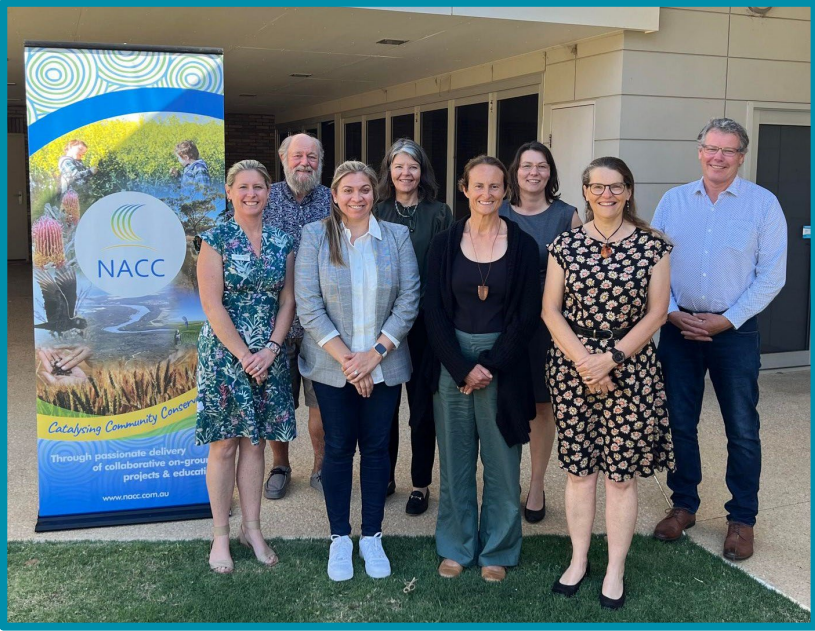
Blueprint to Repair Australia's Landscapes

National case for a 30-year investment in a healthy, productive & resilient Australia

Part I: Synthesis Report | July 2024

WENTWORTH GROUP OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS

SUMMARY





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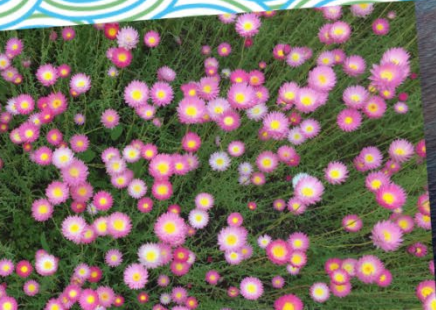


CEO'S REPORT

Katherine Allen

CEO, NACC NRM

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CEO'S REPORT



- **Challenges**
- **Achievements**
- **Opportunities**



2023/2024 CHALLENGES



- **Extended contracting process - NHT**
- **Budget implications**
- **Aligning Government priorities**



2023/2024 ACHIEVEMENTS



- **Biodiversity**

- Carnaby's and Malleefowl monitoring
- Threatened Flora protection
- Wheatbelt Woodlands Project

- **Coastal & Marine**

- Temperate Coastal Saltmarsh project
- Mitigating Marine Debris project



2023/2024 ACHIEVEMENTS



- **Sustainable Agriculture**

- Chapman Catchment Collaborative project
- New projects linked to Future Drought Fund
- Sustainable Agriculture Facilitator

- **Aboriginal Custodianship**

- Ranger exchange with Firesticks Alliance
- Extension of education resources into schools



2023/2024 OPPORTUNITIES



- **EPBC Act reform/Nature Positive Agenda**
- **Implementation of Climate and Nature Related Financial Disclosures Frameworks**
- **Natural Capital Accounting**



SUMMARY





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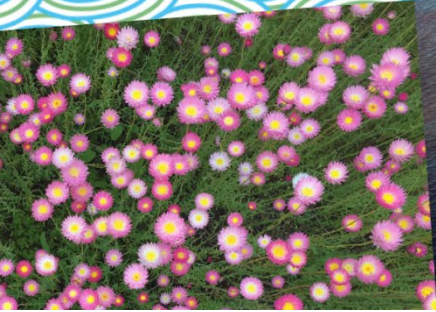


TREASURER'S REPORT

Susanne Levett

TREASURER, NACC NRM

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TREASURER'S REPORT



- **Challenges & Resilience**
- **Financial Summary**
 - Small-scale loss of \$143,500
 - Depreciation & impairment losses
 - Recognised income of \$3.43m
 - Expenditure of \$3.58m
 - Total expenses of \$3.37 million
 - Projects & cash operations were profitable

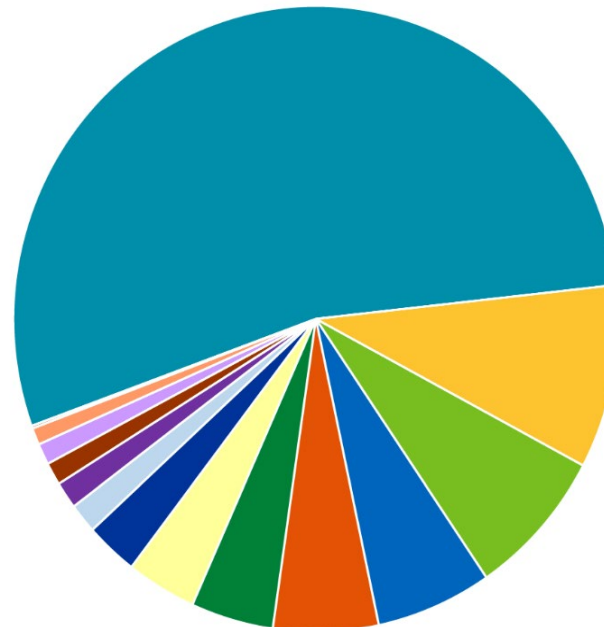


TREASURER'S REPORT



- **Diversification of income streams**
- **Revenue decline**
 - Greater than \$1m from 22/23 to 23/24
 - due to delays in contracting process

REVENUE BY PROGRAM 2023/2024

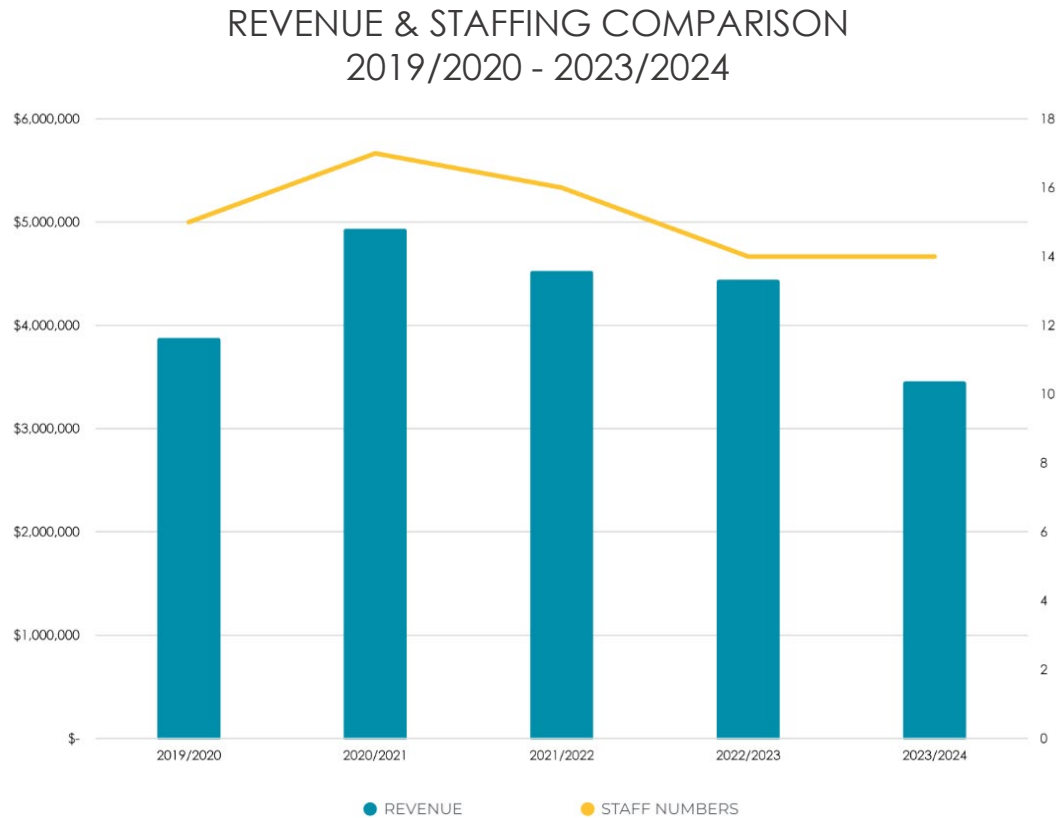


- INDIGENOUS ADVANCEMENT STRATEGY (AG - NIAA) 54%
- REGIONAL CAPACITY SERVICES 2023-24 (AG) 9%
- EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN (AG) 8%
- ESG PROJECT 6%
- PREPARING AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITIES (AG - NEMA) 6%
- REGIONAL LAND PARTNERSHIPS_(2018-2023_(AG) 4%
- FUTURE DROUGHT FUND (FRRR) 4%
- NHT PROJECT FUNDING (AG) 3%
- FUTURE DROUGHT FUND (DROUGHT HUB, NODE LEAD) 2%
- FUTURE DROUGHT FUND (RDRP MIDWEST) 1%
- SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE FACILITATOR (AG) 1%
- FEE FOR SERVICE 1%
- FUTURE DROUGHT FUND (RDRP NORTH MIDLANDS) 1%
- STATE NRM PROGRAM 0.13%

TREASURER'S REPORT



- **Internal capacity via staffing levels & revenue correlation**



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