

MINUTES

**Rangelands NRM Co-ordinating Group Inc.
Annual General Meeting
WEDNESDAY, 2 December 2015**

ATTENDEES:

Rangelands NRM Board

Christopher Williams	Chair
Gaye Mackenzie	CEO Rangelands
Andrew Whitmarsh	Director
Chris Mitchell	Director
Kim Eckert	Director
Mark Batty	Director
Regina Flugge	Director
Rob Thomas	Director
Kate Darby	Executive Assistant

Rangelands NRM Annual General Meeting Members

Jo Kuiper	Pilbara Mesquite Management Company
Kim Eckert	Karlkurla Bushland Park
Peter See	Kalyuku Ninti-PuntukuNgurra Ltd.
Rob Thomas	Central Desert Native Title Service
Andrew Whitmarsh	Murchinson Land Conservation District Committee
Dick Pasfield	Ord Land and Water
Jason Hastie	Upper Gascoyne Land Conservation District Committee
Nicki Everson, proxy for Kandy Curran	Roebuck Bay Working Group Inc.
Grey Mackay, proxy for Melissa Wood	Care for Hedland Environmental Association
Chris Curnow, proxy for Alexandra Maslen	Gascoyne Catchments Group Inc.

Agency Advisory Group

Andrew Watson	Department of Agriculture and Food
John Holley	Department of Agriculture and Food
Karel Eringa	Department of Lands Western Australia
Mike Bowley	Department of Agriculture and Food
Neil Riches	Department of the Environment
Quinton Clasen	Rangelands NRM
Stephen Van Lewin	Department of Parks and Wildlife

Rangelands NRM Annual General Meeting Guests

Blair Parsons	Greening Australia
David Whitelaw	Conservation Management
John Holly	Department of Agriculture and Food
José Kalpers	Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation
Karel Eringa	Department of Lands Western Australia
	Western Australian Local Government
	Association
Mark Batty	
Mike Bowley	Department of Agriculture and Food
Neil Riches	Department of the Environment
Peter Price	Great Western Woodlands
Phil Davidson	API Joint Venture
Ross Doherty	Department of Water
Stephen Van Lewin	Department of Parks and Wildlife
Bill Mitchell	Former Rangelands NRM Chair

1. Chairperson's Welcome

The AGM commenced at 13.15.

The Chair, Christopher Williams, welcomed the members and guests to the 2015 Rangelands NRM Annual General Meeting.

It was noted seven members' representatives were present and three members were represented by proxy. A quorum was confirmed.

The Chair recognised the previous Chair, Mr Bill Mitchell, and thanked him for his outstanding service during his tenure. He advised the group that Rangelands NRM had had a very good year in 2015 and he looks forward to working with all members and stakeholders in 2016. The new constitution and governance arrangements, initiated at the 2014 AGM, including the separation of the board and the Agency Advisory Group meetings, and the change from individual to organisation membership, had been implemented smoothly and successfully. The Chair thanked his fellow directors for their commitment and work through the previous 12 months.

2. Apologies - Members

Andrew Whitmarsh	Board Director
Kandy Curran	Roebuck Bay Working Group
Melissa Wood	Care for Hedland

Apologies – Guests

Ari Gorring	KLC
Carolyn Hills	Dept Water
Pauline Grierson	UWA
Simon Hawkins	YMAC
Tony Jupp	TNC
Tristan Cole	KJ
Ross Doherty	Dept Water

3. Confirmation of previous AGM Minutes

A motion to confirm of the previous AGM Minutes (held on 12 November 2014) was moved by Kim Eckert, seconded by Regina Flugge and carried.

The Chair advised the minutes would be signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. Chairperson's Report

The Chair referred to his report in the Annual Report which was tabled, and highlighted some significant achievements in the implementation of the strategic plan. The Chair thanked the CEO, Gaye Mackenzie, and the Finance and Administration Manager, David Blunt, for achieving these results.

5. Annual Financial Report as at 30 June 2015

The group was provided with a copy of the Financial Auditor's Report. The Chairman advised the content was most favourable. The auditor, Mr Jeff Trudgian, complemented Rangelands NRM on their thoroughness and diligence with regards to their financial position.

6. Election of Directors

There were five vacancies for the office of Board Director as the terms of office of the following Directors had expired:

- Regina Flugge
- Andrew Whitmarsh
- Rob Thomas
- Mark Batty and
- Chris Mitchell.

Four Directors, being eligible, have re-nominated for election for three year terms:

- Regina Flugge
- Andrew Whitmarsh
- Rob Thomas and
- Mark Batty.

There being fewer nominations than positions available, there is no need for an election and the CEO declared these candidates duly elected for terms of three years. One Board position remains vacant.

7. Election of Chairperson

The position of Chairman became vacant with the resignation of Bill Mitchell earlier this year. As provided for in the Constitution, the position of independent chairman is selected and elected separately from the board directors. Christopher Williams was appointed interim chairman in April 2015 following an advertising and recruitment process, and has nominated for the position which also has a three year term.

There were no other nominations for the position.

A motion to elect Christopher Williams as Chairman was moved by Chris Mitchell, seconded by Mark Batty and carried.

The CEO declared Christopher Williams elected and appointed Chairman of the Board of Rangelands NRM Coordinating Group Inc. for a three year term.

8. Other Business

There was no further business arising.

9. Annual General Meeting Close

The Chair congratulated his fellow directors on their re-election and thanked retiring board member Chris Mitchell for his service and commitment to the Board and Rangelands NRM during this time on the Board. The Chair thanked members for their vote of confidence and committed to working with them, all stakeholders and his fellow board directors in the years ahead.

The meeting was closed at 13.45.

The AGM was followed by three presentations as listed below. Copies of the presentations are available.

Dr Gaye Mackenzie – Rangelands NRM, CEO

Enhancing the sustainable management of the WA rangelands through facilitation, collaboration and delivering outcomes.

Peter See – Kalyuku Nini-Puntuku Ngurra Ltd, CEO

Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa – An overview of KJ and collaboration with Rangelands NRM.

Peter Price - Great Western Woodlands, Project Manager

Cooperative large scale management and conservation.