# 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, Kalkurla Bushland Park
- Peter See, Kalyku Ninti-Puntukunngurra 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

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

Apologies – Guests

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


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.