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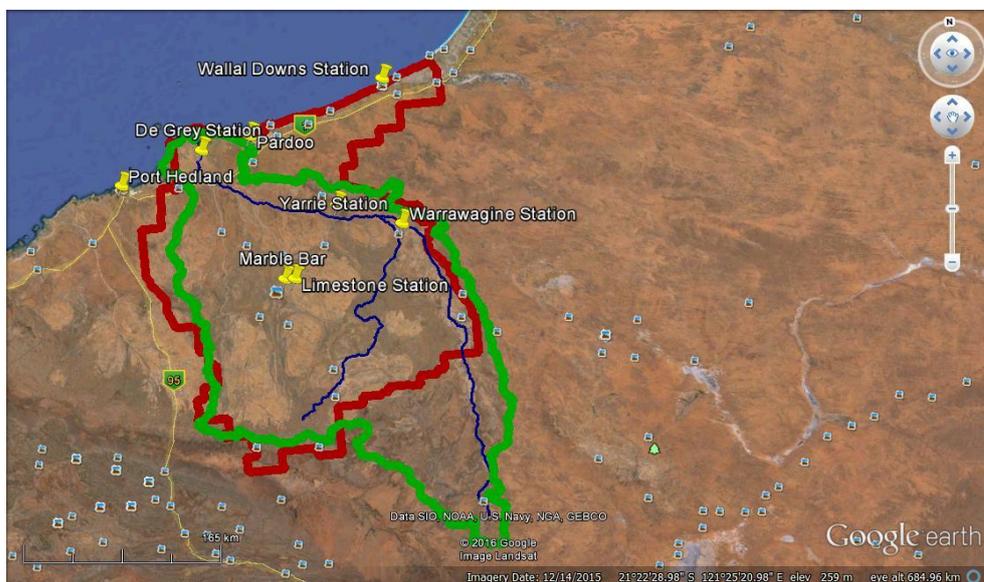
DE GREY LAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMITTEE (LCDC)



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Background:

Land Conservation District Committees (LCDCs) are statutory bodies that formed across Western Australia under section 23 of the Soil and Land Conservation Act (1945). LCDCs operate within defined land conservation districts and have a focus on land degradation (soil erosion, salinity, eutrophication, flooding and removal or deterioration of natural or introduced vegetation) and soil conservation. The roles and functions of LCDCs evolved over time since they were first formed in 1982. Many groups decided to become incorporated groups eg as a local landcare group, and many LCDCs decided to stop functioning for a wide range of reasons. There is a very limited number of LCDCs now functioning in Western Australia.



The De Grey LCDC District boundary is shown in red, and includes stations along 80 Mile Beach including Mandora Station. The green line is the catchment boundary of the De Grey river catchment.

The De Grey LCDC District includes all Crown, freehold and leasehold land, including the following pastoral stations:

De Grey	Muccan	Coongan	Warrawagine	Pardoo
Wallal Downs	Callawa	Yarrie	Bonney Downs	Mandora
Corrunna Downs	Strelley	Panorama	Meentheena	Tabba Tabba
Eginbah (Limestone)	Hillside			

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De Grey LCDC starts operating again in 2013:

Some of the pastoral stations saw the need for a group in the De Grey catchment area that would address a number of needs. A new De Grey LCDC group was appointed by the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation in November 2013, with representatives from Wallal Downs, Warrawagine, Yarrie, De Grey and Limestone pastoral stations, the Shire of East Pilbara, the Town of Port Hedland, and the Pastoralists and Graziers Association of WA.



De Grey LCDC - November 2015: Left to right: Mark Bettini, Cam Brooks, Bill Currans, Kelly Howlett, Jacinta Mills, Narelle Bettini, Annabelle Coppin, Geoff Mills, Caitlin U'Ren.

The LCDC achieved the following since starting to operate again:

- A \$75,000 BHP Community Development Grant: Supported part-time Executive Officer and group activities including field days, Facebook page etc. (Finished June 2016)
- A \$21,000 Rangelands NRM grant for erosion control earthworks. (Finished June 2016)
- A \$71,500 Rangelands NRM grant for community development including a Kimberley Landcare Tour, Stockhandling training and the 2016 Inaugural Pilbara Livestock Handling Cup, LCDC group development, and the preparation of fact sheets on LCDC projects and achievements. (Finishing June 2017)
- A \$54,500 Rangelands NRM grant for Rangelands Rehydration - earthworks to both manage soil erosion and increase soil moisture, including funds for a Peter Andrews visit to the De Grey catchment to guide earthworks, and constructing Rangelands Rehydration earthworks banks on Yarrie & Limestone, and completing an aerial drone contour survey and exploring a bank and pipe flood diversion design on De Grey Station. (Finishing June 2017)

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- A \$15,000 Landcare Australia grant to trial fungus capsules to control Parkinsonia Weeds along the De Grey river catchment - Jo Kuiper PMMC is doing all the work. (Finishing June 2017)
- A \$21,500 Pilbara Development Commission Community Chest funded project for catering, film production and promotion for the 2017 Pilbara Livestock Handling Cup. (New grant - finishing September 2017)
- A \$120,000 State NRM Community Capability Grant for a Pilbara-wide project titled "Growing the Pilbara through coordination and partnerships" to form a Pilbara-wide coordination group that can:
 - improve communication between groups and stakeholders/State agencies including Aboriginal representation,
 - coordinate integrated NRM planning and actions,
 - manage funds together and reduce auditing effort and costs,
 - share information between pastoralists across the whole region, and
 - coordinate events such as field days and workshops. (New grant - finishing June 2018).



Around 40 people attended a De Grey LCDC field day on De Grey Station in November 2015. Field day attendees inspecting a "taggle tower", one of three set up on De Grey station to track cattle movement as part of a cattle herding trial, with 100 head of cattle wearing Taggle ear tags to track and map cattle movements.

Photo: Bill Currans

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