

WA Rangelands Landcare Team

At a cost of \$33.6 million over four years, a network of Landcare facilitators has been established throughout Australia.

The network will contribute to Australia's productive landscapes, natural icons and environment to ensure they are sustained for future generations through the adoption of sustainable land management practices across Australia.

Our new Regional Landcare Facilitators are part of this national network of skilled people that link, and support, community Landcare and production groups participating in sustainable farm and land management practices.

The team will work towards providing an interface between regional bodies, industry groups, Research & Development organisations and also provide feedback

to the Australian Government and National Landcare Facilitator Network on emerging issues and current attitudes and activities in the WA Rangelands NRM region.

A major role of the Landcare Facilitators is to promote opportunities for groups and networks to access public and private funds to address public benefit sustainable farm and land management practices.

Our team comprises of:



WA Rangelands Landcare Facilitators

From left: Alex Harper - Central Rangelands; Kaz Johnson - Southern Rangelands; Mel McDonald - Northern Rangelands

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Mel McDonald: Northern Rangelands, based in Broome

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Alex Harper: Central Rangelands, based in Carnarvon

Contact details for our Landcare Facilitators can be found on Page 4.

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Roebuck Bay Working Group

Roebuck Bay Working Group (RBWG) was established in 2004 with the objective of "developing a value based community drive planning process to protect, restore and maintain the catchment into the future." Originally auspiced by the Kimberley Land Council (then Yawuru from 2011), the RBWG is a not-for-profit community group who works with landholders, non-government organisations, industry, Federal, State and Local Governments and community groups.

Rangelands NRM has provided funding to the RBWG to work on the project "Roebuck Bay community engagement and protection of Ramsar values".

The aim of the project is to increase community understanding, participation and stewardship in the management of Roebuck Bay and the



Ramsar site by:

- Facilitating volunteer engagement in RBWG and on-ground projects that protect, restore or maintain the natural and cultural values of the Ramsar site.
- Identify and prioritise priority on-ground NRM projects which address Ramsar threats and are consistent with Rangelands and Caring for Our Country objectives.

More information on the project and the RBWG can be found on the Roebuck Bay Working Group's website: <http://www.roebuckbay.org.au/index.php> or contact Kandy Curran, RBWG Project Officer; email: roebuckbay@klc.org.au

Funding News

Community Grants

Community grants are a component of the State NRM Program, and provide funding for community based projects that target on-ground natural resource management action at a local level.

The State Government has allocated \$3 million for the community grants, with eligible groups able to apply for grants of between \$10,000 and \$50,000. Applications must be received by **COB, Friday 7 January 2011**.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.nrm.wa.gov.au/stateNRMprogram.htm>

Coastwest Grants Program

Coastwest grants are for projects designed to improve the condition and amenity of the coastal zone in Western Australia. The grants provide opportunities and resources for on-ground coastal management activities and to facilitate community involvement and capacity-building.

The Coastwest Grants Program is expected to open in **February 2011**.

Coastwest Community Support Grants

The purpose of the Community Support Grant is to encourage groups to become involved in coastal and marine management for the first time and to maintain the momentum of community groups who have completed a project but are yet to receive another grant.

It is a **rolling grants program** enabling groups to apply for funding at any time. Up to \$3,000 per annum is available with proponents having to provide \$1 in financial or in-kind support for each \$1 of the Coastwest funds requested.

Coastwest Regional Coastal Management Group Support Fund

Regional coastal management groups play an important role as a peak body addressing and prioritising coastal and marine planning and management issues at a regional level in Western Australia. These groups also foster and maintain direct links to smaller coastal management groups in the region. The fund is aimed at providing financial support for administration and capacity building of these groups; up to \$8,000 is available (with conditions).

More information on these programs is available from the Coastal Zone Management Coordinator:

Email: coastwest@planning.wa.gov.au

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What's Happening within Rangelands!

New Offices:

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, Rangelands has been changing its strategic direction to try to reduce risks and develop a sustainable future. To help with this change, Rangelands' method of operation has been modified to include a new office in Broome and Perth.

The Broome Office is located at Lotteries House, Cable Beach Road and is currently occupied by John Silver, Program Manager and Mel McDonald, Northern Landcare Facilitator.

The Perth Office, which is our Head Office, is located in Oasis House, 37 Hampden Roads, Nedlands. Our

General Manager Brian Warren, Manager Strategic Partnerships Gaye Mackenzie, and our new Office Manager, Karen Mayberry are all situated in this office.

The Southern Landcare Facilitator, Kaz Johnson and Indigenous Facilitator Bevan Gray are still located in Carnarvon at the Department of Agriculture & Food WA area, though in a different 'house'.

Our Central Landcare Facilitator, Alex Harper is based in Carnarvon, though she works out of her own office.

All contact details for Rangelands new offices and staff can be found on the following page.

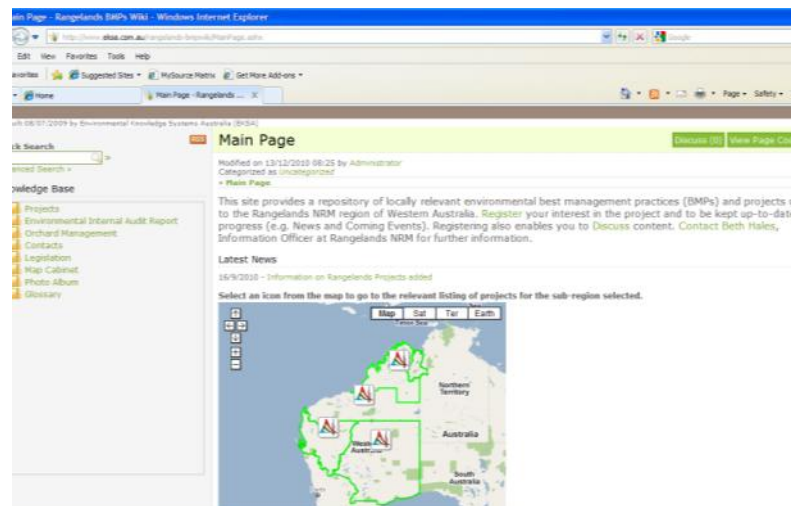
Project Website:

A project website has been established which provides an overview on projects Rangelands has funded. The projects will be divided into our sub-regions: Kimberley; Pilbara; Gascoyne-Murchison; and Goldfields/Nullarbor.

Presently, earlier Natural Heritage Trust (NHT), and National Action Plan (NAP) projects are displayed on this site. Projects from the transitional Caring for Our Country (CfoC) program and current CfoC projects will be added to the website in the near future.

The project website can be found at:

<http://www.eksa.com.au/rangelands-bmpwiki/>



Caring for Our Country Funding:

Caring for Our Country (CfoC) - Every year, the Commonwealth Government releases the CfoC Business Plan which details the short-term targets and investment focus for that particular year; this complements the five year outcomes.

The next CfoC Business Plan is due out in either late February or early March 2011. Rangelands is asking the community to identify possible projects using the current targets that can be funded for the 2011—2013 financial years.



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Rangelands NRM WA is the largest NRM region within Australia and encompasses over 80% of Western Australia's landmass and more than 75% of its coastline.

Rangelands NRM WA is a non-government organisation which represents community needs and encourages the sustainable use of land, flora and fauna, fresh water and coastal marine environments.

Rangelands is responsible for the establishment, management, evaluation and communication of many natural resource management activities and projects.

With the rangelands area producing more than 88 percent of Western Australian's mining activities and contributing significantly to the Western Australia's gross domestic product, Rangelands WA strives to balance the needs of the environment with the needs of those who use the land and water resources.



Christmas / New Year Closure: Rangelands' Offices will be closed from 4.30pm, 24 December 2010 and will re-open on Tuesday 4th January, 2011.

Best Wishes for the Festive Season from Rangelands NRM WA