

Wheatbelt NRM AGM 18 22nd October 2015 Minutes

Reference ID:

Attendees: Jim Sullivan, Cec McConnell, Peter Weatherly, Colin Cable, Chris Wyhoon, Simon Whitehouse and Bruce Wittber,

For full list of Attendees please see Attachment A “Attendees and Apologies”

Date: 22nd October 2015 **Time:** 10.32am – 10.54am

Meeting Location: Bridgeley Community Centre – Wellington Street Northam

Apologies:

For a full list of Apologies, please see Attachment A “Attendees and Apologies”

1. Open Meeting

The Chair, Jim Sullivan, welcomed all to the AGM18 of Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management Inc, and opened the meeting at 10:32am.

2. Apologies

The Chair acknowledged apologies as listed on Attachment A ‘Attendees and Apologies’.

3. Confirmation of Previous AGM Minutes

The Chair requested confirmation for the previous Annual General Meeting (AGM17) Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd October 2014 as a true and accurate record.

MOTION: Peter Weatherly SECOND: Ian Hall MOTION CARRIED

4. Chairperson’s report

The Chair presented the Chairperson’s report and called for any questions. There were no questions, the report was accepted. See attachment B.

5. Annual Financial Report

The Chair presented the Annual Financial Report for 2014-2015 and called on Chief Executive Officer, Natarsha Woods to speak on the report.

Natarsha Woods provided a brief overview of the key items in the report and called for any questions.

MOTION: THE WHEATBELT NRM BOARD OF MANAGEMENT PRESENT THE MOTION THAT IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP BE ACCEPTED.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOUR: 100%

ALL THOSE AGAINST: 0%

MOTION: Cec McConnell SECOND: Colin Stacey MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

6. Appointment of New Board Directors

Jim Sullivan outlined the process for nominations for Directors. He advised that in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, two Board Director Candidates have been reviewed by the independently Chaired Nominations Committee and were being recommended by the Board of Management for appointment to Board Director Roles. The Chair then acted on the Motion for the Nominee Directors.

MOTION: THE WHEATBELT NRM BOARD OF MANAGEMENT PRESENT THE MOTION THAT IT BE RESOLVED THAT CHRIS WYHOON BE APPOINTED TO THE ROLE OF BOARD DIRECTOR FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOUR: 100%

ALL THOSE AGAINST: 0%

MOTION: Ian Hall SECOND: Cec McConnell MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: THE WHEATBELT NRM BOARD OF MANAGEMENT PRESENT THE MOTION THAT IT BE RESOLVED THAT JAN TRENORDEN BE APPOINTED TO THE ROLE OF BOARD DIRECTOR FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOUR: 100%

ALL THOSE AGAINST: 0%

MOTION: Cec McConnell SECOND: Chris Wyhoon MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: THE WHEATBELT NRM BOARD OF MANAGEMENT PRESENT THE MOTION THAT IT BE RESOLVED THAT DEBRA RULE BE APPOINTED TO THE ROLE OF BOARD DIRECTOR FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOUR: 100%

ALL THOSE AGAINST: 0%

MOTION: Chris Wyhoon SECOND: Cec McConnell MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

7. Other Business

The Chair welcomed for other business, not raised any.

8. AGM close

The Chair, Jim Sullivan, closed the meeting at 10.54am

ATTACHMENT A 'ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES'
Members;

Title of Organisation	Registered Officer	Proxy Held	RSVP Received	Name of Proxy
Australian Sandalwood Network	Bethan Lloyd	✓	✓	Jim Sullivan
Avon Valley Environmental Society	Peter Weatherly	✓	✓	
Avongro Wheatbelt Tree Cropping Incorporated	Rosanne Scott			
Bodallin Catchment Group Incorporated	Rebecca Maddock			
Bruce Rock Land Conservation District Committee	Stephen Fry			
Conserving the Avon River Environment	Wayne Clarke	✓	✓	
Coraling Wamenusking Catchment Group	Noel Stone	✓	✓	
Corrigin Farm Improvement Group Incorporated	Sandy Turton			
Department of Agriculture and Food WA	Pam I'Anson	✓	✓	Rebecca Heath
Department of Water	Don Cummins	✓	✓	Brendan Imms
Evergreen Farming Incorporated	Erin Gorter			
Greening Australia (WA)	Anne Smith	✓	✓	
Nest Egg Foundation	John DeJose	✓	✓	Jim Sullivan
Men of the Trees WA	Cliff Morris			
Mount Marshall Land Conservation District Committee	Benjamin Beckingham			
Muresk Institute	Prue Jenkins	✓	✓	
Oil Mallee Association of	Simon Dawkins	✓	✓	Jim Sullivan

Australia				
Project Numbat Incorporated	Tamara Wilkes-Jones			
Quairading Land Conservation District Committee	Rowlie Mellor	✓	✓	Don Woodcock
River Conservation Society Incorporated	Trevor Moffat			
Shire of Brookton	Kevin O'Connor	✓	✓	Jim Sullivan
Shire of Bruce Rock	Mandy Lee	✓	✓	
Shire of Cunderdin	Peter Naylor			
Shire of Dalwallinu	Peter Crispin	✓	✓	Jim Sullivan
Shire of Dowerin	Dacre Alcock			
Shire of Goomalling	Andrea Hardingham	✓	✓	
Shire of Koorda	David Burton	✓	✓	Claire Baker
Shire of Lake Grace	Ollie Farrelly			
Shire of Merredin	Greg Powell			
Shire of Mount Marshall	Dylan Copeland	✓	✓	
Shire of Mukinbudin	Stuart Billingham	✓	✓	Claire Baker
Shire of Nungarin	John Shadbolt			
Shire of Quairading	Graeme Fardon	✓	✓	Jennifer Green
Shire of Trayning	Glen Buder	✓	✓	
Shire of Wandering	Martin Whitely			
Shire of Westonia	Dylan Copeland	✓	✓	
Shire of Yilgarn	Naomi McMiles	✓	✓	Claire Baker
Shire of York	Gordon Tester	✓	✓	Jennifer Green
South Yoting Catchment Group Inc	Trevor Stacey	✓	✓	Colin Stacey
Talbot Brook Land Management Association Incorporated	Colin Cable	✓	✓	
The Beverley Naturalist's Club Incorporated	Phyllis Facey			
The Gabby Quoi Quoi Catchment Group Incorporated	Maitland Davey	✓	✓	

Toodyay Friends of the River	Greg Warburton	✓	✓	
Toodyay Naturalists' Club Incorporated	Desrae Clarke	✓	✓	
WA Wheatbelt Australian Forest Growers	Ian Hall	✓	✓	
Wallatin Wildlife & Landcare Incorporated	Tina Thomas			
Western Australian No-Tillage Farmers Association (WANTFA)	David Minkey			
Wongan-Ballidu Bush Care Group	Lyn Phillips	✓	✓	
WWF	Darren Grover	✓	✓	Jim Sullivan
Yaragua Enterprises Incorporated	Oral McGuire			

Non Members and Associates;

No#	First Name	Title of Organisation	Attended AGM
1	Rita Armstrong		✓
2	Andrea Hardingham		✓
3	Andrew Lockey		✓
4	Andrew Wherret		✓
5	Anne Smith		✓
6	Brendan Imms		✓
7	Brendan Murphy		✓
8	Brett Beecham		✓
9	Brigitte Nodler		✓
10	Chris Omodei		✓
11	Christie Kingston		✓
12	Claire Baker		✓
13	Colin Stacey		✓
14	Daniel Dadd		✓
15	Dave Collins		✓
16	Debra Rule		✓
17	Denise French		✓
18	Desrae Clarke		✓
19	Don Woodcock		✓

20	Dustin McCreery		✓
21	Dylan Copeland		✓
22	Gary Harley		✓
23	Glen Buder		✓
24	Greg Warburton		✓
25	Greg Durell		✓
26	Ian Hall		✓
27	Jan Trenorden		✓
28	Jason Whiteaker		✓
29	Jennifer Green		✓
30	Judith Odgaard		✓
31	Julie Mercer		✓
32	Linda Lockey		✓
33	Lisa McCreery		✓
34	Lorraine Carlson		✓
35	Lyn Phillips		✓
36	Maitland Davey		✓
37	Malcolm French		✓
38	Mandy Lee		✓
39	Margaret Sullivan		✓
40	Margaret Davey		✓
41	Merrilyn Temby		✓
42	Neil Riches		✓
43	Nicci Whitehouse		✓
44	Noel Stone		✓
45	Ollie Farrelly		✓
46	Peter Weatherly		✓
47	Prue Jenkins		✓
48	Rebecca Heath		✓
49	Stephen Carr		✓
50	Theresa Harley		✓
51	Trevor Moffat		✓
52	Velu Ramasamy		✓
53	Anika Dent	WNRM	✓
54	Casey Skalski	WNRM	✓
55	Chris David	WNRM	✓
56	David Grasby	WNRM	✓
57	Dianne Robinson	WNRM	✓
58	Dimity Boggs	WNRM	✓
59	Fiona Brayshaw	WNRM	☐
60	Guy Boggs	WNRM	✓

61	Jacque Lucas	WNRM	✓
62	Joanne Wheeler	WNRM	✓
63	Judd Stead	WNRM	✓
64	Karen Smith	WNRM	✓
65	Katie Barr	WNRM	✓
66	Kathryn Horrocks	WNRM	✓
67	Kelly Thorburn	WNRM	✓
68	Kerry Horan	WNRM	✓
69	Leigh Whisson	WNRM	✓
70	Lew Simmons	WNRM	✓
71	Liz Kington	WNRM	✓
72	Natarsha Woods	WNRM	✓
73	Rachael Major	WNRM	✓
74	Rebecca Palumbo	WNRM	✓
75	Rowan Heggulun	WNRM	✓
76	Sue Carter	WNRM	✓
77	Terri Jones	WNRM	✓
78	Tracey Hobbs	WNRM	✓
79	Tyanna Jankauskas	WNRM	✓
80	Jim Sullivan	WNRM Director	✓
81	Cec McConnell	WNRM Director	✓
82	Colin Cable	WNRM Director	✓
83	Peter Weatherly	WNRM Director	✓
84	Chris Wyhoon	WNRM Director	✓
85	Bruce Wittber	WNRM Director	✓
86	Simon Whitehouse	WNRM Director	✓

Member Apologies;

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Tamara Wilkes-Jones from Project Numbat
The Shire of Nungarin

APPENDIX B 'CHAIRPERSONS REPORT'

AGENDA ITEM: 4
PAPER: Chair's Annual Report
DATE: 22nd October 2015

What a defining year 2015 has been for Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management!

New plans, new strategies, and new ideas from the Federal Government on how to manage and be involved with the environment have all combined to present a challenging, exciting time for Wheatbelt NRM.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Wheatbelt NRM commenced the year with a combined Board and staff meeting to set the strategic '3 Year Plan' for the upcoming period. The meeting also assessed what Wheatbelt NRM has achieved to date, where the organisation has come from, and what we hope to achieve going forward. We have challenged ourselves by setting an updated target of 25% of the Wheatbelt (or 11,000 members) being involved in environmental management over the next three years. There is nothing like raising the bar to achieve a goal!

INDEPENDENCE

Wheatbelt NRM's continuing growth of equity has been due to successful business continuity planning by the Board which was then carried out by the CEO and staff. This has put Wheatbelt NRM in an excellent position to project forwards to 2022, with actions to ensure the organisation's work continues into the future and well beyond. The increased equity has also allowed the Board to make independent investment decisions.

Wheatbelt NRM is really standing up and being an independent not-for-profit community organisation. With further improvement Wheatbelt NRM will be able to make decisions for the community, with the strength to achieve for the environment.

CHANGING LANDSCAPE

State Government agencies are currently undergoing a consolidation process, with a renewed focus on 'core responsibilities'. This means change for Wheatbelt NRM particularly in the services that we will be providing to community.

Wheatbelt NRM has been responding to this switch in focus by consulting the community and evaluating how the organisation can access and create new opportunities. This is time-consuming work with slow outcomes, which makes it difficult for the community to engage fully. However, the organisation's capacity and capabilities puts it in a strong position to

continue engaging with government work, and we openly welcome your ideas and input into this ongoing process.

LANDCARE

The Australian Government's new National Landcare Programme has taken time for Wheatbelt NRM to work through. The organisation currently engages Landcare groups at the grassroots level through programs such as the Department of the Environment's '20 Million Trees' and the 'Green Army'. It's encouraging to see the level of cooperation between Landcare Australia and Wheatbelt NRM as we collectively work towards improving the environment in which we live.

BOARD

Thank-you to all Board members for their diligence and support over the last year, including the two members who will be leaving us – Alan Lord and Peter Weatherly. Special thanks to Alan Lord for your experience and invaluable input over your time with us. Good luck in your new ventures.

And Peter Weatherly, it has been a delight working with you. Your contribution to Wheatbelt NRM over the past six years and your cheerful approach, has always kept us on our toes. And your representation of Wheatbelt NRM's membership on the WA Landcare Network can do nothing but enhance the cooperation and working relationship between the two groups. Thanks also to our independent committee chairmen – Murray McGregor and Peter McConnell – for their work and knowledgeable leadership.

STAFF

On a personal note, I would like to make special mention of Wheatbelt NRM's dedicated staff whose hard work has been very much appreciated during this demanding year. Every team needs a leader, and Natarsha Woods Wheatbelt NRM's CEO, continues to provide great leadership in a time of change and challenges. A special thank-you for your efforts which have made my job much easier, with your knowledge and skills putting Wheatbelt NRM in the great position it is in today.

MEMBERS

Finally, to Wheatbelt NRM's valuable members, know that without your commitment and input we would cease to exist. Thank-you for your concern and for your caring about the environment in which we live. Let's endeavour to leave our country in a better shape than we found it.

James Sullivan,
Chairperson