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## Triple Bottom Line

*Environmental, social and financial benefits from managing our natural resources*

### NSPNR December 2022 Newsletter

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The NSPNR office is generally open Tues/Wed/Thurs 9am-5pm.  
Check the NSPNR Facebook page for updates.  
Contact Caroline House Natural Resource Management Officer 0437 248 206 for assistance.



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NSPNR acknowledges the Mineng and Goreng people as the traditional owners of the land where we live and work.

[Learn about the Goreng / Koreng clan](#)

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## Dates for your diary

See details later in the newsletter, or on the [Grower Group Alliance webpage](#)

While the information was correct at time of publishing, please check the respective organisations for updates to ensure the event is going ahead.

Breakfast

26 March 2023 Save the Date: Women's Resilience Day 2.0 Sip, Swap 'n' Yarn  
Sustainable Fashion Event

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## Message from the committee



ELLEN MILNE

Chair

I am delighted to have joined North Stirlings Pallinup Natural Resources as the new Chair, and equally delighted to welcome some new committee members too.

Rebecca O'Meehan has joined the executive committee and brings with her a wealth of committee and leadership experience, as well as being a councillor on the Shire of Gnowangerup. She has a professional background in journalism and project management. Stacey Moir has also stepped onto the general committee. Stacey was an agricultural scientist for ten years working in Biotechnology and livestock nutrition in Victoria before moving to Wellstead to become a teacher. Stacey hopes to utilise this expertise and her passion for the natural environment to build a link between NSPNR projects and Borden Primary School where she is currently teaching. And our other new general committee member is Jordy Medlen. Jordy is an agronomist based in Narrogin, but spending as much time as possible in Bremer Bay. Jordy looks forward to using her agronomy experience to provide a different perspective and to helping to create some great outcomes from NSPNR in 2023.

These new members join the existing committee of Emily Jaekel as Vice Chair, Vanessa Stone who has stepped up to the executive secretary role, filling the

very capable shoes of Sarah Bungey, Kevin Wise - Treasurer, Stephen Simpson, Jade O'Neil, and Elisa Santina. We still retain the representation of Johanna Tomlinson and Kylie Fletcher from South Coast NRM, John Paul Collins from DPIRD and Councillor Rebecca Kiddle from Shire of Gnowangerup. We are also very fortunate to have the volunteer services of talented gardener Bronwyn Gaze to create a landscape design for the NSPNR grounds so that we can enjoy some events and promote local plant species in the near future.

A very big thank you to outgoing Chair Jamie Spence for all his good work in the last two years. Jamie also spent three years with the NSPNR committee as treasurer and a year as committee representative. Thanks also to Sarah Bungey who has done a mountain of work behind the scenes to provide excellent governance and administration as executive secretary. Your volunteer effort is so much appreciated.

I look forward to supporting the NSPNR staff and working with this very strongly skilled committee to promote the work of the organisation and maintain relevance and purpose as the face of agriculture and natural resource management continues to grow and change.

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## **Save the Date: NSPNR - Yongergnow Annual Feral Animal Tally and Community Breakfast Saturday 11 March 2023**

Staff from NSPNR and Yongergnow join together to count feral animals (foxes, feral cats and rabbits) shot by community members during the night of Friday 10 March.

Come along to the community breakfast to hear the competition results.

More information to come.





## **NRM Officer Update**

Hi everyone! I'm so stoked to be taking on the role of Executive Officer while Stevi gets to spend time on her newest project – Poppy Bungey. A huge congratulations to her and Will, we've all been loving getting to know Poppy.

We have had a massive couple of months and December is keeping us just as busy. The three State NRM project applications that Tegan, Stevi and Laura worked so hard on earlier this year were successful, so we've been busy finalising them ready to get cracking in January (stay tuned for more information on these including some upcoming fencing and reveg opportunities and registered pesticide (RP) training for handling 1080 fox poison).

The Gnowangerup Shire has subcontracted us to complete the Mosquito Baiting for the towns, which has been a very interesting process.

Our recent Culinary Conversations event was a huge success, and we were able to sneak in both our AGM and recognition of Kingsley Vaux as a Life Member for his contribution to the NSPNR committees (in its various iterations) and general Landcare efforts.

I'm very much looking forward to continuing to work with our members, fellow NRM groups and community groups. I'm especially excited to work alongside our new Chairperson, Ellen Milne. She comes with a wealth of experience on various committees, running large scale events and a long history of Landcare work on her and her husband's farm (previous Chairperson Richard Milne.) The whole committee for 2023 is absolutely bursting at the seams with a fantastic range of expertise and knowledge – a huge thankyou to you all for your ongoing commitment to our group.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year, let's hope we can get a successful harvest done and dusted by early 2023!

Cheerio,

Caroline House

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## Culinary Conversations Event and Kingsley Vaux Life Membership

In late October we held our event, Culinary Conversations, which was attended by over 80 guests. We were so thrilled to bring so many people together to hear from some fantastic speakers about native Australian foods.

Ezzard Flowers, Goreng Elder, spoke to us about his experiences with



bushfoods native to the area and their importance to culture. David Thompson, Moojepin Foods, talked about the saline foods he produces and how they've marketed this produce to restaurants around Australia. This has allowed David to diversify his income from land that was otherwise unproductive in the traditional broadacre farming sense.

After these terrific speakers we had our 2022 AGM where we welcomed some new committee members and farewelled outgoing Chairperson Jamie Spence and Secretary Sarah Bungey who have put in huge efforts during their time at NSPNR.

A big surprise (for one person) followed the AGM, when Kingsley Vaux was recognised for his massive efforts in the landcare space by receiving a Life Membership. His fellow committee member over a majority of these years, Kevin Wise, spoke about Kingsley's contribution to the group and the great example he has set in the community.

Kingsley's sister Sussanne Dennings spoke a little about their childhood and the influence of their mother, Kaye Vaux, on Kingsley's conservation interests. Congratulations Kingsley and thank you for your ongoing dedication to our organisation and our natural resources.

Following the formalities, The Soul Van put on a spectacular feast featuring some of the produce from Moojipin Foods as well as some locally sourced youlk (also known as Ravensthorpe radish, an edible bushfood root) from Kingsley and Sandy Vaux. Head to our social media accounts to see the incredible menu Janine put together.

This event was proudly supported by South Coast NRM through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program. We were also lucky enough to have sponsorship from some other small businesses: Gnowangerup Hardware, HK Ag Services, Chatfields and Great Southern Seed Grading. Thank you so much to all of our sponsors. Please support these valued businesses when you can.



**Culinary Conversations**  
 & 2022 AGM  
 Hosted by NSPNR

NSPNR  
 Life Membership  
**Kingsley Vaux**

For 43 years on the committee & a lifetime of dedication to landcare. Thank you Kingsley!

The Soul Van  
 feed your soul

CHATFIELDS  
 IN SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA  
 SOUTHERN SEED GRADING  
 GIVE YOUR SOIL A GOOD HOME

GNP HARDWARE  
 SOUTHCOAST  
 RURAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

MOOJEPIN FOODS  
 National Landcare Program

Wonders of the Warperup event

# Wonders of the Warperup

What a way to wrap up the 3 year Waterways Restoration Project. On Friday the 18th of November NSPNR and the local community celebrated the Warperup creek and catchment with games, workshops, activities, presentations and more!

Families were welcomed to the event with Goreng elder Ezzard Flowers who spent time teaching the young ones some Noongar language and the importance of the local Bilya (rivers) to the Goreng peoples. Kids were also treated to a boomerang-throwing workshop from Uncle Ezzard. There were some brilliant boomerang throwers and we managed to get to the end of the workshop with no black eyes, and only very happy smiling faces.

Kids got their hands wet with the River Model and learnt more about how rivers are formed and what can affect the health of a waterway. Many "trees" were planted in the model which was great to see!



Families were able to not only learn about exactly what is living in the Warperup creek but see the macro invertebrates and fish with an interactive display from Steve and Geraldine Janicke. Steve and Geraldine have been working on the river systems in the South-west for 30 years, and have been carrying out the monitoring, research, and reporting aspects of this project. Steve and Geraldine presented their findings from the last 3 years which was very informative and thought-provoking. Did you know that although the named creek is 72km long, if you were to add up all the tributaries in the catchment that feed into the Warperup Creek you get a whopping 1064km!!

To finish up the evening kids enjoyed watching "The Lorax" up on the big screen and eating popcorn, while the adults were able to treat themselves to a delicious feed from The Soul Van.

Big thank you to all the project partners and thank you to all that came along on Friday despite the torrential rain.



natural resource  
management program



This Waterways Restoration Project is supported by funding from the  
Western Australian Government's State NRM Program

Eco Party Packs for your next event





## Eco Party Packs are perfect for your end of year celebrations! Get in quick!!



These beautiful new sets are designed to make it easy to go zero-waste, without compromising quality, style or effort. Simply contact one of the host offices below to book ahead of time, then pick up the pack ready to party!

BOOK A KIDS MELAMINE OR ADULTS CERAMIC PACK NOW FROM YOUR NEAREST TOWN. CONTACT THE HOST OFFICES AT NSPNR BORDEN, GNOWANGERUP CRC OR YONGERGNOW-ONGERUP CRC.



The Eco Party Packs are a collaboration between North Stirlings Pallinup Natural Resources, Gnowangerup CRC and Ongerup CRC, with funding provided from the CBH Grassroots Community Grant Program.

## New CEO at South Coast NRM

In early November, the South Coast NRM team welcomed their new CEO, Luke Bayley. Luke has over 20 years' experience working with government, not-for-profit organisations and the private sector in the development and delivery of natural resource, sustainable agriculture, cultural and community development

initiatives.

NSPNR congratulates Luke on his new role.

South Coast NRM is a community based, independent, not-for-profit organisation that works with the community and stakeholders to maintain and improve a healthy and productive environment for the long-term benefit of communities within the South Coast region. From Walpole in the west to Cape Arid in the east, the region includes the catchment areas for all the southerly flowing rivers and some areas north of Albany and Esperance which drain internally.

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## WA Feral Cat Working Group

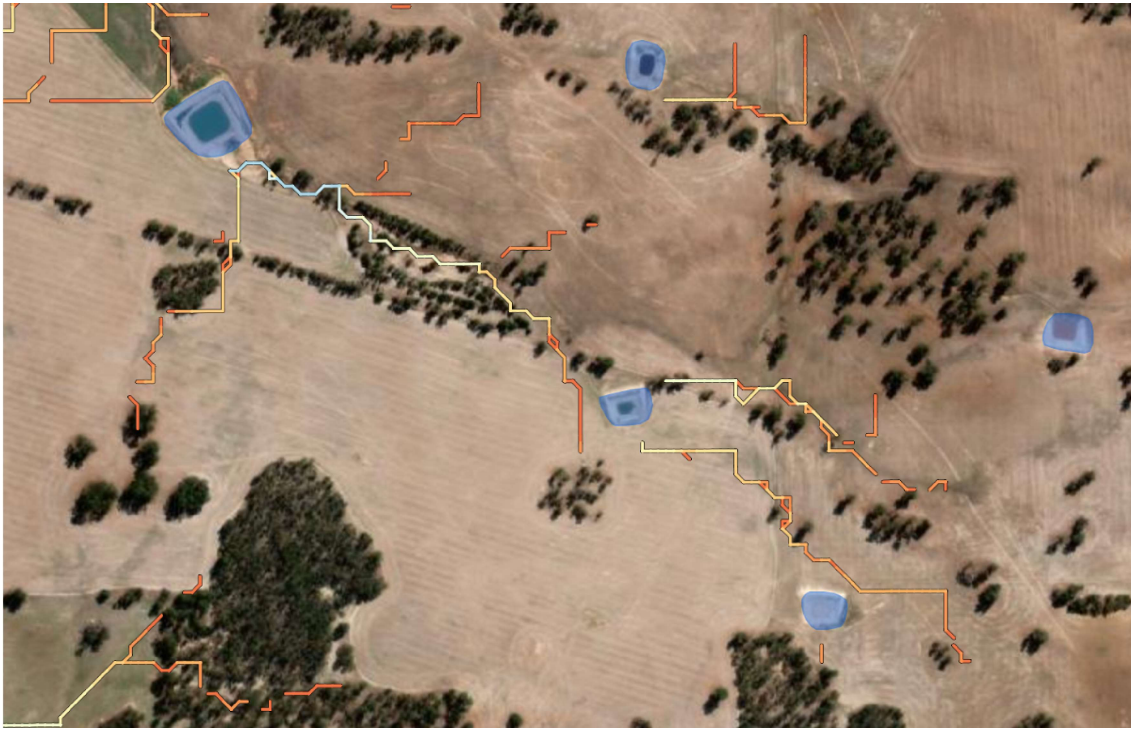
The WA Feral Cat Working Group has recently launched their new [website](#). You can find the latest information on the impacts of feral cats, how to manage them, where and how certain management tools can be used in WA and to read or be part of the latest research.

[Find out more](#)

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## Explore surface-water flow and accumulation





The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) has developed an interactive map allowing you to explore surface water flow and accumulation within the South West agricultural region. This map can inform the placement of new dams and the risk of dryland salinity at potential dam locations.

Included in the Hydro Guide map is

- Surface water flowlines
- Existing dams and lakes
- Contour lines
- Slope
- Potential inundation
- Roaded catchment dams
- Dryland salinity
- Potential salinity risk
- Rocky outcrops

*Please note, the map is intended as a guide only. As the map is derived from modelling based on various sources there may be some inherent errors.*

Read more and access the map at [DPIRD's Hydro Guide page.](#)

You may be interested in DPIRD's [Interactive groundwater and salinity map for the south-west agricultural region](#) . This interactive map allows you to explore

south-west Western Australian regional groundwater trends, local groundwater trends, the mapped extent of dryland salinity and areas with potential for increased dryland salinity.

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## New Grains Convo podcasts

DPIRD has a new podcast series, Grains Convo. These short podcasts aim to assist grain growers by delving deeper into DPIRD research projects that target crop protection, crop production, soils and genetics in broadacre crops.

Grains Convo is published twice a month and December's topics are:

1. [Crop simulation modelling to understand constraints](#)
2. [2023 WA Crop Sowing Guide](#)
3. [Minimising harvest losses](#)

The podcasts can be accessed through the [GGA website](#), [Apple podcasts](#) and [Spotify](#).

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## Want to learn more about carbon?

Meat & Livestock Australia is offering a free training module to provide foundational knowledge of carbon farming and greenhouse gas emissions relevant to agriculture.

The unit aims to improve carbon literacy and help better understand the language of carbon through:

- understanding greenhouse gas emissions and how they're produced
- understanding what is meant by carbon farming, carbon neutrality and climate neutrality, and
- understanding how to begin improving carbon performance.

Read more and sign up for [the module here](#)

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## NSPNR Annual Membership Renewals 2022/23

Some benefits of membership are:

- ***Access to community projects such as funded revegetation, fencing and events***
- ***Research, trials and innovations relevant to our region***
- ***Tours (eg. Young Farmer Tour) and field days (eg. GRDC crop updates), at discounted rates***
- ***Events coordinated by partner organisations, eg. FBG, Gillamii, South Coast NRM***
- ***Aerial mapping & map production***
- ***Natural Resource Management Officer consultation***
- ***Funding assistance***
- ***Fox & rabbit baits and licencing assistance***
- ***Equipment hire – pottiputki hand planters and kidney trays, CommVeg, Chatfield tree planter, pneumatic post rammer***

Annual Membership Rates (inc GST):

Grower \$150 including all family members

Community member \$20

Corporate \$300

Administration support only \$250

(Affiliate membership- please inquire)

A tax invoice will be issued when membership is paid.

Membership may be paid by direct debit, using the details below:

BSB: 633-111

Account Number: 300883253

Account Name: NORTH STIRLINGS PALLINUP NATURAL  
RESOURCES INCORPORATED

Reference: Memb. [surname]

Please email your payment confirmation and your business details to NSPNR's [admin email](#).

Membership period is 1st October to 30th September each year.

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Check out our website! Find out about current projects, what is happening with natural resources, or become a NSPNR member.

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