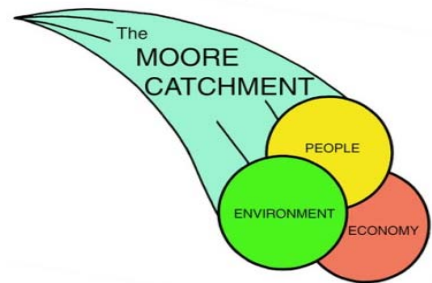


# Moore Catchment Council



## Annual Report 2007/2008

*"To maintain and improve the health of the Moore River environment by communicating natural resource management and encouraging maximum sustainable use of resources."*

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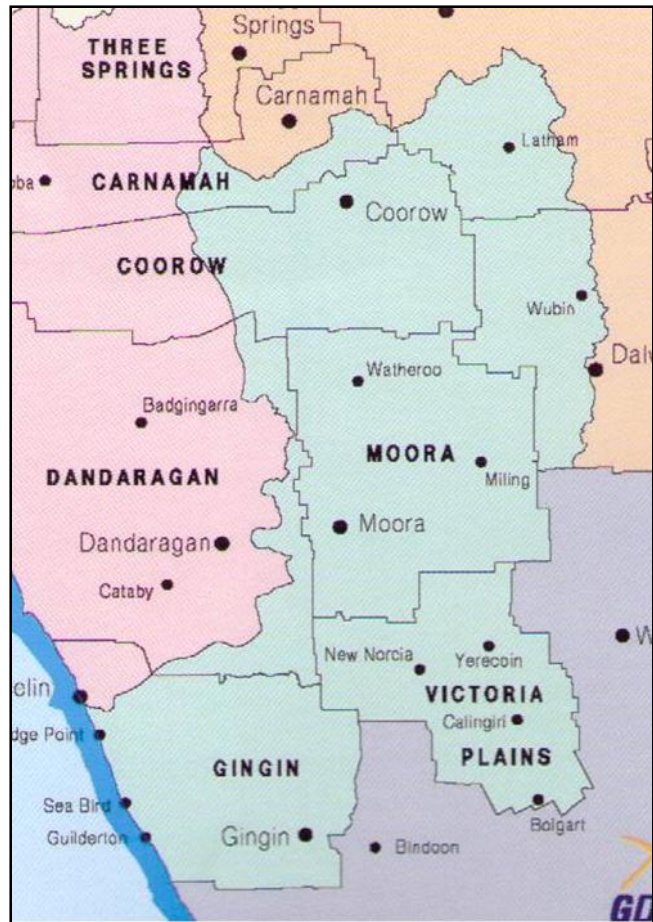
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# 1 Foreword

The Moore Catchment Council (Inc) was founded in 1995 as the Moore Catchment Group, with the aim of “working with community groups, local government and the agencies, towards a common goal of system and social sustainability through activities based on managing natural resources within the catchment.” (MCC Constitution, 2004).

The Moore Catchment Council (MCC) is one of four sub-regions of the Northern Agricultural Region, which is represented by the Northern Agricultural Council (NACC), NACC is the body that administers natural resource management funding for the Moore Region.

The role of the MCC is to promote integrated catchment efforts in the catchment to get the most effective action on the ground so that our natural resources can be enjoyed by our children in the future.



The Vision of the MCC is that there will be a strong link between people, the economy and the environment.

Our Natural Resource Management officers can:

- Source technical information by liaising between experts in fields such as hydrology and heritage
- Facilitate local and regional linkages with Federal, State and Regional natural resource management programs.
- Assisting in the development and co-ordination of projects and sourcing of funding.
- Facilitate workshops and identify NRM training needs.

## 2 Natural Resource Management Officers and Committee:

### Moora Office:

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Website: [moorecatchment.org.au](http://moorecatchment.org.au)

### Staff Summary

Over this year we have employed:

#### Natural Resource Management (NRM) Officers:



**Rachel Walmsley** became a NRM Officer at MCC in early 2008 after emigrating from England in 2007 with her boyfriend Andrew who is employed as Irrigation Manager for Moora Citrus. Coming from a farming family and after gaining an Bachelor of Science honours degree in Earth Science, she then spent six years working in waste management for Biffa Waste Services as an Environmental Control Advisor. This role involved implementing and maintaining the environmental control systems (groundwater, surface water and leachate) on a landfill taking 200,000 tonnes of municipal waste per annum. The main focus of the role was to prevent contamination to the local heath land but also involved raising community awareness in waste management and ideas into recycling and waste reduction. She hopes to integrate her waste industry experience and knowledge into her NRM role to help progress the Moore Catchment Council towards a sustainable and productive future.



**Amelia Glass** was a NRM Officer between July 2006 and June 2008. She completed her Bachelor in Science in Biological Science with a second major in Conservation Biology in 2005. After doing harvest work in Dalwallinu, she decided to combine her degree with farming and natural resource management provided the best opportunity to do this. The role meant gaining lots of experience in environmental management through working with farmers and community groups to get funding for on ground works and managing NRM projects such as the Red Gully Project and helping manage the Moora-Miling Saltbush project. At the moment Amelia is travelling throughout Europe for a year but is looking forward to one day returning to the Western Australia to continue her work in natural resource management.

## Project Officers:

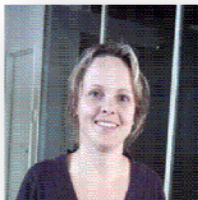


**Bronwyn Williams** - Control of Rising Groundwater & Salinity in the Koojan Gillingarra Region. Bronwyn has been living and working in the Dandaragan area since late 2003 when she completed her Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science) degree at Murdoch University, when the move was made to Dandaragan. In May 2007 Bronwyn commenced further studies at UWA carrying out her Masters in Business Administration (MBA). In June, Bronwyn decided to start her own business – Bronwyn Williams Consulting. Bronwyn has been working on the Koojan Gillingarra groundwater project since June 2007 .



**Georgie Troup – Brushwood Project** – Georgie began with the Moore Catchment Council in November 2004 after completing her Bachelor of Science, majoring in Environmental Biology at Curtin University of Technology. Georgie had previously been volunteering with the Buntine Marchagee Recovery Catchment team, monitoring wetlands and vegetation near her home in Wubin. Georgie has a strong agricultural background in the WA wheatbelt, with experience in mining, farming and in the horse industry. The project is concluding in Sept 2008 and we wish Georgie the best for the future

## Lana Kelly – East Moore Project



Lana comes from a local farming family and was raised in Gillingarra, 30km south of Moora. She attended local schools before moving to Perth for university. After completing a Bachelor of Nursing she has worked for 10 years and remains a casual employee. Has and continues to work on the family farm assisting with problems relating to excess groundwater and salinity. Lana began working at Moore Catchment Council March last year as Project Management Officer for the East Moore Project

## Administration Staff:



### **Melissa Treloar – Administration & Finance Officer**

Melissa has lived in Moora with her husband and family for about 12 months, having moved from the coastal town of Leeman. The family has lived and worked in rural areas all around the state and are finding Moora a wonderful community to be involved in. Melissa enjoys admin and finance and by working alongside the wonderful NRMOs and Project Officers, is being educated in the ways of Natural Resource Management. Melissa and her husband are leaving us to further their business in Mt Magnet

## Executive and Finance Committee

Chairperson: Geoff Erickson  
Vice-Chairperson: Lawrie Short  
Secretary: Barry Johnson  
Treasurer: Cynthia McMorrان

## MCC Committee:

Chairperson: Geoff Erickson  
Vice Chairperson: Lawrie Short  
Secretary: Barry Johnson  
Treasurer: Cynthia McMorrان  
Committee: Noel Dodd      Mike Carter      Rebecca Carter  
Elizabeth Easton      John Longman      Peter Roberts  
Duncan Peter      Philippa Schmucker      Arthur Tonkin  
Jan Waite      Peter Waterhouse

## MCC HR Committee:

Lawrie Short      Rachel Walmsley      Geoff Erickson      Amelia Glass      Barry Johnson  
Lana Kelly      Cynthia McMorrان      Melissa Treloar      Georgie Troup      Bronwyn Williams

## MCC Business Plan, Constitution & Sponsorship Committee:

Noel Dodd      Geoff Erickson      Cynthia McMorrان      Duncan Peter      Merrell Pond  
Lawrie Short      Stan Scott      Jan Waite      Harry White

### 3 Chairpersons Report:

President's Report

12<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Hello and Welcome to this AGM, I hope we get a good rain soon, the country needs rain now.

It is a time of change from NRM funding as the Federal funding is now called Caring For Our Country and with the State Election still not resolved we – MCC are uncertain of NRM funding past June 2009.

We have had some staff changes, our NRM's are now Rachel Walmsley and Ingrid Krockenberger. Sadly Melissa is leaving and is being replaced by Helen Watkins.

Due to projects ending we will lose Georgie Troup – Brushwood, Lana Kelly – East Moore and Bronwyn Williams – Koojan Gillingarra rising ground water.

MCC is trying to get funding from CFOC so we do not lose these valuable employees from the industry.

MCC must form partnerships with Local Governments, LCDC's, Businesses, NACC, Schools and Government Agencies to further enhance our role in NRM

I wish you all a productive and prosperous year

Geoff Erickson

Chair MCC

## 4 Financial Report:

**MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC.**  
**Detailed Balance Sheet As At 30 June 2008**

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Cash Assets</b>			
Cash At Bank Westpac A/C 117025		61,419	205,026
Cash Management A/C - Westpac A/C 123847		3,250	149,921
Westpac Term Deposit A/C 133279		-	101,167
Westpac Term Deposit - A/C 141447		261,028	-
Westpac Term Deposit - A/C 141455		132,250	-
Cash on hand		16	148
		<u>457,963</u>	<u>456,263</u>
<b>Receivables</b>			
Trade debtors		317,859	540,333
Grants Brought Forward		709,489	-
		<u>1,027,348</u>	<u>540,333</u>
<b>Current Tax Assets</b>			
GST clearing		16,810	(45,169)
		<u>16,810</u>	<u>(45,169)</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u><b>1,502,121</b></u>	<u><b>951,428</b></u>
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**MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC.**  
**Detailed Balance Sheet As At 30 June 2008**

	Note	2008	2007
		\$	\$
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<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Payables</b>			
<b>Unsecured:</b>			
Trade creditors		18,852	5,645
		<u>18,852</u>	<u>5,645</u>
<b>Current Tax Liabilities</b>			
Amounts withheld from salary and wages		14,578	12,690
		<u>14,578</u>	<u>12,690</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u><b>33,430</b></u>	<u><b>18,335</b></u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u><b>33,430</b></u>	<u><b>18,335</b></u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><b>1,468,691</b></u>	<u><b>933,093</b></u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained profits / (accumulated losses)		1,468,691	933,093
<b>Total Equity</b>		<u><b>1,468,691</b></u>	<u><b>933,093</b></u>

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**MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC.**  
**Detailed Profit and Loss Statement**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2008**

	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>Income</b>		
Grants Received	1,226,946	877,497
Interest received	32,800	17,131
Membership Fees	3,550	3,165
Equipment Hire	91	3,549
Donations	100	-
Project Income	6,146	-
Project Management Income	65,776	20,221
Seeds & Seedling Sales	8,992	20,058
Sponsorship	-	1,000
Office Lease	1,540	-
Refunds	3,349	-
Total income	1,349,290	942,622
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising and promotion	1,941	1,356
Audit fees	2,260	9,338
Bank Fees And Charges	1,174	312
Catering - Meetings	2,287	1,952
Cleaning - Office	-	75
Contract Wages	23,207	-
Electricity	726	431
Grant Funding returned	79,828	15,040
Gratuity	117	305
Hire - Meetings	695	246
Insurance	1,350	1,243
Insurance - Workers Compensation	1,407	1,529
Interest Paid	69	-
Internet Fees	1,676	1,802
Legal fees	1,867	4,000
Late Fees Paid	-	62
License Fees	-	47
M/V commercial - Lease	23,593	23,842
M/V commercial - Repairs	17,501	13,597

**MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC.**  
**Detailed Profit and Loss Statement**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2008**

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Office Supplies	679	3,091
Postage	1,023	479
Printing & stationery	2,177	987
Project Management Expenses	65,912	20,341
Computer Software Purchase	-	534
Consultants	-	2,300
Contractors	34,322	5,997
Fencing Materials	43,784	6,623
Field Days	1,877	1,258
Printing	2,400	3,469
Machinery Hire	91	11,250
Seeds & Seedlings	199,836	160,833
Travel Expenses	5,416	2,102
Equipment Purchase	4,257	-
Publications	153	159
Rent - Office	6,182	11,545
Rental Assistance	-	1,054
Repairs & maintenance	1,647	459
Sitting Fees	5,050	7,450
Staff training	3,248	1,986
Superannuation	15,669	18,845
Telephone	4,708	4,322
Wages	173,466	145,492
Wages - Finance Contract	25,222	21,309
Web Page	-	1,564
Total expenses	<u>756,819</u>	<u>508,623</u>
<b>Profit from Ordinary Activities before income tax</b>	<b><u>592,471</u></b>	<b><u>433,999</u></b>

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## 5 Auditors Report:

### MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC.

#### Compilation Report to MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC.

On the basis of the information provided by the directors of MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC., we have compiled, in accordance with APS 9: Statement on Compilation of Financial Reports the special purpose financial report of MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC. for the period ended 30 June 2008, comprising the attached Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Financial Position.

The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial report has been prepared is set out in Note 1. The extent to which Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements have or have not been adopted in the preparation of the special purpose financial report is set out in Note 1.

The Directors are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC.'s constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the Directors and Members of the company.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the Directors provided into a financial report. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

To the extent permitted by law, we do not accept liability for any loss or damage which any person, other than the Company, may suffer arising from any negligence on our part. No person should rely on the special purpose financial report without having an audit or review conducted.

The special purpose financial report was prepared for the benefit of the Directors and Members of MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC. and the purpose identified above. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial report.

PRACTISING ACCOUNTANTS

NORTH MIDLANDS ACCOUNTING  
SERVICE

CARNAMAH WA



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4 September, 2008

## 6 Projects:

### 6.1 *Creating Productive Saltbush Pastures on Saline Land*

**Aim of the Project :** Improve profitability and agricultural sustainability of the MMPIG region by farmers pro-actively tackling saline land by changing their farm and land management systems. The project was originally due to run from June 07 to June 08 but was extended to September 08 to allow for planting to occur at the optimum time. 15 landholders originally signed up for the project with 2 dropping out due to various reasons. \$100,592.50 of funding was allocated through the government's National Landcare Programme for the works with. Each landholder could receive on average up to 10ha worth of saltbush seedling and 1.5km of fencing.



Saline unproductive land in the Miling area

Saltbush - saltland pasture systems have proven to be both productive and profitable on salt affected land. Once introduced to stock, saltbush is considered palatable and can fill the autumn feed-gap. It also encourages reduction of the water table and salt levels of the affected areas as well as reducing soil erosion. This project used mainly Old Man and River saltbush as well as some Rhagodia

#### **Activities carried out by project between 2007-2008:**

Each landholder had a site visit from the nursery man to determine site suitability and saltbush seedlings were ordered in 2007. MCC NRMO's then visited the landholders in early 2008 to GPS the desired area and plot data on to an aerial plan. Heritage areas were logged and landholders advised of results. Management plans and agreements were then constructed and delivered to landholders to sign and return. A best practice planting workshop was held in June 2008. Fencing works commenced in autumn 2008 with ripping, mounding and plantings being carried out by each landholder or by our contractor in July/August 2008. Photo points



Frank King erecting his photopoint

have been established at each site for on-going monitoring. The project has been showcased at the Moora-Miling Pasture Improvement group spring field day in September 2008 with a field walk on one of the planted sites.



Newly planted Saltbush Aug 08

## 6.2 Control of Rising Groundwater & Salinity in the Koojan Gillingarra Region

Project Manager – Bronwyn Williams

Since July 2007 Bronwyn Williams has been appointed as Project Manager for 2 days per week. The catchment plan was finalised after various feedback from Department of Water and Department of Agriculture & Food (DAFWA) and landholders about the cause and significant impacts of the rising groundwater in the project area.

The Local Area plan was developed by Viv Read & Associates and is a detailed outline of the project area and offers various methods for farmers to manage the rising groundwater issues into the future. There is also an implementation plan at the back of the report which outlines further investigation is required particularly around the Wandawallah Lake area and into the Capitella Valley. DAFWA has recently carried out an extensive drilling transect across the northern part of the project area around Wandawallah Lake, these results will feed into the analysis of at risk areas and some modelling will be carried out to assess the impact of the rising groundwater on production in the project area. Some incentives have been paid to assist in mitigating the impact of groundwater

Management agreements that offer incentives have been paid to various farmers for on ground works to assist in water use efficiency on farm including Sandalwood plantations, Perennial pasture establishment, woody perennial establishment and saline land management methods. Some successes and some failures have been noted but the uptake and interest from the project area is very exciting.

The project will be finished in December 2008 and comprehensive final report about rising groundwater in the Koojan Gillingarra area will be produced for the development of future projects



Figure 1 - Brewer - 21st Sept 2007



Figure 2 - Brewer - 25th Jan 2008

### 6.3 *Envirofund - Watheroo Farmer Puts Salt Scald Back into Production*

With the increase in salinity in a low lying area and the dying of native York gums on Vicki and Chris Martin's property in Watheroo, something needed to be done. In two short years, even with the drought conditions, they have transformed a barren salt with nothing growing but spiny rush, as shown in the image on the left scald into productive pasture as well as reducing groundwater and providing habitat for native fauna. This project was funded through the Commonwealth Governments Envirofund program with the assistance



Vicky Martin in May 08 with established saltbush on the same land

of Moore Catchment Council and equally matched by the landholders. Vicki says without the assistance of the Envirofunds funding, this project would never have been undertaken. It involved planting saltbush, oil mallees, and privately funded rhagodia to increase groundwater use in



Salt scald two years ago

the area. Ten kilometres of fencing was also installed to protect the creek from stock, allowing native bluebush and grasses to flourish. Fencing has also been erected around native bush stands and in the future the Martins' aim to link these blocks with corridors of native vegetation. On doing this project, Vicki remarked "you can have your land looking bad or you can do something about it."

### 6.4 *Successful Saltbush Planting Showcased at MMPIG Field Day*

As part of the Moora-Miling Pasture Improvement Group (MMPIG) spring field day on 17<sup>th</sup> September, landholders and interested parties were shown Ken Seymour's saltbush plantation that was put in just over a month ago and is still doing well despite the lack of August rains. Ian Pulbrook of Greenoil Nursery Mingenew, who carried out the works, and Tony White of MMPIG explained to the group the processes involved with planting saltbush in this particularly hostile environment. They stressed that ripping and mounding the soil



before planting the seedlings was needed to encourage good establishment. This plantation was part of a year long project to create productive saltbush pastures on saline land and was funded by the National Landcare Programme - a previous government initiative -, administered by the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council and was delivered by the Moore Catchment Council and the Moora-Miling Pasture Improvement Group. Thirteen landholders were involved with the project which has seen 125,000 seedlings being planted and has helped direct focus towards adoption of this sustainable and innovative farming practice that has proved successful in working unproductive saline lands.

## 6.5 *Brushwood project report* October 2007-September 2008

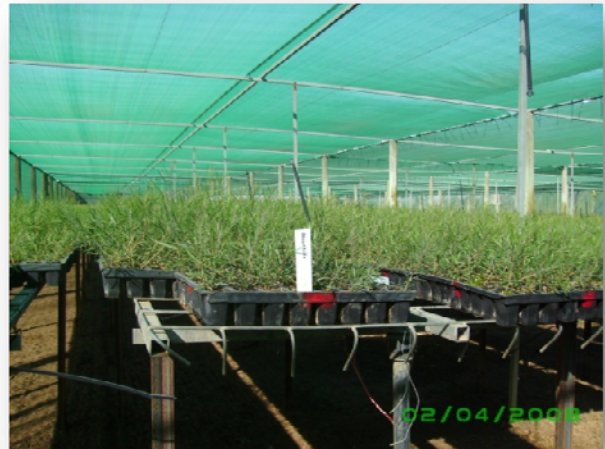
### Major tasks

#### Nursery tender process and selection

We had 5 nurseries tender to grow seedlings for the project, and have selected Wongan Trees-for their ability to use the pelletised *Melaleuca hamata* seed; they have produced 150,000 seedlings in 2008, with the majority being allocated to the Yarra Yarra sub-region.

Kalannie Tree Supplies-as they have produced excellent quality seedlings for the project over the past 2 years and have a competitive price. They have produced 150,000 seedlings in 2008.

Westgrow Farm Trees-a high quality seedling at the most competitive price and due to budget constraints it was important for the project to include this nursery. As this nursery is outside the region I allocated them with fewer seedlings (100,000)



#### Seed collection

In October 2007 I travelled to our seed collection site to quantify the amount of seed that could be collected. I concluded that for 2008 we would have sufficient seed but another seed source will need to be found in 2008 to supply *Melaleuca atroviridis* seed in the future. The project had 1kg of *Melaleuca hamata* seed remaining from 2006 and this has partially been used for growing seedlings in 2008. I recommend that surplus seed is sold to NACC as they will be growing *Melaleuca*'s for 2009, and this will be a source of income for the MCC. I have discussed this with Farm Forestry Development Officer Euan Scott.

#### Promotional activities including field days and reports.

I have been vigorous with my promotion and have tried to be present at numerous field days and events throughout the region over the past 12 months.

Presentations I have given include;

Sustainable Land Use Program Workshop-Geraldton (November 2007)

Oil Mallee Conference (March 2008)

GM Debate Dalwallinu (March 2008)

Yerecoin Piawanning LCDC meeting (March 2008)

Dalwallinu Pithara LCDC meeting (April 2008)





Waddi Forest LCDC meeting (April 2008)  
 Tour of Falconer's site with Dale Park-  
 WAFF (April 2008)  
 WA Agroforestry Working Group (May  
 2008)  
 Brushwood Project presentation at NACC  
 NRM meeting at New Norcia (June 2008)  
 Radio interviews with the ABC (June and  
 September 2008)  
 Planting workshops at Miling and Coorow  
 (June 2008)  
 Presentation at Brushwood Field day, held  
 at Southern Brook (June 2008)  
 Gillingarra LCDC meeting (June 2008)  
 Caring for our Country application for  
 brushwood, applicant-MCC. (July 2008)



### **Seedling allocation**

Due to the high level of interest in growing broombush in 2008 I found that this was by far the easiest year for seedling allocation. Allocation is still a big job that is subject to change on a regular basis. Factors that affect allocation include;

- Seasonal conditions at sites throughout the region.
- Labour and machinery shortages.
- Change in farming situation.
- Seedling quality and quantity.

### Seedling allocation for 2008

Neil Smith 35,000	Robert Keamy 100,000
Ian McGillivray 15,000	YYCMG 130,000
Noel Mills 50,000	Peter Syme 25,000
Charles Hyde 20,000	Russel King 5,000
Angela & Roger Dring 20,000	Rob & Jo Harris 30,000

### **Planning for the future**

2008 has been a struggle to ensure that NACC is aware of the demand for brushwood in the Northern Agricultural Region. I had previously been informed by NACC management that the Board was well aware of this, however through recent communication between Board members and I informed me otherwise. I have been rallying for support from program leaders and forestry professionals and have had overwhelming support. As a result of this perseverance I have been told that NACC will be continuing with a brushwood seedling subsidy program in 2009, coordinated by the Farm Forestry Development Officer Euan Scott. I already have expressions of interest from landholders in the region that would like to access these seedlings. The landholders' information has been passed onto Euan Scott and I have been assured that these people will have first option on the seedlings. Site assessments for

these sites have already been conducted and I hope that the work I have done will ensure 2009 goes smoothly for both farmers wanting to grow brush and for the project.



I have applied for funding through Caring for our Country, with MCC as the proponent; the application details are available through Geoff Erickson or MCC Administration. I have not heard anything from the Australian Government regarding this application and am disappointed with their apparent lack of direction and communication strategies. As a back-up plan the seedlings available through the NACC will be enough to fulfil landholders' requirements.

I am in the process of final reporting and will have this completed by the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008. I will also be in contact with all project partners and participants to inform them of end of the project and to offer continued support from Euan

Scott. I have thoroughly enjoyed the project and will be sad to see the end of it, yet proud of the completion of such a successful project.

Georgie Troup  
Project Manager - Brushwood Industry Development on Saline Land Project

## 6.6 Workshop for effective surface water management

The Moore Catchment Council and the West Midlands Group organised a surface water management workshop to highlight issues such as erosion and waterlogging, and measures to control them. The free workshop was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April in Moora. The day involved presentations by Rowan Dawson of the Buntine-Marchagee project, and Martyn Keen and Tilwin Westrup from the Department of Agriculture and Food in Bunbury on earthmoving and standards, predicting run off, and large scale earthworks followed by a field trip to Richard Humphry's farm to view installed earthworks



The group enjoyed presentations by Martin Keen, Rowan Dawson and Tilwin Westrup



Richard Humphry explained to the group how his farm has benefitted from earthworks being incorporated into his surface water management system



## 6.7 *Envirofunds - Planning and implementation of on-ground works to control surface water and erosion, and demonstration of best-practice grazing management techniques in the Red Gully Catchment*

The Red Gully Catchment is located along Red Gully Road, just north of Gingin and south west of Mogumber. The project was designed to develop and implement a catchment plan, establish a perennial pastures demonstration site, and provide support for landholders to use perennial pastures, build fencing to improve riparian vegetation and protect re-vegetated saline scalds.

Earthworks to control surface water flow and reduce erosion, and the use of Tagasaste, which was found to be the most suitable perennial species for soil stabilisation in the area, were also later added to the project.

Originally the project was set to finish June 2007 but due to a difficult year for farmers, with drought and locusts having significant impacts on farming practices, an extension was requested to extend the project to Sept 2007

3 year project, \$213,100 with completion in September 2007

8 properties, 7 landholders.

15,000 seedlings plan



**Degraded channel at Red Gully**



**New fencing on Red Gully project**

## 6.8 Gingin Expo 19th April 2008



The Moore Catchment Council and West Midlands Group set up a display at the expo. Jo Manning, Rachel Walmsley, Amelia Glass, Cynthia McMorran and John Longman are on hand to answer questions from the public.

The display provided a lot of useful and interesting information.



The display was very busy for most of the day. Geoff Erikson - chairman of MCC - spent the day mingling with the crowds. There was a mix of landholders and families who were interested in a range of issues



## 6.9 Promising start for new Ledge Point Coast Care Group

The Moore Catchment Council helped organise a coastal workshop to gauge views and ideas from



Photo: Jan Richards pointing out some of the Ledge Point coastal issues with Chiara Danese

the community. Several local people and employees of the Northern Agricultural Catchment Council (NACC) met on 22<sup>nd</sup> June to discuss future conservation plans for the coastline at Ledge Point. Chiara Danese of NACC gave an informative presentation on management techniques and funding options that are

available for the group to help implement the comprehensive plans that the group has come up with. These plans include boardwalks from the car park to the beach to reduce erosion, the construction of a walking path and fencing above the beach, and also weeding and re-vegetation of native species around the look-out area to enhance bio-diversity. The group enjoyed morning tea before heading out to view some of the issues and discuss the best options to ensure this beautiful stretch of coastline remains that way.

## 6.10 Moora Show



The Moore Catchment Council and West Midlands Group joined forces to set up an educational and informative display at the Moora Show. The display was staffed by



Jo Manning, Rachel Walmsley, Ingrid Krockenberger and

Geoff Erikson.

As Moora Show is organized as family event, a special feature of the day was the Kid's Natural Resources Management Quiz which had some busy little people enthusiastically looking at clues in photos to answer the questions and then receive their prize bag of NACC goodies. The marquee was visited by a wide array of people, from local farmers, residents and contractors, to tourists from as far afield as New Zealand, all wanting to chat about the NRM issues that have sparked their interest.



The team had developed a 'Kids Quiz' which involved answering some questions regarding NRM for which they received a Prize Bag full of NACC goodies



Jenna Brooker of the Dieback project was also on hand to answer dieback questions

The marquee was shared with Jenna Brooker from the Dieback Project, who offered to clean the boots of visitors to emphasize the importance of soil hygiene practices in *Phytophthora* dieback prevention, and a team from the Forest Products Commission promoting their incentive schemes and products. This provided a complementary mix of ideas and materials, making for a successful combined display.

## 6.11 Revegetation of Natural Drainage Lines and Protection of Remnant Vegetation in the East Moore Catchment Project

Project Manager- Lana Kelly

### The Project

This project is funded by The National Action Plan for Salinity via Federal and State Funds. It has been administered by the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council and delivered by the Moore Catchment Council.

Three of the main aims of this project, in summary, are as follows.

- \* Remnant vegetation be fenced off and excluded from stock
- \* Priority natural drainage lines be fenced off and revegetated
- \* Increased knowledge fauna and flora species through surveys

### Major Tasks/Activities

#### *Consultation with Landholders*

Over 30 landholders within the projects three priority areas were contacted and provided with information about the project and its incentives. Expression of Interest forms were used to register the people interested in participating. Farm visits began to assess sites for requirement indicators.

#### *Management Agreements*

For twelve landholders, 21 Management Agreements were written. These included the location and size of each site, proposed works with the related incentive payments, conditions and detailed site management plans. Of the twelve landholders 6 signed the agreements and carried out the works.



R Glass, Receiving cheque for works carried out via the East Moore Project



Mike Clarke and Participants at the Rising Groundwater Field Day August 2007

### *Fencing, Photo points and Farm Gate Signs*

Landholders erected fencing as per the agreements between August 07 and May 08. Photo points were established with tags to for monitoring progress and change. All photo points were GPS'd and downloaded onto a map for future reference. As fences were put up cheques were written and presented. As this point the project farm gate signs were erected either in front of the site or at the participant's front gate.

### *Revegetation*

Revegetation of creek line sites occurred mainly in July after preparation such as weed control and ripping. Weed control proved difficult at some sites. Works resulted in 91 ha of high-priority remnant vegetation being fenced off and excluded from stock, 136 ha of high-priority natural drainage lines being fenced off and 19 ha of revegetation along some of these drainage lines.



S Mason attaching photopoint Tag whilst GPS records the site

### *Fauna and Flora Surveys*

Flora surveys were carried out with Donna Rayner's assistance in August 2007. Surveying sites totalled around 33 ha. 40 different plant species were identified at one site. Specimens went to the WA Herbarium to be vouchered. During April 2008 sites totalling around 40ha were surveyed for birds.

### *Project Promotion*



V Bailey - Beside River Gum planted along the creek line

Articles to the local Central Midlands Advocate, the Victoria Plains and MCC Newsletters along with small radio interviews have been a few of tools used for sharing of project outcomes and activities with the community. Field days at demonstration sites with guest speakers provided good knowledge sharing opportunities. Presentations that were given include: Woodland Workshop March 08, Red Nose Day Event July 08, NACC'S Land Program Regional Workshop – Aug 07 and 08 and the NACC Forum Oct 08.

### **The Future**



Between July and December 2008 further Bird and Flora surveys will be carried out. Revegetation survival rates will be assessed. Another Demonstration Field Day is planned for October as well as an East Moore Specimen Mounting Workshop.

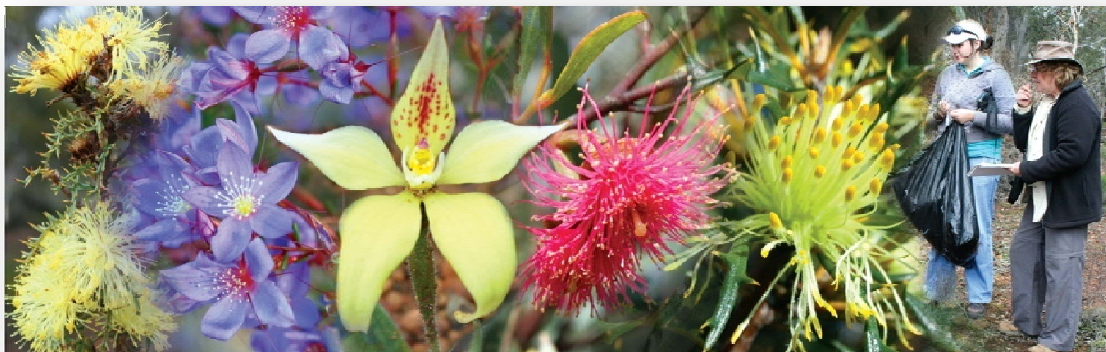
The Final Report for the East Moore Project is due in December 2008. Topics to be covered will include project evaluation, contribution to matters for target, services provided and future funding ideas for the East Moore Catchment. December 31<sup>st</sup> will conclude this chapter of the East Moore Project.

Lana Kelly

Project Manager- Revegetation of Natural Drainage Lines and Protection of Remnant Vegetation in the East Moore Catchment



Possible New Species??????  
Found through flora surveys  
Aug 2007



Flora Surveys with Donna Rayner and Sarah Clune August 2007

### 6.12 NACC and MCC Staff

Part of NACC training includes a quarterly get together of all NACC staff to share ideas, discuss problems and go on field trips to highlight natural resources and associated projects in each region. The Moore Catchment region organised the June meet and informed/took the group to a few projects in the region including the Brushwood project, Mogumber projects and the East Moore Catchment Project (pictured).

