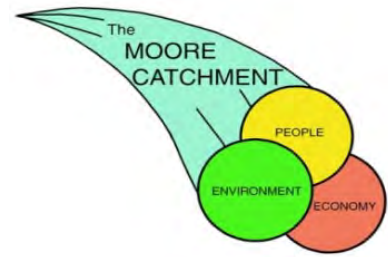


Moore Catchment Council



Annual Report 2011/2012

"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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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 - 2012).

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.

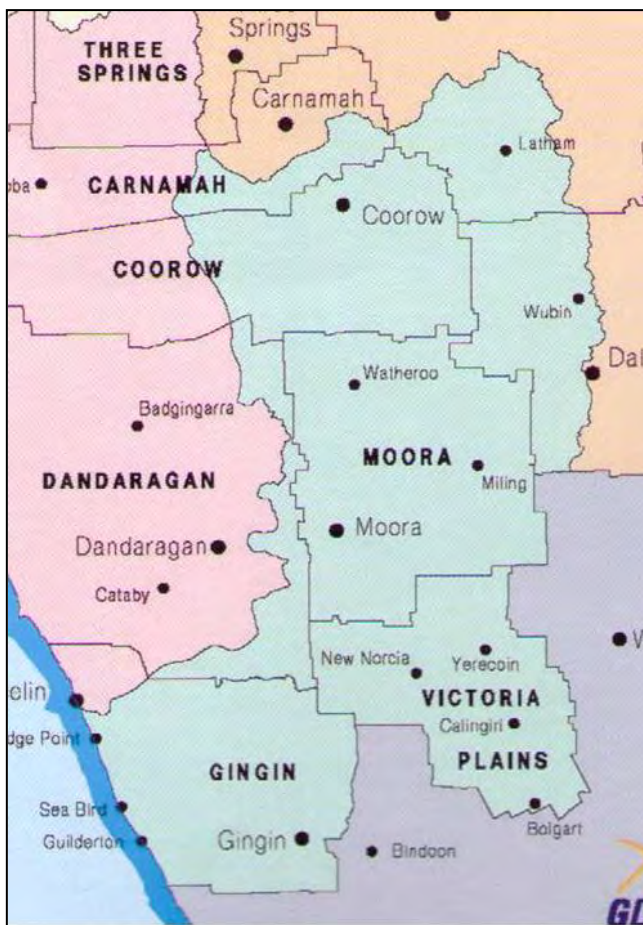
Our Natural Resource Management officers can:

- 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 Staff and Committee:

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Staff Summary

Over this year we have employed:

Natural Resource Management Officer's (NRMO):



Rachel Walmsley became a NRMO 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 a 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. During her time with MCC, she has successfully helped MCC obtain funding for a number of projects including working alongside the Moora-Miling Pasture Improvement Group to plant saltbush on unproductive land, and also funds for farmers to fence off and revegetate their natural assets. Her aim is to help the community become enthusiastic about their local environment.



Ingrid Krockenberger joined the Moore Catchment Council in 2008 after working at Murdoch University in teaching and research roles in the School of Environmental Science for the last 12 years. Her research interests in mine rehabilitation have investigated mine-pit revegetation and soil amendment for revegetating mine tailings. More recently, she has researched tree water relations in plantation forestry. Her tutoring roles have included water and earth science, land management, environmental management, management of aquatic systems, and environmental restoration

Administration Staff:

Helen Watkins – Executive Officer



Helen joined the team in September 2008; Helen lives in Dandaragan with husband Paul where they run an Agricultural Contracting Business. Helen has the role of Executive Officer of the Moore Catchment Council and works 12 hours per week. Her key responsibilities are administering the Finances and doing the day to day administration of the group, keeping projects on track, updating the website, keeping data bases up to date and informing members what is happening with the MCC.

MCC Committee:

Chairperson:	Reg Beale		
Vice Chairperson:	Tony White		
Secretary:	Duncan Peter		
Treasurer:	Lawrie Short		
Committee:	John Braid	Mike Carter	Peter Waterhouse
	John Longman	Geoff Erickson	Arthur Tonkin
	Alan Barnes	Jan Waite	Richard Topham
	Don Telfer		

Executive and Finance Committee

Chairperson:	Reg Beale
Vice-Chairperson:	Tony White
Secretary:	Duncan Peter
Treasurer:	Lawrie Short

Project Management / Human Resources Sub Committee

Reg Beale, Tony White, Lawrie Short, Duncan Peter, John Braid, Reg Beale, Helen Watkins, Rachel Walmsley, Ingrid Krockenberger.



3 Chairpersons Report:

Annual Report

Another year has passed and there have been many challenges in relation to MCC's future.

Grant funding including costs and the introduction of the Carbon Tax are just some of the challenges affecting all areas across the state and unfortunately there is no one shining light solution that answers all questions.



We have had a Business Planning session to identify what pursuits best suit MCC and there have been some very informative NACC forums also.

These forums have identified the important variety of ongoing environmental issues.

The political arena whilst they appear to acknowledge the various environmental issues never seem to be as dedicated when it comes to funding and grants. Maybe Caring for Our Country 2013-2018 will see a different approach.

Our NRMOs have been getting on with their tasks so that MCC meets all the various contract project deadlines whilst at the same time conducting community information and site visit sessions.

In closing, I record my appreciation to our EO Helen Watkins for a job well done.

Appreciation is also recorded to our NRMOs Rachel and Ingrid and members of the Committee for their support and input during the past 12 months.

Regards

Reg Beale.



4 Executive Officer Report:

2011-2012 Financial year saw funding various sources as listed below, also the finalisation of the *Recovery and Protection of the Moore River Catchment's Threatened Natural Assets (R & R) Project* (\$199,100).

Moore Catchments Council (MCC) was successful in obtaining the following funding:-

- 👉 Northern Agricultural Catchments Council for the "Wind Erosion" project \$103,000.
- 👉 Northern Agricultural Catchments Council for the "Hidden Treasures" project \$40,500.
- 👉 Northern Agricultural Catchments Council for the "Coastal" project \$24,000.
- 👉 State NRM for "Improving habitat and connectivity in the farming landscape for birds in the Moore River catchment" of \$31,350.
- 👉 NACC wind erosion devolved grant "Demonstrating elite fodder shrubs for future productive use in the NAR" of \$6,300,
- 👉 NACC Coastal devolved grant, "Coastal biodiversity discovery days: No 1 - Coastal birds of Guilderton" of \$3,832.50,
- 👉 Caring for our country Community Action grant "Demonstrating elite fodder shrubs for future productive use in the NAR" of \$13,400.

Our NRMO's Rachel Walmsley and Ingrid Krockenberger have done a wonderful job this year, keeping the grant applications coming whilst working hard on the Wind Erosion, Coastal, Hidden Treasures, R & R project and Bird project, and making sure all target and milestones were met, under some sometimes trying conditions.

A decision was made to combine the executive committee and the HR committee forming the Project Management/ Human Resources sub-committee (PM/HR SC) the main reason for this was to reduce the doubling up of information as the members of the executive committee are also on the HR committee, and the extra meetings involved. This year also saw the introduction of teleconferencing so that PM/HR SC members did not have to travel so far.

Unfortunately this year saw a reduction in attendance at Ordinary General Meetings with several meeting not having a quorum, even with the changing of the constitution to reduce the numbers for a quorum.

This year MCC engaged Carmel Ross as a consultant to facilitate a workshop to discuss the future of the Moore Catchment Council. This workshop was held in Moora on the 21st May, 2012 there were several recommendations to come from this meeting and a summary of this workshop is on page

Thanking all the Committee and staff for all their efforts and support during the past year.

Helen Watkins – Executive Officer



5 Financial Report:

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

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC., which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2012, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Responsibility of the Director of MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC.

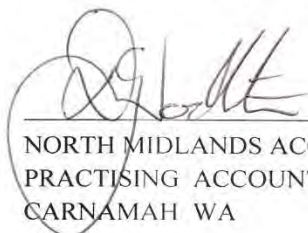
The director of MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC. is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements and has determined that the significant accounting policies adopted as set out in Note 1 to the financial statements are appropriate to meet the director's needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of the information provided by the director of MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC., we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the significant accounting policies adopted as set out in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

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

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the director of MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC.. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.



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19 September, 2012



MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC.
Detailed Balance Sheet As At 30 June 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets			
Cash at bank - Westpac A/C 145544		9,153	29,148
Cash at bank - Westpac A/C 145579		6,641	6,728
Westpac Term Deposit A/C 148294		56,596	53,717
Westpac RBusiness Reserve A/C 149203		139,773	213,512
Cash on hand		87	38
		<u>212,250</u>	<u>303,142</u>
Receivables			
Trade debtors		52,003	60,553
		<u>52,003</u>	<u>60,553</u>
Current Tax Assets			
GST clearing		1,420	(1,327)
		<u>1,420</u>	<u>(1,327)</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>265,673</u>	<u>362,368</u>
Total Assets		<u>265,673</u>	<u>362,368</u>
Current Liabilities			
Payables			
Unsecured:			
Trade creditors		32,891	35,127
		<u>32,891</u>	<u>35,127</u>
Current Tax Liabilities			
Amounts withheld from salary and wages		1,960	2,872
		<u>1,960</u>	<u>2,872</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>34,851</u>	<u>37,999</u>



MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC.
Detailed Balance Sheet As At 30 June 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions			
Employees Long Service Provision		9,000	9,000
		<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>43,851</u>	<u>46,999</u>
Net Assets		<u>221,821</u>	<u>315,368</u>
 Equity			
Retained profits / (accumulated losses)		<u>221,821</u>	<u>315,368</u>
Total Equity		<u>221,821</u>	<u>315,368</u>



MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC.
Detailed Profit and Loss Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Income		
Grants Received	247,613	418,843
Interest received	9,333	12,881
Membership Fees	3,000	3,500
Equipment Hire	200	100
Donations	940	291
Project Management Income	29,860	33,133
Seeds & Seedling Sales		29,295
Refunds		428
Publication Income		191
Total income	290,946	498,662
Expenses		
Advertising and promotion	301	100
Audit fees	1,400	1,960
Bank Fees And Charges	267	266
Catering - Meetings	2,546	2,564
Cleaning - Office		129
Electricity		466
Futures workshop	1,293	
Grant Funding returned		11,690
Hire - Meetings	604	282
Incidentals	144	1,836
Insurance	2,214	
Insurance - Workers Compensation	761	908
Internet Fees	790	1,057
License Fees	58	57
Moving Expenses		1,182
M/V commercial - Lease	12,407	15,009
M/V commercial - Repairs	7,123	6,820
Office Supplies	1,167	883
Office Rental	4,654	
Postage	947	931
Printing & stationery	1,314	258



MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL INC.
Detailed Profit and Loss Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Project Management	170,989	177,404
Reimbursements - Fees		4,500
Rent - Office		4,231
Repairs & maintenance	236	347
Secretarial	300	
Superannuation	11,330	12,889
Telephone	2,660	3,236
Teleconference	278	
Wages	125,884	152,208
Wages - Finance Contract	21,612	16,800
Water		36
Total expenses	<u>371,281</u>	<u>418,050</u>
Profit (Loss) from Ordinary Activities before income tax	<u>(80,334)</u>	<u>80,612</u>



6 Auditors Report:

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MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL (INC)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL (INC)

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We have audited the Income and Expenditure Books of Account of the MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL (Inc.) for the period ended 30th June 2011. The Executives are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members.

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Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurances as to whether the accounts are free from material misstatement. Our procedures included examination on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the accounts, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects the accounts are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Concepts and Standards so as to present a view MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL (Inc.) which is consistent with our understanding of its financial position and the results of its operation.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

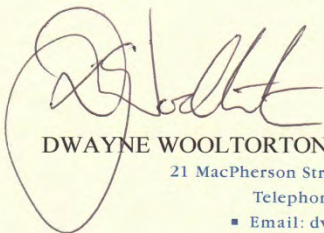
Qualification

Due to the nature of the activities of the MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL (Inc.) we are unable to verify that all income has been brought to account. Our testing of income has been restricted to the amounts recorded in the books of account, but reflect a true and correct record.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion subject to the above qualification the financial accounts present fairly the financial position of the MOORE CATCHMENT COUNCIL (Inc.) for the period ended 30th June 2011 and the results of its operations for the period then ended in accordance with applicable Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Standards.

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7 Projects:

7.1 *Recovery and Protection of the Moore River Catchment's Threatened Natural Assets*

State NRM funding \$199,100 Project 09047 Time frame July 2010 – September 2011

The Moore Catchment Council is pleased to announce that its WA State funded 'Recovery and protection of the Moore River Catchment's threatened natural assets' project has concluded with spectacular results. The project has helped fifteen farmers recover and protect 476ha of priority woodland and creek lines in the Moore Catchment through incentives for fencing and revegetation. Rachel Walmsley of MCC said 'The Moore's natural assets need protecting from stock damage as some of the vegetation associations in the Moore catchment are down to their last remnant, and once they are gone, there are gone forever.' Rachel continued 'Agricultural clearing has had a heavy impact on the native vegetation so it is imperative to protect the remaining remnants for biodiversity and future posterity.'

The project involved technical guidance from Fiona Falconer of Department of Environment and Conservation and Mike Johnson of Department of Water. Fiona has also carried out Land for Wildlife surveys on the project sites as an added extra. The project also allowed ornithologist Andrew Huggett to conduct bird surveys during autumn and spring to help measure the quality of the habitat being protected. Rachel said 'His results indicate that remnant vegetation house a wider array of bird species than degraded or revegetated sites demonstrating that protection of remnant native vegetation is the highest priority for conserving native bird species.'

An information day was held in Piawaning in July entitled 'Value your natural assets'. The day saw over 35 people come and learn about micro bats, Carnaby's cockatoo and roadside vegetation as well as listening to farmer's firsthand accounts of implementing conservation works on their farms. Rachel said of the project 'MCC hopes the project has raised people's awareness of protecting natural assets in the catchment for the future. Thanks to all the people involved in the project over the last fifteen months and the WA state NRM office for providing the funding, it has been a positive outcome for natural resource management.'

MCC's Moore remnant and river fencing & revegetation project results so far

Amount Received as at 30 th June 2012	\$199,100.00
Amount expended as at 30 th June 2012	\$199,100.00
Balance of funds in project as at 30 th June 2012	\$ 0.00



7.2 *Improving habitat and connectivity in the farming landscape for birds in the Moore River Catchment*

State NRM funding \$30,300 Project 100223 Time frame November 2011 – September 2012

The project builds on previous work in the Moore River Catchment which has contributed to protecting habitat and improving habitat condition through fencing of remnant vegetation and revegetation. The fencing and revegetation in this project is specifically focused on enhancing landscape connectivity by protecting or revegetating corridors which link patches of remnant vegetation.



Photo above: landscape demonstrating connectivity, linking remnant vegetation on ridges with creeklines, allowing fauna to move through the landscape with a range of habitat types.

The project also builds on previous bird surveys conducted in the sub-region through previous MCC, DEC and NACC projects. Bird surveys provide information to help develop conservation strategies for the birds themselves and for the habitat used by the birds (foraging, nesting and refuge), as well as serving as a proxy for other less noticed but equally important animals.

The project provided spring bird survey data for MCC's Recovery and Protection of Moore River Catchments Threatened Natural Assets project. In addition, new information was gathered for alternative areas of revegetation such as tagasaste, saltbush, brushwood and sandalwood to assess the contribution of these areas as supplementary habitat for birds. These areas may be very useful as vegetation links through the landscape.

The bird surveys were undertaken by ornithologist, Andrew Huggett, who allowed MCC to video him discussing the birds and habitat attributes of 12 revegetation and remnant vegetation sites. These videos are being compiled and edited for DVD and YouTube. Several landholders also kindly contributed to the video series.



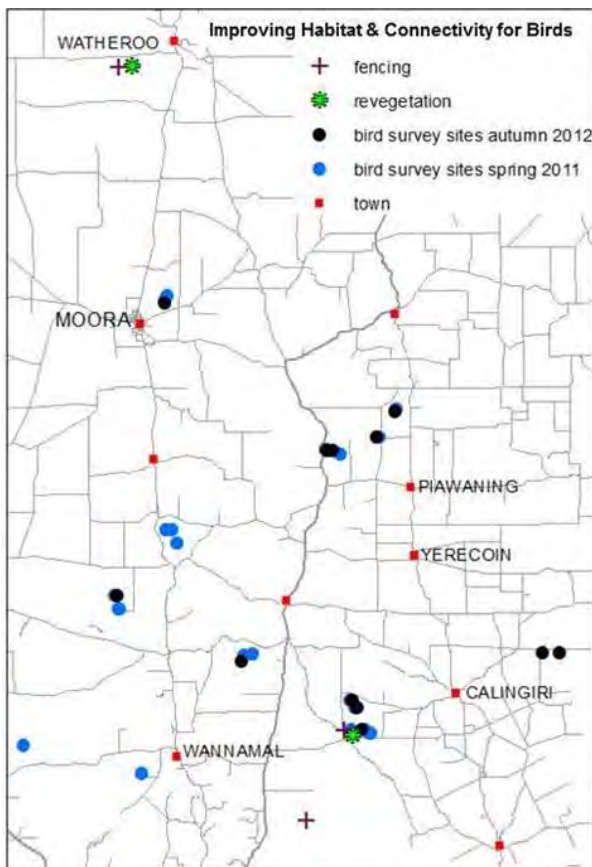
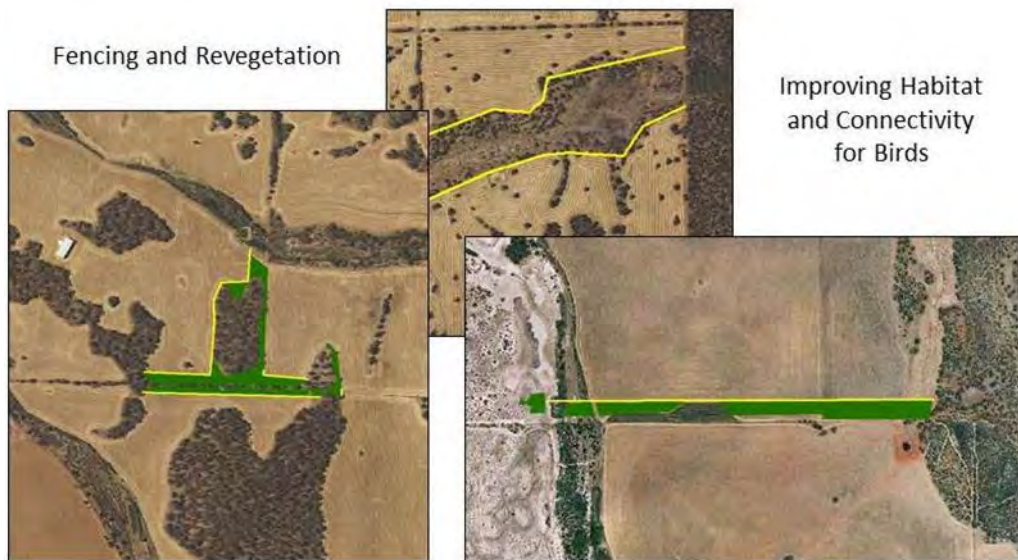


Photo above: examples of remnant vegetation where bird surveys were undertaken. Sandplain vegetation on top left and bottom right, wandoo woodland with heath on a breakaway on top right, and Moore River east of Moora on bottom left. **Photo below:** examples of planted vegetation where bird surveys were undertaken. Clockwise from top right: brushwood, sandalwood, revegetated saline creekline, and tagasaste.



Fencing and Revegetation

A small amount of funding was available to provide incentives to landholders to fence and revegetate strategic areas which would enhance landscape connectivity by linking patches of remnant vegetation. Suitable sites were found which were adjacent or nearby to the nature conservation areas Watheroo National Park, Rica Erickson Reserve and Bindoon Defence Training Area. A total of 2.53 km and 7.75 ha were ear-marked for fencing and revegetation.



Amount Received as at 30 th June 2012	\$30,300.00
Amount expended as at 30 th June 2012	\$ 8,587.45
Balance of funds in project as at 30 th June 2012	\$21,712.55



7.3 Working together to ensure the long-term sustainability of water resources in the greater Gingin Area

NACC funding \$15,000 Project 08005-02 Time frame June 2011 – September 2012

The Gingin Water Group (GWG) was formed in response to increasing community concerns about the reduction in the amount and condition of local groundwater and surface water of the greater Gingin catchment area. The major concern is that current water use is not sustainable, based on declining quantity and quality of water, and condition of water dependent ecosystems.

The Moore Catchment Committee supported the goals of the GWG and was successful in attracting funding from the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC) to support the GWG in preparing a public submission to the Gingin Groundwater Allocation Plan when released for public comment.

The GWG project has a two pronged strategy to address the Gingin community concern on water resources.

- Engage with the Department of Water (DoW) and the Gingin community to present local issues that need to be taken into account for the allocation plan
- Prepare and lodge a submission on the proposed Gingin Groundwater Allocation Plan based upon community input and evaluation of technical reports

There have been delays in the release of Gingin Groundwater Allocation Plan which although frustrating, probably reflect the recognition of the community concerns raised by the GWG.

The GWG has established an excellent collaborative partnership with DoW during this process. It is a credit to the GWG that this partnership arrangement is looking to be duplicated in neighbouring water resource management regions. In many ways the establishment of this collaborative approach makes the project successful even before the achievement of the primary project objective of lodging a public submission to the plan.

To track GWG achievements visit the website for updates at www.ginginwater.org.au

Amount Received as at 30 th June 2012	\$15,000.00
Amount expended as at 30 th June 2012	\$ 4,685.00
Balance of funds in project as at 30 th June 2012	\$10,315.00



7.4 Demonstrating elite fodder shrubs for future productive use in the NAR

Community Action Grant funding \$13,400 Project CAG11-001292 Time frame June 2011 – September 2012

Moore Catchment Council received funding through the NACC Devolved Wind Erosion grant scheme and Caring for Our Country Community Action grants to establish 3 one hectare 'elite' saltbush trial sites at Miling, Namban and Calingiri in 2012.

This project partners CSIRO Livestock Industries and MMPIG (Moora-Miling Pasture Improvement Group) to demonstrate new elite strains of Old Man saltbush that have been bred for improved productivity and palatability. Saltbush is an effective fodder shrub and revegetation plant for the thousands of hectares of saline affected unproductive land of the Moore River catchment. It has proven health benefits for stock including Vitamin E and essential minerals, allows deferred grazing from other pasture, and encourages improved hydrological balance and benefits to native biodiversity. These new saltbush will provide MMPIG farmers with an improved grazing tool for future sustainable farming.

CSIRO needs wider field testing and demonstration of the new elite old man saltbush cultivars in areas where saltbush is utilised as a fodder shrub to see how well it performs in the local environment both for production and palatability. Planting will occur in the winter of 2012 followed by a number of field days to inform and demonstrate elite oldman saltbush as a fodder shrub and environmental rehabilitation tool.



Above: Matt Wilmot, Aaron Edmonds and Hayley Norman plant elite saltbush at the Calingiri site

Amount Received as at 30 th June 2012	\$13,400.00
Amount expended as at 30 th June 2012	\$0.00
Balance of funds in project as at 30 th June 2012	\$13,400.00



8 Workshops & Field Days

8.1 *Moore Catchment Council Futures Workshop*

MCC Futures Workshop 21st May 2012

The workshop held in Moora on May 21st 2012 brought together community and government representatives with an interest in the work of the Moore Catchment Council. Presentations included an overview of the Moore River and its Catchments; the history of the Moore Catchment Council; and grants received and projects completed by the MCC. Discussions were held to draw out the major issues from each of these presentations, as well as to identify values, possible commercial undertakings, governance and future points of focus for the MCC.

Issues facing the Moore River and its catchment include the changing nature of the River, e.g., sedimentation, drainage changes, salinity; the lack of research on the River, its catchments, usage, needs, etc.; and associated with this, inadequate monitoring systems to identify changes and needs as they emerge. Additional to the need for research and monitoring, it was noted that communication and education of users, residents and visitors throughout the catchment region is needed to secure engagement and responsible usage of the Moore River system.

Issues facing the Moore Catchment Council include: The need to secure a wider range of revenue options to reduce dependence on grant funding; the need for its operations to be professional, with sound financial and grant administration; The desire to remain independent; The need to confirm its focus as a natural resource management organisation; The need for MCC to attract more members and volunteers and to be a voice for the Moore River and its catchments; and The need to consider changes to the Committee structure to improve governance. Having operated for over 15 years and expended over \$4 million in grant funds, these issues need addressing to secure an effective and long-term future for MCC.

Values identified were: Appreciation of the River and its catchment; Sound environmental management; Protection of the River its catchment; and Openness, accessibility and involvement for members and supporters.

Future areas of focus identified were: To protect and preserve the Moore River and its catchment; Encourage more research and monitoring to understand the profile and needs of the Moore River system; Undertake lobbying, being a voice for the river and its catchment; Educate stakeholders; Lift MCC's profile, including growing the membership base; Promote respectful, appropriate use of the River and its catchment, whether social or economic/industrial/ agricultural; Restructure the Committee of the MCC to a smaller member-elected group; and Develop additional funding streams by identifying initiatives that fit within the aims and values of the MCC and can be provided on a fee-for-service basis. A suggested action plan has been drawn up for these future areas of focus, and it will be the task of the organisation to distil which of these actions best suit the MCC's current needs and can be effectively implemented.

Commercial options identified include: To be an honest broker in Carbon Trading; Environmental offset management; Waste management; Project management for environmental issues; Management of roadside revegetation; Monitoring biodiversity; Biosecurity project management; and Events relating to NRM (educational, social).

Improvements to the **committee structure** include: Amend the constitution to discontinue the current committee structure of two representatives per shire; instead, Consider appointing two shire



representatives; Move to a committee and office bearers/executive who are elected by the members; and Develop agreed reporting and consultation procedures with shires and other government stakeholders, to ensure they have input and are up to date on the work of MCC.

The workshop affirmed the importance and contribution to date of the Moore Catchment Council, and confirmed the value of it broadening its operations and revenue streams, revising its governance structure, and having it take a leading role in the oversight and management of the Moore River system.

8.2 Moore Natural Assets information day

Moore Natural Assets Information Day

The Moore Catchment's natural assets were the focal point of an information day held in Piawaning on the 6th July organised by the Moore Catchment Council. Over thirty people attended the event at the community hall which featured speakers from around the region talking about the wealth of natural treasures that the Moore River Catchment is home to. The day kicked off with a delicious morning tea catered for by the Yerecoin P&C, and was followed by Cheryl Gole and Claire Bartron from Birds Australia who talked about the Important Bird Areas of the Moore Catchment and the endangered Carnaby's Black Cockatoo. Carnaby's are iconic birds of the region which need active conservation of its woodland habitat to ensure its survival. Fiona Falconer from DEC then talked about the Land For Wildlife scheme which provides one-to-one on-site advice for best conservation practice for remnant vegetation. Joe Tonga (NatSync) gave an animated presentation on the micro bats of southern WA and the artificial nest boxes he creates for them. Rachel Walmsley of MCC said "his passion for the protection of these critters was apparent throughout his talk and made him one of the highlights of the day for many people."



Above: Crowd who came to find out about the natural assets

Ingrid Krockenberger from MCC then talked about the state NRM funded fencing and revegetation project which this info day is part of, and also bird surveys which were carried out on several of the project sites. Kylie Payne and Edna McLaughlin from the Roadside Conservation Committee gave a quick presentation on the upcoming roadside surveys in the Moora Shire of which they are looking for volunteers for the September surveys. An enjoyable lunch followed which included

wonderful hot soup which helped warm many chilled bodies on this particularly cold day! After lunch, the presentations continued with Sarah Mason from Carrah Farms who is another passionate person with a long term ecological vision for her farm and is an inspiration for anyone wanting to reinstate native vegetation and farm alongside nature.



Above: Joe showing the crowd his bat boxes





Above: Claire talked about Carnaby's Cockatoo

As a conclusion for the day, the group set out for a field visit to Vern Bailey's property to look at his past revegetation works. Rachel said "Vern has fenced off and re-planted many of his creeklines over the years including works carried out through the MCC East Moore project in 2008, and it all looks incredible." Rachel continued "The overlying message conveyed throughout the day was about creating connectivity in the natural environment by linking fragments of remnant vegetation to help increase habitat for native flora and fauna. I'd like to thank all the speakers, the Yerecoin P&C, the state government for funding the event and all those who came along for making it a great day."



Below & Left: Vern Bailey (3rd from right) shows us his 2002 revegetation of mixed native trees and saltbush



8.3 MCC Ordinary General Meetings Round Up

MCC OGM and meeting Round Up

MCC have held 5 OGMs during the year. Some have included field visits, others standard meetings around the region and also teleconferences when face to face hasn't been possible.

Farewells and new appointments occurred at the Moore Catchment Council AGM held on the 30th September. Geoff Erickson stepped down as long-time Chairman and was replaced by Reg Beale from Gingin. Cynthia McMorran also stepped down as Treasurer and was replaced by Lawrie Short. Cynthia, who has decided to leave the committee completely to concentrate on new ventures, has been an active member of the Moore Catchment Council since its conception in the early 1990's and will be sorely missed. Barry Johnson, a long serving member and Vice Chair of the committee, also retired from his position. Geoff and Cynthia were presented with a magnificent bouquet of dried wildflowers courtesy of Rhonda and Arthur Tonkin.

Newly appointed community members to the MCC committee include Tony White and Richard Topham both from Miling. Tony also accepted the Vice Chair position. With new younger input combined with a wealth of experience, the MCC strives to move forward with promotion of natural resource management in the catchment whilst tackling the dwindling funding issues posed by the government which risk losing the Natural Resource Management Officers employed by MCC. Pre-



lunch guest speakers were Mark Batty from WALGA who talked about state and federal government funded nature resource management programs and future opportunities, and also Tony White who recently returned from a GRDC world study tour armed with global agricultural insight and a head full of ideas. Both speakers were well received and MCC thanks them for their time.



Tony White's presentation



Mark Batty's presentation



Farewell Cynthia

MCC's December OGM was held in Guilderton on 2nd December in the community hall. MCC was fortunate to have a number of volunteers from the Lower Moore Working Group and Guilderton Community Association along to talk about activities and funding which the groups have received for rehabilitation and protection works in the Moore estuary. After a fabulous caterer Christmas lunch, the LMWG took the meeting participants down to Silver Creek to show them sand bagging and bollards to protect banks, a bird watching platform with signage, and path works along the creek. Their enthusiasm and commitment to looking after the lower Moore shows and the group will continue to apply for funding for additional projects.



New bird watching platform



Silver Creek sand bagging and signage



MCC's Christmas lunch

8.4 *Perennial grasses paddock walk*

Fabulous perennial grasses displayed on paddock walk

Participants of the paddock tour held on 27th February were treated to some fabulous displays of perennial grasses between Moora, Watheroo and Dandaragan. The tour organised by the Moore Catchment Council and Agvivo aimed to help excite farmers new to perennials and demonstrate best practice methods to establish them on poor white sand.



Preferential grazing paddock



Panic variety trial paddock



The day started at the Badgingarra Research Station with Phil Barrett-Lennard of Agvivo showing the group a multitude of perennial grasses species and companion plants trialled in 2003, and also a paddock demonstrating preferential grazing of Gatton Panic compared to Rhodes Grass. The tour then moved on to Dandaragan to look at Gavin Haywood's perennial grass seeding machine followed by a look at David Cook's magnificent perennial grasses at Noodel. David was on hand to explain his rotational grazing set up with central movable watering points. The group was amazed at the small size of his plastic trough for his thirsty cattle but David assured that the cattle seemed to 'queue up' to use the trough and that his super flow rate was the key.



Pasture cropping trial



Brad Tonkin's 2011 perennial paddock

A quick drive to Chris Vanzetti's to look at a pasture cropping trial then followed before the final tour stop at Brad Tonkin's newly established NACC funded perennial paddock. Brad, who is a perennial veteran, explained his planting method and lessons learned over the years including that you can do everything right but the weather is the ultimate governing element as demonstrated in 2010. To wind up the tour an impromptu BBQ and drinks (thanks to Andrew Hinton's last minute dash to Moora) was hosted by Clive and Maureen Tonkin at nearby Westways which proved a great way to end the afternoon tour.

Rachel Walmsley of Moore Catchment Council said 'Many thanks to all the people that came along, to the speakers for showing off their pasture and machinery, to Phil who's perennial knowledge and enthusiasm is boundless, and to the Northern Agricultural Catchment Council and the Moora-Miling Pasture Improvement Group for sponsoring the event.'

8.5 Agricultural Shows

Agricultural Show displays

The MCC attended a number of events over the winter/spring season, including the Dalwallinu and Moora shows, and the Liebe and Moora-Miling Pasture Improvement Group Spring field days. We were lucky to receive sponsorship from Bauxite Alumina Joint Ventures to give away 600 native trees at the Moora show. This year we chose Carnaby's Black Cockatoo habitat as our theme and gave away trees including Salmon gums and Wandoo as they are the natural nesting hosts for these birds. We hope that some of these trees will grow and replace some

of the old ones around Moora.



Moora show - The free trees were a great draw to the MCC display



Liebe Field day - MCC had a display outside the main tent

8.6 Coastal Activities

Coastal Activities

The Moore Catchment Council is contracted by NACC to deliver their federally funded Coastal Engagement program on the MCC's section of coastline that encompasses Guilderton, Seabird and Ledge Point. This has involved organising extension events, liaising and providing funding information to the various coastal groups, and helping to coordinate community conservation activities. Some of these activities are detailed below:

Ledge Point Cleans up On Clean Up Australia Day

The Ledge Point Coastcare Group was very pleased with the enthusiasm of the volunteers at this year's Clean Up Australia Day event.

This was our fifth participation in Clean Up Australia Day and once again over 25 residents and visitors to Ledge Point supported this Community event. That was a great turnout and we would like to thank all of those who donated their time for such a task.

The Armadale 4WD club volunteers also cleaned a popular camping and beach fishing site to the

Together the two groups removed over 150Kg of rubbish and marine debris from the coastal strip. "It is a pity that people who go to an area for its peace and natural beauty and bounty do not think to bring their 'empties' back out with them." says Jan Richards Co-ordinator of the LPCG.

Two of the bags were selected at random and surveyed to find out what are the most thrown away items – plastic food packaging and fishing equipment were by far the most discarded items, closely followed by cigarette butts.



Photo: Jan Richards (on left) thanks Rohan Swan and his family and friends for collecting rubbish off the main swimming beach at Ledge Point

For those unable to attend this year we would like to remind everyone that the Ledge Point Coastcare Group organises a Site for this event every year. We will continue to meet at the Main Swimming Beach car park, De Burgh St, at 8am. Mark this in your diary/Outlook Calendar/ or whatever you use to remind yourself - the **First Sunday in March** is Clean Up Australia at Ledge Point.

The Ledge Point Coastcare Group would like to thank Rachel Walmsley, the Moore Catchment Council, Northern Agricultural Catchment Council, The Naturaliste Marine Discovery Centre - Hillary's Boat harbour, and Keep Australia Beautiful who each gave us assistance and rewards for the volunteers. The Shire of Gingin provided skip bins so that bags and resources could be recycled for future events. The group really appreciates this as there are two other annual Clean Ups at Ledge Point – during July and October (dates to be announced).

For further information about the Clean Up Australia Event and the Ledge Point Coastcare Group contact Jan Richards on 0409885574, or visit our Facebook page, "Ledge Point Coastcare."



Bird workshop flies high with Guilderton community

Twitchers and non-twitchers alike attended the Wonderful World of Shorebirds and Carnaby's Black Cockatoo workshop in Guilderton on 29th April. The day was funded by the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council's (NACC) coastal devolved grant scheme and was organised by the Moore Catchment Council (MCC), Guilderton Community Association (GCA) and Birdlife Australia.

Rachel Walmsley of MCC said 'We organised this day after talking to members of the GCA who wanted to find out more about the birds which frequent the estuary and coast - in particular the threatened Carnaby's Black Cockatoo which uses the Guilderton and Moore River vegetation for feeding and nesting. The GCA is concerned about the potential Carnaby's habitat destruction that could happen with future proposed residential developments on the southern side of the estuary.'

Sue Mather (Chair of Birdlife Australia) started the workshop by presenting an interesting talk and video on the endangered Carnaby's Black Cockatoo, and discussed works being carried out by Birdlife Australia to protect, monitor and conserve the remaining populations. After morning tea, the group proceeded to the estuary and boarded the Moore River Estuary Cruise boat run by Phil Cook. Phil is a big advocate of conserving the estuary environment and his passion showed during the hour long cruise. The boat headed to the sandbar where Phil explain how it regulates the estuary and then up stream where Phil talked about the birds, animals and trees present, and also discussed plans for residential developments which could environmentally impact the estuary.

After heading back to the hall for a delicious and generous lunch, Kim Onton (Regional Coordinator of Birdlife Australia's Shorebirds 2020 program) presented her talk on shorebirds and their identification. Many of the group didn't realise the huge number and diversity of migratory birds present in the local area. Kim also shared information on the migratory routes of some of these birds which include flying all the way to the Siberian tundra in the Northern Hemisphere and back – a long route for these tiny birds ! To top off the day, Kim set the group a quiz to identify and count the shore birds on slides showed on the screen. It was harder than it looked but it was a bit of fun ! The overall winner received a bird identification book. Everyone went away with a bag packed full of shore bird and Carnaby's information goodies which was generously put together by Birdlife Australia.



Sue Mather talking about Carnaby's



On the Moore River cruise

Rachel said 'Many thanks to the GCA for helping to organise the day, to Sue and Kim from Birdlife Australia for coming to talk to us, to Phil Cook for his interesting tour of the estuary, and to NACC for funding the day through their federally funded Caring For Our Country coastal engagement program.' More pictures available of the Moore Catchment Council's Facebook page – join today

Sand blow-out revegetated by Ledge Point community

Ledge Point Coastcare group ran their annual community planting day on 24th June and had a great turn out with over 20 volunteers attending despite the chilly weather. The Morley Scout group were invited to Ledge to help the local community volunteers revegetate a sand blow-out in the dunes in front of Key Biscayne Park. Jan Richards, Ledge Point Coastcare coordinator said 'Every year we run a community planting day to revegetate a part of the dunes that has been eroded or over run with weeds. This year we targeted a blow-out which needed revegetating to stabilise the bare sand and increase the habitat for native fauna.'



Morley Scouts were a great help

The keen volunteers managed to plant 450 native plants including *Scaevola crassifolia* and *Spinifex longifolia* into the blowout and 150 native plants into surrounding areas to help infill gaps from previous works. The seedlings were funded through Landcare Australia and the Mobile Muster scheme and the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC). NACC funded two seed collection days in January and May for Apace nursery and Dave Bright at Regen4 to teach Ledge Point Coastcare volunteers how to collect and process seed from plants endemic to the dunes. This seed was then grown by both nurseries and seedlings planted out as part of the planting day. This has ensured correct provenience of seedlings established.

The scouts then helped water all the plants using recycled milk bottles filled from a tap in the park, and this extra touch will encourage the higher successful establishment of the seedlings. After a few hours of hard work, the volunteers were rewarded with hot drinks and a sausage sizzle funded by the Shire of Gingin. Six lucky volunteers were also presented with family passes to the Naturaliste Marine Discovery Centre, Hillarys. Jan said 'Thanks to everyone who came along and helped, it makes a real difference having lots of helpers. Thanks to Landcare Australia, Mobile Muster and NACC for funding the seedlings, NMDC for donating the family passes, plus the Shire of Gingin for covering the catering costs. A



Watering in the seedlings



A keen local resident planting more photos and updates on future events, or contact MCC for more information on Coastal Engagement events in the Moore region.

further 600 seedlings were planted in and around the Key Biscayne dunes during the following week by Ledge Point residents which brings the total of seedlings established in 2012 to 1200 which is a great result.'

Jan concluded 'Remember the last Sunday in June every year is Ledge's community planting day so please put it in your diaries now.'

Please check out Ledge Point's Coastcare Facebook page for

Turquoise Bus tour focuses on coastal rehabilitation projects

What started as a far flung idea discussed at a Ledge Point Coastcare event, soon became reality on Friday 18th May when the Explore the Turquoise Coast bus tour took to the Indian Ocean Road



to look at coastal rehabilitation projects at Cervantes and Green Head, and to network likeminded coastal volunteers. Organised by the Moore Catchment Council (MCC) with help from the West Midlands Group (WMG) and funding from Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC) through their federally funded Caring For Our Country (CFOC) program, the 45 seater bus didn't take long to fill up with interested coastal community members from Perth, Guilderton, Seabird, Ledge Point, Lancelin, Wedge, Cervantes and Jurien Bay.

Rachel Walmsley, Natural Resource Management Officer with MCC said 'We were overwhelmed with the level of interest for this bus trip with community travelling up from below Perth to come and look at what is happening on the coast up here. We were also fortunate to have Kingsley Dixon from Kings Park Herbarium and Cambridge Coastcare group come along and share his views of coastal ecology and conservation.'



Blow out at Cervantes



Penny pointing out revegetation

The tour started with the bus picking up community from Guilderton, Ledge Point and was supposed to pick up at Wedge, but due to a slight error (missing road sign and Rachel talking!) the bus missed the turning and couldn't find a big enough turning space to U turn a bus. Luckily Penny Keenan from WMG was on-hand to run the passengers up to Cervantes where we all stopped for morning tea at the Seashell shack.

First stop after jumping back on the bus, was to a sand blow-out in the progress of being rehabilitated. Penny Keenan (WMG), Ashley Robb (NACC), Paul Robb (Cervantes Coastcare group) and Kingsley Dixon all commented on what had been tried already to help stabilise the sand which included jute matting, revegetation and hessian wind breaks. We then stopped at a Pyp grass control trial site which is trialling control methods for the rampant weed Pyp grass which a prevalent in this area. Dave Bright (Regen4



Kingsley talks ecology

Environmental Services) was on hand to explain his dealings in controlling this weed



Beautiful Dynamite Bay

The bus then made its way to Green Head where the group was met by the Green Head Coastcare group who won the prestigious 2011 State Landcare award for top Coastcare Group. The group's volunteers and Penny then



took everyone on a tour of some of the rehabilitation works that had been carried out and also explained future projects including upgrading the footpaths for improved access. A fabulous lunch spread was on offer back at the rotunda and everyone filled their plate with salads, sandwiches and savoury bites plus delicious desserts, and then listened to Nic Dunlop from Conservation Council WA talk about the Citizen Science Project followed by Charlie Shaw of the Yued Aboriginal Group who gave insight to the Indigenous heritage of Green Head.



Everyone then reboarded the bus for the return trip which included a stop off at Grigson’s Lookout between Green Head and Jurien. This scenic lookout offers fantastic 360 degree views across the dunes and inland lakes. Kingsley talked about the evolution and uniqueness of the Turquoise coast vegetation and Charlie Shaw shared some of the dreamtime stories passed down relating to the formation of the land by the mystical animals.



Paul shows us Molar Hill lookout

developments. The bus then dropped the final weary passengers off and feedback for the varied and interesting day was overwhelmingly positive

Rachel said ‘What a great day! The tour has been a huge success and brought so many different people together. Many thanks to everyone – both community, speakers and helpers who came along on the tour especially Kingsley Dixon who made time for us in his busy diary. Special thanks to Penny Keenan, Green Head Coastcare group, Ashley Robb, Charlie Shaw and Paul Robb who helped organise the tour stops, and to the caterers in Cervantes and Green Head who fed us well. Finally thank you to NACC who funded the day through their CFOC Coastal Engagement program and to all the NACC staff who helped out. Please visit the Moore Catchment Council Facebook page for more photos and information, and watch out for the video that was filmed on the day.’

A second lookout stop took the group to Molar Hill between Cervantes and Jurien. Paul Robb was keen to share the panoramic views with everyone and explained what views could be seen. The tour then officially finished back in Cervantes but for the remaining passengers destined for further south, an additional stop at Wedge Island allowed Penny Keenan and Charlie Shaw to talk about the issues affecting the shack community and future



Penny talks Wedge issues



Turquoise Bus tour participants



9 Moore Catchment Council Staff

9.1 NACC Incentives Delivery

NACC Incentives Delivery

MCC are contracted by NACC to deliver various Caring for our Country funded incentives in the wind erosion and hidden treasures programs. MCC have worked hard to deliver the targets set which has seen nearly double the number of agreements committed by landholders around the region. Each agreement reflects many hours of work on site visits, negotiations with the landholder and paperwork.

Wind erosion

Rachel and Ingrid have been busy delivering this program throughout the past 12 months. The wind erosion program has now just completed its third year with one more year left to run winding up in June 2013. The saline land incentive has been popular this year along with the perennial pasture one. Tasks for the NRMOs have involved signing off completed projects that were signed up in the 2010-2011 period and also signing up new landholders carrying out projects in the 2011-2012 period. As part of the targets, MCC also gave a wind erosion presentation to Calingiri LCDC, helped organize a pasture management workshop, and organized a perennial pastures field walk with Evergreen.

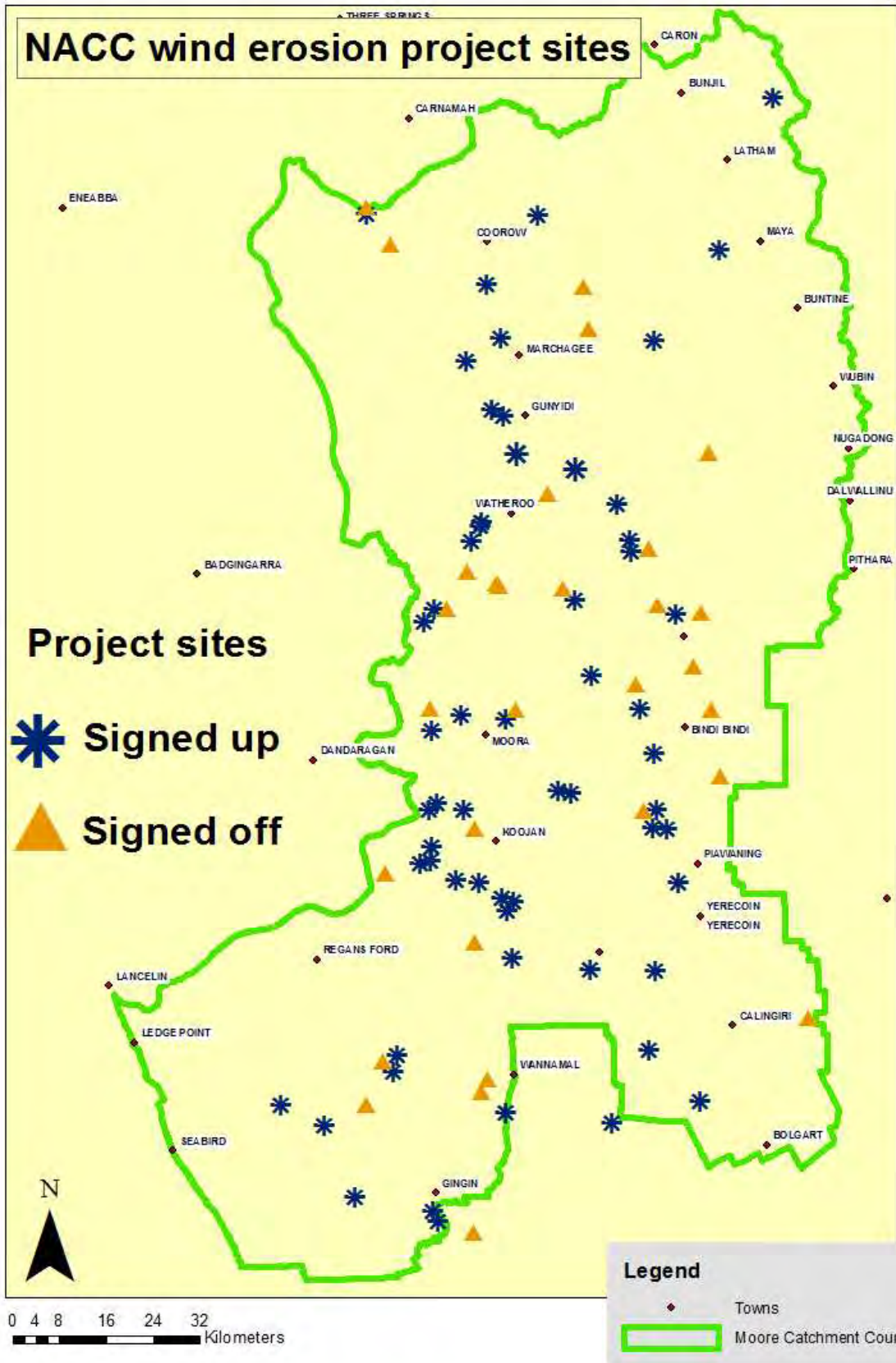
Hidden Treasures

MCC have also been delivering NACC's Hidden Treasure program in the catchment which started in mid spring 2011. Rachel and Ingrid have signed 9 landholders to the program in the period which has helped to fence off and protect nearly 900ha of native bush. Some of the sites protected contain ecologically threatened flora and fauna and/or are listed as Priority Woodlands so protecting them for the future is imperative. The Hidden Treasures project will continue until Autumn 2013.

2010-11 projects completed & signed off	No. of sites	Area planted (and/or protected) (ha)	Length fenced (km)	No. of seedlings planted
Perennial Pastures	7	588.2	10.45	-
Tree Crops	5	57.88	-	57,880
Saline Land	19	-	24.91	190,845
Strategic Revegetation	3	30.83	4	30,830
Total	34	676.91	39.36	279,555

2011-12 projects offered and signed up	No. of sites	Area to be planted (and/or protected) (ha)	Length to be fenced (km)	No. of seedlings planted
Perennial Pastures	17	524.3	29.12	-
Tree Crops	5	55.32	-	55,320
Saline Land	25	-	38.6	151,333
Strategic Revegetation	6	37.97	10.71	37,970
Hidden Treasures	9	895.38	22.35	-
Total	62	1,512.97	100.78	244,623





9.2 NRMO Annual Activities

MCC annual activities 2011 - 2012

July

NACC Wind Erosion: NACC teleconference, organised Perennials field day in Wannamal 12th July (30 people attended), 2 assessment visits for FS incentive, 2 assessment visits for PP incentive, NACC progress report, paperwork for incentives,

2 PP agreements offered.

NACC Coastal: NACC progress report

NACC Hidden Treasures:

MCC River & Remnant project: Organised 'Value our natural assets' day 6th July Piawanning (30 people attended), media release sent out, quarterly report completed

MCC Bird project:

MCC general: MCC HR meeting, Winter Moore to the Point newsletter compiled and sent out, MCC OGM – Moora, compiled annual report

Other: Applied for CFOC community action grant for trialling Elite saltbush, attended MMPIG meeting, attended Bugs, Boreholes, Birds day at Waddi Forest 28th July, attended West Koojan-Gillingarra LCDC Think Tank, attended Gingin Water Group committee meeting, attended Gingin Water Group public meeting, helped with Moora Shire tree planting



August

NACC Wind Erosion: NACC teleconference, Perennial field day media release, 2 assessment visits for SR incentive, 2 assessment visits for PP incentive, attended Whole Farm planning two day workshop – Three Springs, attended NACC regional team meeting, submitted NACC devolved grant for trialling elite saltbush project, attended NACC Hidden Treasures training

4 FS 1 PP 1 SR agreements offered

NACC Coastal: NACC coastal meeting - Dongara

NACC Hidden Treasures: NACC Hidden Treasures workshop, Three Springs

MCC River & Remnant project: signing off projects, photo monitoring carried out

MCC Bird project:

MCC general: had a MCC display at Dalwallinu Show

Other: Attended West Midlands Biochar day, attended West Koojan-Gillingarra LCDC meeting, attended Making Sand Productive workshop in Calingiri



September

NACC Wind Erosion: NACC teleconference, 6 assessment visits for FS incentive, 3 assessment visits for PP incentive, 1 assessment visit for SR incentive, sign off 1 FS project.

2 FS 1 PP 1 TC agreements offered

NACC Coastal:

NACC Hidden Treasures: assessment visit for HT incentive

MCC River & Remnant project: Sign off projects, photo monitoring carried out

MCC Bird project:

MCC general: MCC PMHR meeting, attended Moora Show with display, MCC AGM - Moora

Other: MMPIG meeting, attended MMPIG spring field day, attended Liebe spring field day, attended Evergreen field day, Roadside vegetation survey training with Roadside Conservation Council, attended Gingin Water Group committee meeting, attended Calingiri-New Norcia LCDC meeting, attended Carbon Trading for NAR Farmers workshop in Perenjori



October

NACC Wind Erosion: NACC teleconference, 4 site assessment for FS, 4 site assessment for TC, 2 TC project signed off. 5 FS projects signed off.

1 TC agreement offered.

NACC Coastal: Submitted application for devolved grant scheme – Bird workshop in Guilderton, visited dune blowout at Guilderton with community members and NACC

NACC Hidden Treasures: 3 site assessment for HT project

MCC River & Remnant project: Signing off projects, Quarterly report submitted. Media release of project completion

MCC Bird project: Andrew Huggett conducted spring bird surveys

MCC general:

Other: Roadside veg surveys, MMPIG meeting, attended West Koojan-Gillingarra LCDC meeting



November

NACC Wind Erosion: NACC teleconference, 2 site assessment for FS, 1 site assessment for TC, 1 site assessment for SR, 2 site visit for PP, 2 TC project signed off.



7 FS 1 PP 1 SR agreements offered.

NACC Coastal:

NACC Hidden Treasures: 4 site assessment for HT project, 3 HT agreements offered.

MCC River & Remnant project: Final report compiled

MCC Bird project:

MCC general: PMHR meeting, Spring Moore to the Point newsletter compiled

Other:

December

NACC Wind Erosion: NACC teleconference, NACC carbon quest workshop (Gingin), 4 site assessments for FS, 1 site assessment for TC, 1 site assessment for SR, 1 site visit for PP, 1 SR project signed off, 1 PP project signed off, 3 FS project signed off. NACC progress reports.

5 FS 1 PP agreements offered

NACC Coastal: NACC progress reports, Successful with NACC devolved grant for Guilderton Bird workshop

NACC Hidden Treasures: NACC progress reports, 1 site assessment for HT

MCC River & Remnant project: Finished – final report submitted

MCC Bird project: 1 site assessment

MCC general: MCC Christmas OGM - Guilderton

Other:

January

NACC Wind Erosion: NACC teleconference, 2 PP projects signed off, 2 site assessments for FS, 1 site assessment for SR

3 FS agreements offered.

NACC Coastal: Attended Ledge seed collection day with Ledge Point Coastcare

NACC Hidden Treasures: 4 HT agreements offered

MCC Bird project: 2 site assessments

MCC general: Submitted grant to Biodiversity fund 'Moore River Biodiversity Corridor project - filling in the gaps'

Other:



February

NACC Wind Erosion: NACC teleconference, 5 PP site assessments, 1 SR site assessment, 1 PP project signed off, 1 FS project signed off. Ran perennial pastures walk and wrote media release
2 FS 3 PP agreements offered.

NACC Coastal: helped plan and advertise clean up event in Ledge for March, planning future coastal activities

NACC Hidden Treasures: 2 HT agreements offered, 1 site assessment

MCC Bird project:

MCC general: Submitted grant to Caring for our country fund 'Protecting and Restoring Carnaby's Black Cockatoo habitat in the Moore Catchment', MCC OGM



Other: MMPIG meeting & AGM, helped organize Miling fox shoot with MMPIG, attended West Koojan-Gillingarra LCDC meeting

March

NACC Wind Erosion: NACC meeting - Geraldton, 6 PP site assessments, 1 SR site assessment, 1 FS site assessment, 1 PP project signed off, 2 FS project signed off.

3 FS 2 SR 1 TC agreements offered.

NACC Coastal: Helped to run clean up event at Ledge (25 people) , wrote media release

NACC Hidden Treasures: 2 HT agreements offered, 1 HT site assessment

MCC Bird project:

MCC general: Organising shore bird and Carnaby's Black cockatoo workshop in Guilderton in April



Other: MMPIG meeting, organised fox shoot for Gillingarra Sport and Recreation Club

April

NACC Wind Erosion: NACC meeting - Geraldton, 2 PP site assessments, 1 SR site assessment, 1 TC site assessment.

4 FS 1 PP agreements offered.

NACC Coastal: Planning Turquoise bus tour for May.



NACC Hidden Treasures: Attended NACC Flora ID day – Western Flora

MCC Bird project: Andrew Huggett conducted autumn bird surveys

MCC general: MCC OGM, MCC PMHR, Ran shore bird and Carnaby's Black cockatoo workshop in Guilderton (30 people).

Other: MMPIG meeting, conducted Cockey Count for Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo

May

NACC Wind Erosion: Attended NACC CMS workshop. NACC progress reports, 2 PP site assessments, 2 FS site assessments, 2 FS project sign offs,

8 FS 8 PP 2 TC agreements offered.

NACC Coastal: Designed and printed pull up coastal banner for promotional events. NACC progress reports, attended Ledge propagation workshop, organized and ran Turquoise bus tour (45 people), media release for event.

NACC Hidden Treasures: NACC progress reports, 1 HT project sign off

MCC Bird project:

MCC general:

Other: attended Gingin Water Group committee meeting

June

NACC Wind Erosion: 4 PP 1 SR agreements offered, NACC teleconference, 1 TC site assessment, 1 FS site assessment, 1 SR site assessment, prepared devolved grant application for "Enhancing Soil Biology and Soil Carbon in Water-Repellent Sandy Soils for Pasture Cropping"

NACC Coastal: Planning next activities

NACC Hidden Treasures: 1 HT agreement offered

MCC Bird project: prepared for Birds on Farms info day

MCC general: conducted tour of sites for two Caring For Our Country representatives, applied for State NRM grant for "Planting feed species for Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo in the Moora and Koobabbie Important Bird Areas."

Other:



Glossary

PP = Perennial Pasture incentive

SR = Strategic Revegetation incentive

FS = Fodder Shrubs incentive

TC = Tree Crops incentive

HT = Hidden Treasures incentive

MMPIG = Moora-Miling Pasture Improvement Group

NACC = Northern Agricultural Catchments Council

MCC = Moore Catchment Council

PMHR = Project Management Human Resources meeting



9.3 **NRMO Project funding**

NRMO Wind Erosion Project funding

Amount Received as at 30 th June 2012	\$167,500.00
Amount expended as at 30 th June 2012	\$167,501.70
Balance of funds in project as at 30 th June 2012	\$ -1.70

All Project funding is for the total amount of funding received for the project not just the year being reported on.

Adopted by resolution at the Annual General Meeting 28th September, 2012

