

Annual Report

2021 – 2022





Moore River winds its way through canola on farm land



CHAIR'S MESSAGE 2022

People , Partnerships and persistence

The three words that sum up MCC year gone by

Without our people , we would be nothing. Moore Catchment Council has the ability of making Landcare fun. As you look through our annual report, all you can see is people of all ages, working in teams , to benefit our local environment.

Partnerships – without them many of our projects would not happen. Rachel, Helen and Sarah have the energy and passion that provides the pathway for organisations to join with MCC to do these wonderful projects in this report.

Persistence – with our teams passion and vision we ride the highs and lows in this landcare game. But by being like a couple of annoying grass seeds in your jocks, the funding applications keep being submitted time after time, partnerships with key organisations are formed, projects are done and projects grow. We keep doing this so we can grow and keep being a leader in the region and state for NRM. We have survived funding crisis, we have prepared to wind the organisation up at times, but we are still here better than ever.

The season on the farms around us has been a ripper. Good rains, great yields and happy farmers. But We are getting challenged as farmers to get better with our farm safety and the opportunitires with the carbon farming story are endless. It will be interesting times in the next few years. Maybe the farms that have had decades of landcare on their farms will finally be rewarded financially.

Anyway , thanks to all the team for a ripper year, and any of the volunteers who have helped along the way, and to all our partners who are mentioned in the annual report.

Merry Christmas and safe and fun landcaring in 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony White'. The script is cursive and fluid.

Tony White



2021 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LANDCARE AWARDS

Australian Government Partnerships for Landcare Award

Moore Catchment Council and the Yued Community of Moora

Collecting our award at the WA Landcare Awards event

Key Achievements

The Moore Catchment Council (MCC) is a not-for-profit organisation focussing on the protection and enhancement of the Moore River and its catchment.

MCC is now into it's 27 year of history of attracting natural resource management grants and successfully completing projects that improve the Moore River catchment.

This financial year MCC has attracted \$411,889 in new grants spread over 11 projects. 5 projects have been successfully completed and acquitted.

Winner of 2021 WA Landcare Award and Finalist in the 2022 National Landcare Awards

The MCC and the Yued Community of Moora won the 2021 Australian Government Partnerships for Landcare Award at the Western Australian Landcare Awards in November 2021. The MCC and Yued then went on to represent WA in that category at the National Landcare Awards in Sydney August 2022.

Outstanding Effort:

- 40,866 native seedlings planted to improve biodiversity in the catchment;
- Directly engaging 764 members of the community to actively take part in landcare & coastcare projects, and raising their awareness of the Moore's natural assets;
- 235,493 hours of volunteer labour contributions equating to approximately of \$11,626,150 in-kind support (including 2970 hrs from children <18);
- Management (Juggling) of 6 projects during the year with only 1 full time Landcare officer.

Showcase

- Winner of the Australian Government Partnerships for Landcare Award at the 2021 WA Landcare Awards;
- Highlighting the wonders and woes of the WA Wheatbelt remnant vegetation and biodiversity by organising and running The Last Stand 5 day event in Moora 1-5th September;
- Helping to record content for high profile documentary 'Black Cockatoo Crisis' about WA's endangered cockatoos with renowned cockatoo and WA nature film maker Jane Hammond. Released Nov 2022;
- Organising to take the WA Wheatbelt to the city and showcase The Last Stand at the Perth Garden Festival Oct 2022.



Remnant *Verticordia picta* (Painted Featherflower) on Kwongan Heath

2021-2022 Financial Report

Moore Catchment Council has had a successful year with receiving grants from Iluka, State NRM grants, Membership from Shire Councils within the Catchment, Donations from community, and fee for service. These grants were enhanced by the State NRM Capability grants which helped with the employment of Staff, allowing MCC to employ a Community Landcare Co-ordinator and a part time Executive Officer. MCC partnered with the Kerkhoff Carnaby's Group to raise money for the Moora Big Carnaby Cockatoo sculpture.

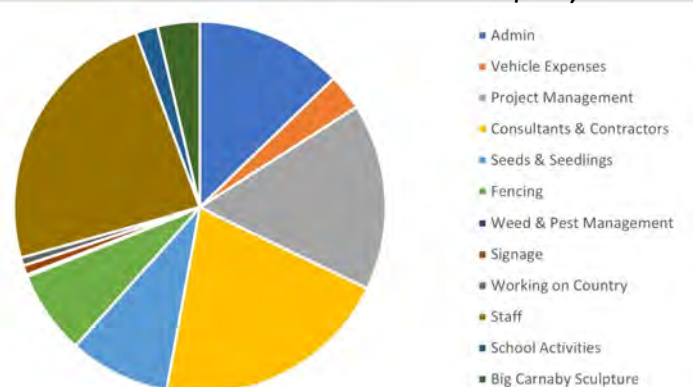
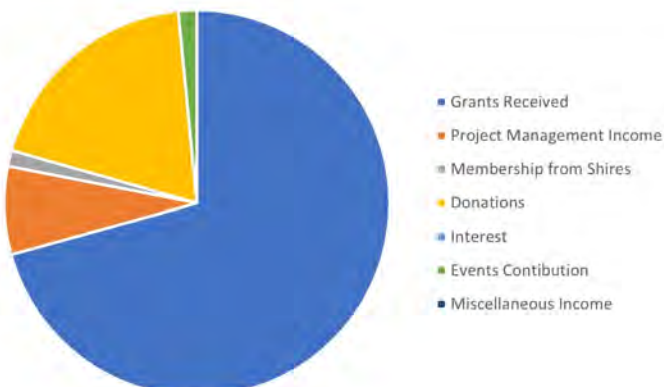
Impact of COVID –19

The Committee have assessed the impact of COVID-19 on the financial report preparation including going concern assessments, assets values and disclosures. Despite continued uncertainties associated with the Coronavirus pandemic the Committee have no reason to believe that the Association would not continue as a going concern.

For the full financial report <http://www.moorecatchment.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/20220630-Financial-Statements.pdf>

2021 -2022 EXPENDITURE

2021-2022 INCOME		2021 -2022 EXPENDITURE	
Grants Received	\$902,146	Admin	\$63,285
Project Management Income	\$93,569	Vehicle Expenses	\$15,604
Membership from Shires	\$17,000	Project Management	\$80,231
Donations	\$243,087	Consultants & Contractors	\$102,450
Interest	\$85	Seeds & Seedlings	\$43,435
Events Contribution	\$19,668	Fencing	\$36,100
Miscellaneous Income	\$100	Weed & Pest Management	\$855
		Signage	\$4,058
		Working on Country	\$3,517
		Staff	\$117,456
		School Activities	\$9,524
		Big Carnaby Sculpture	\$18,182
	\$1,275,655		\$494,697





PROGRAMS

Carnaby's Black Cockatoo Conservation

Carnaby's Black Cockatoo conservation projects funded through Iluka – involving planting native species, erecting & monitoring artificial log nests, new signage for reserves, school planting and information events, Yued engagement through revegetation and fencing activities, information booklets and videos;

Conserving, Restoring and Promoting Moore Catchment Natural Assets

Conserving Moore natural assets funded through State NRM Program – involving revegetating degraded farm land, fencing creeks and bushland, information events, and Yued engagement through seed collection and revegetation.

Aboriginal Engagement and Partnership

Funded through Iluka, DWER and State NRM Program, this project provides opportunities to work on country to collect and process native seed, native reserve fencing, revegetation and knowledge sharing. Working in partnership to improve health of Moore catchment and improve local Aboriginal wellbeing.

The Last Stand

The Last Stand 1st - 5th September 2021 - a 5 day free-to-attend environmental awareness event in Moora highlighting the wonders and woes of WA wheatbelt wildflower country. Featuring comprehensive displays, symposium, bus tour, school activities and much much more.

Coastal Rehabilitation

Funded through State NRM Program, this project will allow herbicide spraying of 6ha Pyp Grass (*Ehrharta villosa*) to help native vegetation return. Community volunteers will revegetate 1ha using native seedlings grown from native seed collected by community volunteers on the Guilderton dunes.

Healthy Soils, Healthy Environment

Good soil health has direct links to a healthy environment and positive community health. Funded through the State NRM Program, this project will provide opportunities for community and school children to explore soil health. These will include healthy soils & permaculture workshops.



Carnaby's Black Cockatoo family

CARNABY'S BLACK COCKATOO CONSERVATION

Iluka - "Supporting the Community to Conserve Carnaby's Black Cockatoo"
 Project funding **\$179,300** Project Total **\$340,003**

16,666 native trees and shrubs were planted on **6** properties. All plants are priority species for Carnaby's forage and breeding habitat. Species included Eucalyptus, Hakeas, Melaleucas, Corymbia, Grevilleas, and Banksias.



Comprehensive camera **monitoring** of artificial nesting logs in Moora. 28 Carnaby chicks fledged from the monitored log nests in and around Moora.

Carnaby's Black Cockatoo chicks born in artificial log nests who survived to fledge, Moora WA 2021-22 season



4.5km fence installed along Moore River to protect the native corridor from stock



900 native seedlings given away to over 150 local community at the Moora show. All Carnaby forage and breeding habitat species



5 new artificial log nests constructed and located around Moora and at Regans Ford. Working in partnership with Kerkhof Carnaby Group, Yued group, Carnaby Crusaders and Shire of Moora to carry out works.



Helped documentary maker **Jane Hammond** with content for **Black Cockatoo Crisis film**





Native revegetation near Watheroo

CONSERVING MOORE NATURAL ASSETS

CSGL19024 - "Conserving, restoring and promoting the Moore River Catchment's natural biodiversity" Grant

\$259,193 Project Total **\$711,461**

CSGL21099- "Encouraging community stewardship of the Moore River Catchment's Natural Assets" Grant

\$150,322 Project Total **\$389,793**

27,000 native trees and shrubs were planted on 4 properties. Species planted including Eucalypts, Melaleucas, Acacias, Hakeas, Grevilleas, Calothamnus and Atriplex species. **27ha** of degraded farmland was rehabilitated



2 school hands-on conservation activities including creating a native garden and carrying out soil testing



Several **Weed resources created** and **2 weed removal activities** carried out. Resources [here](#)



4.7km of fencing erected to protect **48ha** of native and revegetated bushland by **2** land managers at Walebing and Watheroo



Monitoring of past project successes



1 Cyclone Seroja stakeholder meeting held and **1 recommendations report** created. Report [here](#)





Yued works crew planting native seedlings at Yallalie Downs

ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIP

Green Jobs - "provide the services for the Green Jobs Plan" Grant Total **\$212,580**

Greening Australia - "Providing the services for the Green Jobs Plan Part 2 Grant **\$29,906.54**

Shire of Moora - Signage for Old Reserve **\$2,697.00**

Partnering with local Yued community to carry out landcare and coastcare projects around the catchment. MCC includes Aboriginal engagement opportunities in all its projects. Included **planting native seedlings** in creeks, gravel pits and degraded land, **native seed collection** for future revegetation projects, **weed removal activities** (Spiny Rush & Gladioli), and **Moora community garden works**. Proud to win **2021 Australian Government Partnerships for Landcare Award** for working together to achieve excellent outcomes on-ground and in the community.





Last Stand committee and helpers

THE LAST STAND

The Last Stand 1st - 5th September 2021 - a 5 day free-to-attend environmental awareness event in Moora highlighting the wonders and woes of WA wheatbelt wildflower country. Featuring comprehensive displays, symposium, bus tour, school activities, native tree giveaways, bush walks, art competition, and Eagle nest building. Over 500 people attended from all over the state and feedback was overwhelmingly positive. MCC plans to take The Last Stand to Perth.





A fearless volunteer (Linda) collects tree guards undeterred by the downpours

COASTAL REHABILITATION

CSGS21074 - "Restoration of Guilderton dunes through weed control and community planting"

Grant Total **\$28,821** Total Project **\$88,398**

Shire of Gingin- "Guilderton Dune Spraying"

Grant Total **\$8,170**

Pyp Grass (*Ehrharta villosa*) control on Guilderton's dunes. Pyp Grass is a invasive weed which outcompetes native vegetation.

6ha of Pyp grass was sprayed with herbicide in Autumn 2022. In partnership with Shire of Gingin and GCA.



Monitoring of previously revegetated dune sites



2 Community planting days for rehabilitating the Guilderton dunes were organised involving 25 volunteer planters. A **1.3ha** degraded area was revegetated using **1300** native plants including *Acacia cyclops*, *Calothamnus quadrifidus*, *Hardenbergia comptoniana*, *Melaleuca huegelii*, *Melaleuca systema*, *Carpobrotus virescens* and *Spyridium globulosum*.





Participants of the Digging Deeper workshop Photo: Gingin CMC

HEALTHY SOILS, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

CSGS21087- "Healthy soil, healthy environment, healthy community" Grant **\$30,000** Project Total **\$110,024**

1 community Digging Deeper Healthy Soils & Permaculture workshop held in Gingin with 25 participants.



Digging Deeper Gingin 03.06.22



Supporters of Moore Catchment Council



APACE Nursery

Birdlife Australia

Carnaby Crusaders

Central Midlands High School

Carrah Farms

Fiona Falconer

Friends of Moore River Estuary

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Moora Community Resource Centre

Moora Race Club

Nixon Family

West Koojan-Gillingarra LCDC

Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group

Yued Community

Thank you to all the Members, Supporters, Volunteers and Funding Partners of the Moore Catchment Council without such support the Moore Catchment Council would not exist.

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