



Annual Report

2022 -2023





CHAIR'S MESSAGE 2023

One thing being a farmer , is my income is derived from managing my environment. Last season we had a record harvest on the farm at Miling and this season we have had 165mm of rain for the year. We could not get two contrasting seasons in a row if we tried to.

So, this low rainfall has resulted in low yields, but looking back at our 115 year history of farming in this area, the telling story is that with taking good care of our fragile soils through liming and using no tillage farming, I have produced a crop. Back in 1969 my dads crop died on slightly more rainfall.

By having a modern farming system , combined with caring for our environment, with years of tree planting and fencing off and managing saline areas, we have survived one of the harshest droughts in our area for decades. My farming system has diverse rotations, stores lots of fodder , runs sheep and employs 3 full time employees.

Now you know that we have had a very dry season in the upper Moore catchment area , it will help you all understand why our river flow has been quite low this year. Our creek system in the upper Moore river has not run all year. This is very unusual. Is it climate change or climate variability ? I am not sure, but I know it hurts when we don't get good rains.

With a very dry season in the MCC region , it has had challenges with vermin (large increase in cats, foxes and wild pigs), weeds are always coming at us , especially uncontrolled spiney rush in our water ways, and salinity is raising its ugly head too. I mention these as it is important that as a region we keep working at managing these ferals and getting funding to do so.

There has been a lot of positive work done by Rachel , Helen and Sarah (and friends) to keep NRM work happening and being promoted. This telling of our stories of what we do is so important , and I love how the NRM folk love doing so , just like Fred said at one of our last stand events- story telling is everything – its how we all learn and all remember.

Thankyou to everyone on the committee , volunteers, the noongar crew and our valued employees for another great NRM year. Keep up the great work , have a great Christmas and let the rains fall and our river flood in 2024.

Tony White



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 28 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 \$305,399 in new grants spread over 10 projects. 4 New & 6 existing, 2 projects have been successfully completed and acquitted.

Outstanding Effort:

- 96,230 native seedlings planted to improve biodiversity in the catchment;
- Directly engaging 3,525 members of the community to actively take part in landcare & coastcare projects, and raising their awareness of the Moore's natural assets;
- 184,098 hours of volunteer labour contributions equating to approximately \$185,170 of in-kind support (including 848hrs from children <18);
- Management (Juggling) of 10 projects during the year with only 1 (nearly) full time Landcare officer.

Showcase

- Highlighting the wonders and woes of the WA Wheatbelt remnant vegetation and biodiversity by organising and running three The Last Stand events including 2 x 4 day Perth Garden Festival Events at Langley Park, Perth in October and May;





Firewood Banksia (*Banksia menziesii*), Wanerie

2022-2023 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.

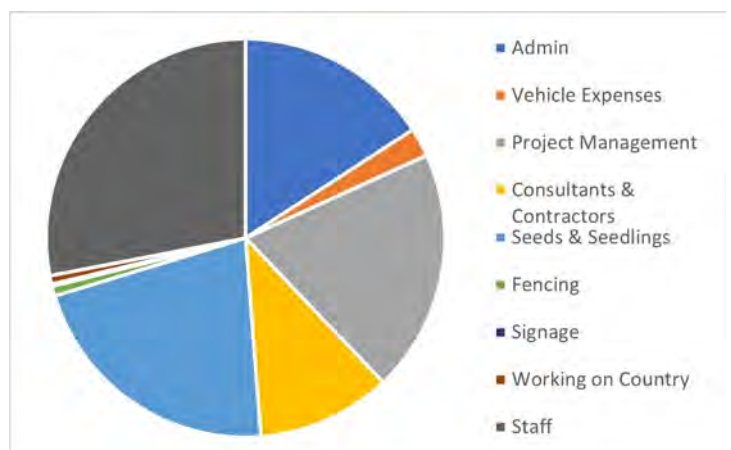
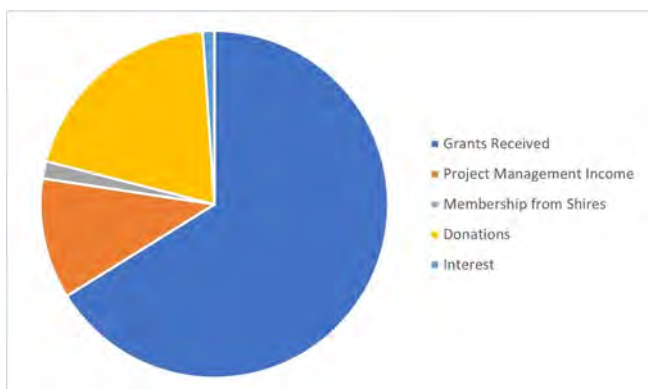
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2022-2023 INCOME

Grants Received	\$327,549
Project Management Income	\$55,728
Membership from Shires	\$8,000
Donations	\$98,637
Interest	\$5,330
	\$495,244

2022 -2023 EXPENDITURE

Admin	\$71,311
Vehicle Expenses	\$10,528
Project Management	\$88,634
Consultants & Contractors	\$48,989
Seeds & Seedlings	\$96,908
Fencing	\$3,600
Signage	\$789
Working on Country	\$3,600
Staff	\$126,143
	\$449,989





PROGRAMS

Carnaby's Black Cockatoo Conservation

Carnaby's Black Cockatoo conservation projects funded through Iluka – involving planting native Carnaby habitat species, erecting & monitoring artificial log nests, 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 and State NRM Program, this project provides opportunities to work on country to collect and process native seed, revegetation and knowledge sharing. Working in partnership to improve health of Moore catchment and improve local Aboriginal community wellbeing.

The Last Stand

The Last Stand highlights the wonders and woes of WA wheatbelt wildflower country. Featuring comprehensive displays, Wild Kids Detective challenge, taxidermy animals, Weed bingo and much much more. MCC took The Last Stand to the 4 day Perth Garden festival in October 2022 and May 2023.

Coastal Rehabilitation

Funded through State NRM Program and Shire of Gingin, 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 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 chil-



Carnaby's Black cockatoo twins

CARNABY'S BLACK COCKATOO CONSERVATION

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

12,000 native trees and shrubs were planted on **4** properties. All plants are priority species for Carnaby's forage and breeding habitat. Species included Eucalyptus, Hakeas, Melaleucas, Corymbia, Grevilleas, and Banksias.



800 native seedlings given away to over 120 local community at the Moora show. All Carnaby forage and breeding habitat species

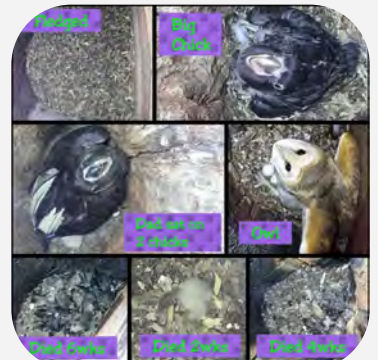


3 new artificial log nests

constructed and located around Moora. Nest repairs and maintenance. Working in partnership with Kerkhof Carnaby Group, Yued group, Carnaby Crusaders and Shire of Moora to carry out works. Monitoring Carnaby chick health with Dean from Carnaby Crusaders.



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



Promotion of Carnabys through organising a Moora showing of the **Black Cockatoo Crisis film** in March, and countless **social media posts** including videos receiving 130,000 views + and hundreds of comments and shares.



Working in partnership with the Kerkhoff Carnaby Group to plan and raise funds to build the **Big Carnabys sculpture in Moora**. MCC is administering the funding and driving promotion. Total reached Feb 2023 but build delayed waiting for Shire to carry out due diligence.



Rehabilitating a creek at Gillingarra

CONSERVING MOORE NATURAL ASSETS

CSGL21099- "Encouraging community stewardship of the Moore River Catchment's Natural Assets" Grant **\$150,322** Project Total **\$389,793**

CSGL22064 - Supporting community stewardship of Moore River Catchment Natural Assets" Grant **\$202,507** Project Total **\$502,272**

84,230 native trees and shrubs were planted on **4 properties**. Species planted including Eucalypt, Acacia, Melaleuca, Hakea, Grevillea, Calothamnus and Atriplex. **85ha** of farmland and riparian zone was rehabilitated.



3 school hands-on conservation activities including native seedling planting and seed processing, and Moore environment and nature discovery activities.



Monitoring of past project successes.



Creation of **Moora tree trail** and guided walk with CMHS students.



10.8km of fencing erected to protect **48ha** of native and revegetated bushland by **5** land managers.



3 owl/nocturnal bird surveys over six farms conducted by the volunteer birders from Wheatbelt Avon Bird group.

1 new owl resource 'Moore owls & nocturnal birds' created and published. Download [here](#)





ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIP

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, coastal dunes and degraded land, **native seed collection** for future revegetation projects, **sharing cultural knowledge** at events and **Moora community garden works**.





Schmoozing with the stars ! Charming Better Homes & Gardens Charlie Albone with Mottlecah flowers

THE LAST STAND

The Last Stand highlights the wonders and woes of WA wheatbelt wildflower country. Featuring comprehensive displays, real wheatbelt trees and native plant samples, Wild Kids Detective challenge, taxidermy animals, weed bingo and much much more. MCC took The Last Stand to the Iluka open day at Dandaragan in April, and the Perth Garden festival in October 2022 and May 2023 to rapturous feedback with around **3,000+ people taking in the display including 200+ children**. Back for May 2024 event. A valuable event to share regional WA with the urban community.



The Last Stand, Perth May 2023





Guilderton community planting crew

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 Spring 2022 & Autumn 2023. In partnership with Shire of Gingin and GCA.



1 Community planting day for rehabilitating the Guilderton dunes involving 30 volunteer planters and **1 planting day** with the **Yued works crew**. **1ha** of degraded dunes was revegetated using **1100** native plants including *Acacia cyclops*, *Calothamnus quadrifidus*, *Hardenbergia comptoniana*, *Melaleuca huegelii*, *Melaleuca systema*, *Carpobrotus virescens* and *Spyridium globulosum*.



Easter launch event of Moore River Estuary Adventure Kids Nature Activities booklet at Guilderton with special guest Percy the Pelican.



Percy Pelican booklet launch 10.04.23

New free coastal activities booklet aimed at children to build & support their interest in Moore River estuary & coast ecology and conservation.





Moora Digging Deeper participants shaking their jars of soil

HEALTHY SOILS, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

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

2 community Digging Deeper Healthy Soils & Permaculture workshop held in Gingin & Moora with 35 participants.



3 school activities involving worm farming, composting, weed tea, permaculture and healthy soils with 2 Moora schools and 60 participants.



1 new Love Your Soil booklet created and published.

Download [here](#)



1 farmer healthy soil & carbon workshop held in Miling with Professor Lyn Abbott.



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