



.....THERE IS A LOT HAPPENING IN OUR BACKYARD

Australia's 4th National Natural Resource Management Knowledge Conference will be held in Adelaide from 16 to 18 April 2012.

This is an opportunity for you to find out what is happening about natural resource management (NRM) in Australia's backyard. You will hear from regional NRM bodies, State and Australian government agencies about their projects and you will be briefed by an outstanding array of keynote speakers on the challenges ahead.

Want to find out more? The draft program is presented below and our Conference website provides up to the minute information on program development and details for how to register. The cost? \$650 for the full registration (plus optional field trip costs).

So have a look at: <http://www.aomevents.com/NRM2012>

The Conference is supported by the National NRM Regions' Working Group (a national group representing Australia's 56 regional NRM bodies), the Australian Government's *Caring for our Country* program (our major sponsors), the Australian Conservation Foundation and the National Farmers Federation.



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MONDAY 16 APRIL 2012

9.00am-4.00pm	Optional Field Tours Tour 1: Coorong Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth Tour 2: Mid North and the Rangelands Tour 3: Adelaide environs and coastal theme Tour 4: Barossa Valley and Adelaide Hills Tour 5: Adelaide environs (half day)
6.00pm-8.00pm	Conference Registration & Welcome Reception at the Art Gallery of South Australia

TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2012

8.00am-9.00am	Conference Registration and arrival tea and coffee
Session Chair:	Andrew Drysdale, <i>Conference Organising Committee</i>
9.00am-9.10am	Conference Welcome Andrew Drysdale , Conference Organising Committee
9.10am-9.15am	Welcome to Country Josie Agius
9.15am-9.30am	Official Opening: Sharon Starick, Chair National NRM Regions Working Group
	Plenary Session 1: Setting the Scene
9.30am-10.00am	<i>Australia 2050: what are the opportunities and challenges for natural resource management?</i> Michael McAllum , Futures Architect, Global Foresight Network
10.00am-10.30am	Morning Tea
Session Chair:	Michelle Lauder, <i>Australian Government NRM Team</i>
10.30am-11.00am	<i>Future Challenges for Australian Agriculture</i> Mick Keogh , Executive Director, Australian Farm Institute
11.00am-11.30am	<i>Emerging environmental pressures and opportunities</i> Don Henry , CEO, Australian Conservation Foundation
11.30am-12.00pm	<i>Rio+20: The International Sustainable Development Agenda</i> Sean Sullivan for Donna Petrachenko , Chief Advisor International Biodiversity and



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	Sustainability & Australia's Commissioner to the IWC, Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
12.00pm-12.30pm	Keynote Speaker Panel Discussion
12.30pm-1.30pm	Lunch
	Concurrent Session 1: Applying Resilience to NRM
	<i>New development in understanding socio- ecosystem resilience</i> Chair: John Carse (Sydney Metropolitan CMA) Resilient Regions: Insights from Applying Resilience Concepts: Paul Ryan , Interface NRM How Resilience Thinking is Influencing Implementation of on ground works in the Goulburn Broken Catchment, Victoria: Kate Stothers , Department of Sustainability and Environment, Victoria
1.30pm-3.00pm	<i>How resilience thinking is influencing practice change – new approaches to working with landholders</i> Chair: Kimberly Green (Australian Government) A National Approach to Building Resilient Rangelands: Kate Forrest , SA Arid Lands NRM Board & Neil Judd , South West NRM Queensland Research and Development: increasing its use dealing with existing weed and pest threats and pressures, Jeanine Baker , Sustainable Resource Management, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Ground Cover Management Initiatives In Western Catchment Rangelands: Katrina Gepp & Russell Grant , Western CMA NSW
	<i>Applying MER to the new world of resilience thinking for natural resource management</i> Chair: Chris Norman (Goulburn Broken CMA) What Does a Resilience Approach Mean for Monitoring & Evaluation Programs?: Francesca Andreoni , Namoi CMA, NSW The Resilience of Australia's NRM Sector from a Monitoring and Evaluation Perspective: Lucy Richardson , Condamine Alliance, Queensland Mapping of Real World Remote Country by Real World People - "Remote communities using spatial technologies to take stock of land management issues to assure a sustainable and viable future": Michael Digby , Northern Gulf Resource Management Group, Queensland
	<i>NRM Governance and Climate Change</i> Chair: Kathleen Broderick (NRM South)



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	<p>Island Rescue - A plan for the conservation and sustainable use of Australia's Islands: Derek Ball, Reef Catchments, Queensland</p> <p>Traditional & Western Approaches to a Changing Climate Affecting the Arafura Swamp: Solomon O'Ryan</p> <p>Building a future for Yorta Yorta generations through natural resource management partnerships: Gaye Sutherland, Goulburn Broken CMA, Victoria & Neville Atkinson, Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation, Victoria</p>
	<p><i>Blueprint for Agriculture</i> Chair: Matt Linnegar (National Farmers Federation)</p> <p>This session will be presented by the National Farmers Federation and is seeking delegates input to the Blueprint for Australian Agriculture that will help shape the future direction for Australian Agriculture.</p>
3.00pm-3.30pm	Afternoon Tea
	Plenary Session 2: Managing Landscapes
Session Chair:	Gerry Leach, National Farmers Federation
3.30pm-4.00pm	<p><i>National Wildlife Corridors Plan</i> Charlie Zammit, Biodiversity Conservation Branch, Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities</p>
4.00pm-4.30pm	<p><i>America's first peoples involvement in the management of their environment and the role of economic development initiatives in building the capacity to be engaged in environmental stewardship</i> Don Lyons and Bucko Teeple, leaders of the Anishinaabe Indians of the Great Lakes region of the U.S. and Canada.</p>
4.30pm-5.00pm	<p><i>The role of economic development initiatives in building the capacity of indigenous Australians to engage in NRM</i> Ron Archer, Djungan Elder, and Coordinator of the Northern Gulf Indigenous Savannah Group</p>
5.00pm-5.30pm	Keynote Speaker Panel Discussion
7.00pm-11.00pm	<p>Conference Dinner at Adelaide Oval MC: Paul Sinclair, Australian Conservation Foundation Speaker: Sam Archer</p>



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Concurrent Session 2: Healthy and Productive Landscapes/Seascapes

Practice Change – Working with Communities

Chair: Lesley Palmer (Lower Murray Darling CMA)

Project Dieback Social Advances Stakeholder Engagement for Behavioural Change in the South Coast NRM Region of Western Australia: **Robyn Cail**, South Coast Natural Resource Management, WA

Communities Effecting Change and Restoring Aquatic Habitat in the Lower Darling and Murray Rivers: **Kelly Fyfe**, Lower Murray Darling CMA, NSW

Southern Yorke Peninsula Fox Baiting for Biodiversity: **Ken Rudd**, Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board, SA

NRM to ABN – Indigenous on Country enterprises

Chair: Bruce Edwards

The session will showcase a number of Indigenous NRM enterprise initiatives currently being undertaken in several regions and provide an opportunity for regions to discuss their Indigenous employment initiatives and ideas for future support for such initiatives.

- Tasmanian Green Team initiative – Tasmania – Kathleen Broderick and Bridget Hiller
- Illawarra Green Team initiative – Wollongong NSW – Katrina Skellern

Regional Environmental Account Pilot

Chair: Carla Sbrocchi (Wentworth Group)

An introduction to the Regional Environmental Accounts Pilot program initiated by the National NRM Chairs Forum and supported by the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists. The session will involve presentations from pilot regions and be followed by discussion.

Resilience and next generation NRM planning

Chair: James McKee (NRM North)

Namoi Catchment Action Plan (2010-2020): Applying Resilience Thinking at the Catchment Scale: **Francesca Andreoni**, Namoi CMA, NSW

Applying resilience thinking to NRM planning in coastal NSW a collaborative approach: **Chris Presland**, Southern Rivers CMA, NSW

Resilience in Action: Implementing the New Catchment Action Plan In Central West NSW: **Jennifer Shearing**, Central West CMA, NSW

9.00am-10.30am



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10.30am-11.00am	Morning Tea
	Plenary Session 3: What is needed to meet new challenges?
Session Chair:	TBA
11.00am-11.20am	<i>Australia's State of the Environment 2011</i> Dr Steve Cork , Deputy Chair, State of the Environment 2011 Committee.
11.20am-11.40am	<i>Building Institutional and Community Capacity to meet future challenges</i> Mark Lound , Director, Industry, Land & Energy Statistics Australian Bureau of Statistics
11.40am-12.00pm	<i>National Environmental Information Project</i> Andre Zerger , Environmental Information Services, Bureau of Meteorology
12.00pm-12.30pm	<i>Australian Government NRM investment through Caring for our Country</i> Sean Sullivan & Ian Thompson , Australian Government Land & Coasts Team
12.30pm-1.00pm	Keynote Speaker Panel Discussion
1.00pm-2.00pm	Lunch
	Concurrent Session 3: Planning for New Horizons
	<i>Understanding emerging threats and pressures</i> Chair: Shelley Spriggs (Northern Agriculture Catchments Council)
	Spatial market segmentation of irrigation water trading behaviour for maintaining healthy productive landscapes: Ben Rowbottom , Department of Primary Industries, Victoria
	Promoting a Nationally Consistent Approach to Weed Management Planning and Priority Setting: Craig Magnussen , Biosecurity Queensland, DEEDI
	Implications of Resilience Thinking for Land Use Planning: Assessing Cumulative Risk of Mining In the Namoi Catchment: Bruce Brown , Namoi CMA, NSW
2.00pm-3.30pm	<i>Working with landholders – understanding farming systems</i> Chair: Carolyn Raine (Central West CMA)
	Tackling the Triple Bottom Line using innovation, resilience and willing landholders: Colleen Farrow , Central West CMA, NSW
	Voluntary Land Management Agreements (VLMA's) - Monitoring practice change as it happens: Piers Harper , Fitzroy Basin Association, Queensland



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	<p>'Biteback' A Case Study for Best Practice Engagement in Cultural Change: Heather Miller, South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board</p>
	<p><i>New Horizons: Valuing investments in the Environment and NRM</i> Chair: Paul Sinclair (Australian Conservation Foundation)</p> <p>NRM Planning for Economic and Community Resilience: Andrew Davidson, South East Queensland Catchments Ltd Making Evidence Based Investments: Geoff Park, North Central CMA, Victoria Recognising the economic benefits of the environment: Charles Berger, ACF</p>
	<p><i>Integrated Regional Planning</i> Chair: Simon Warner (SEQ Catchments Ltd)</p> <p>New kid on the block: Cape York NRM bridging the divide: Rod Griffith, Rod Griffiths and Associates Making Catchment Action Plans Auditable: Tim Kirby, Environmental Risk Science and Audit (ERSA) Pty Ltd & Paul Hutchings, Border Rivers Gwydir CMA, NSW Managing Future Landscapes in NSW - Next Generation Catchment Action Plans: Bryce Wilde, NSW Natural Resources Commission</p>
	<p><i>Advances in Monitoring</i> Chair: Damian Wells (North Central CMA)</p> <p>Bird Monitoring in Wybong - using a multi-stakeholder approach to biophysical monitoring: Joe Thompson & Andrew McIntyre, Hunter Central Rivers CMA, NSW Monitoring shows NRM funding improving Biodiversity: Emmo Willinck, Murray CMA, NSW</p>
3.30pm-4.00pm	Afternoon Tea
4.00pm-4.30pm	Each Session Plenary Chair to provide a 10 minute summary of key messages from their Plenary and associated concurrent session.
4.30pm-4.45pm	<p>Closing Remarks Sharon Starick, National NRM Regions' Working Group</p>
4.45pm	Conference Close