

NATIONAL NRM KNOWLEDGE CONFERENCE, DARWIN, APRIL 2010

Connecting across people and place

Program

The Conference is structured around four themes:

- Building partnerships in a competitive environment
- NRM is good business for primary production
- Improving biodiversity values off-reserve
- Measuring progress – resource condition

At the final session of the Conference we will seek to answer the following questions for each theme:

- What is happening now?
- What have we learnt (both good and bad)?
- How do we apply the lessons learnt?

A session Chair will be nominated for each of the four sessions. That person will be responsible coordinating the feedback from each session (from the key note speakers and from the workshops).

Workshops are a central part of the Conference – they provide the opportunity for delegates to hear, discuss and learn about various initiatives from around Australia that are contributing to the conference theme. Four 90 minute workshops will be run in parallel for three of the conference sessions.

Each workshop will be informed by several short case-study presentations (**10 minutes each**) at the start of each workshop and then a variety of formats will be employed to run the group discussions. This will ensure that workshops are interesting. But it was also provide a positive environment for helping delegates to increase their knowledge and for generating meaningful feedback to be shared with other delegates during the final session.

Monday 19 April	
9.00 am – 5.00 pm	Optional field tours – See web-site for further details
6.00 pm	Conference Registration
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Welcome reception
Tuesday 20 April	
8.00 am – 8.45 am	Conference registration and coffee
8.45 am – 8.55 am	Conference welcome and outline – Kate Andrews , Chair of the National NRM Regions Working Group and Chair of the NT NM Board
8.55 am – 9.10 am	Welcome to Country - Donna Jackson of the Larrakia Nation
9.10 am – 9.25 am	Official Opening: Paul Salmond (AGLC) to introduce welcome message from the Hon Peter Garret AM, MP, Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts
9.30 am – 10.00 am	Conference Challenge Speaker – Otto Champion - <i>Connecting Across People and Place</i>
Session 1: Building partnerships in a competitive environment, Session Chair: Sally Troy (AGLC)	
10.00 am – 10.45 am	Keynote Address: <i>Building partnerships</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Thompson AM, Chair, Not for Profit Roundtable Board and CEO, Jobs Australia • Joe Morrison, CEO, North Australia Indigenous Land and Sea Management Association
10.45 am – 11.15 am	Morning Tea
11.15 am - 12.45 pm	Discussion Sessions and case study presentations <i>1.NRM and Indigenous partnerships, Chair: Sue Jackson (CSIRO)</i> <i>1.1.1. QMDC and Aboriginal Communities “Caring for our Country” (QLD)</i> <i>1.1.2. West Arnhem Land Fire Abatement Project (NT)</i> <i>1.1.3.. Indigenous Engagement in Urban Areas (ACT)</i> <i>2. Multi Stakeholder and Cross Regional Partnerships, Chair: Mike Berwick (QLD)</i> <i>1.2.1. Reef Rescue - A new approach to integrated sustainable rural land use focusing on triple bottom line outcomes (QLD)</i>

	<p>1.2.2. <i>Listening to the Managers - a collaborative partnership between landholders, scientists and government (NSW)</i></p> <p>1.2.3. <i>CMA Response to recovery from a natural disaster – 7 February 2009 bushfires (VIC)</i></p> <p>1.2.4. <i>Rangelands Alliance</i></p> <p>3. <i>Private Sector Partnerships, Chair: Glenice Bachelor(WA)</i></p> <p>1.3.1. <i>Funding NRM Business through an Australian Land and Water Foundation (QLD)</i></p> <p>1.3.2. <i>Southern Rivers CMA & Bega Cheese Partnership (NSW)</i></p> <p>1.3.3. <i>Doing NRM Business – building partnerships in a competitive environment (VIC)</i></p> <p>1.3.4. <i>Successfully leveraging new investment through sustainable partnerships and corporate relationships (VIC)</i></p> <p>4. <i>Community Partnership, Chair: David Jan (NT)</i></p> <p>1.4.1. <i>Knowing Your Market: Stakeholder Profiling in Gippsland (VIC)</i></p> <p>1.4.2. <i>Audience segments for NRM (QLD)</i></p> <p>1.4.3. <i>Understanding progress and investment at the regional scale (VIC)</i></p> <p>1.4.4. <i>The Land Management Program; A South Australian Experience in engaging Rural Landholders in NRM (SA)</i></p>
12.45 pm – 1.45 pm	Lunch
Session 2: NRM is good business for primary production, Chair: Brian Foster (SA)	
1.45 pm – 2.30 pm	<p>Keynote Addresses: <i>NRM is good business for primary production</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rohan Sullivan - President, NT Cattlemen’s Association • Jane Lovell – Managing Director, TQA Australia
2.30 pm - 4.00 pm	<p>Discussion Sessions and case study presentations</p> <p>1. <i>Climate Change response, Chair: Pam Green (NSW)</i></p> <p>2.1.1. <i>The Role of NRM Bodies in the Regional Aggregation of Carbon (QLD)</i></p> <p>2.1.2. <i>Translating climate change and carbon knowledge into farm systems (TAS)</i></p> <p>2.1.3. <i>Planning for significant change (QLD)</i></p> <p>2. <i>Improving production through improved land management, Chair: Kimberly Green (AGLC)</i></p> <p>2.2.1. <i>Integrated mimosa control in Top End (NT)</i></p>

	<p>2.2.2. <i>The war on feral animals (QLD)</i></p> <p>2.2.3. <i>NACC case-study NRM is good business for primary production (WA)</i></p> <p>2.2.4. <i>2009 McKell Medalist</i></p> <p>3. <i>Tools for Practice Change, Chair: Ted Lefroy (UTAS)</i></p> <p>2.3.1. <i>Ecological Management Understanding - Empowering pastoralists to manage for productive and sustainable landscapes (NT)</i></p> <p>2.3.2. <i>Design and Delivery of MBI programs (VIC)</i></p> <p>2.3.3. <i>Woodland BushBids – a tool for extending reach (SA)</i></p> <p>4. <i>Empowering People Through Information and Learning, Chair: Dr Kathleen Broderick (Tas)</i></p> <p>2.4.1. <i>Getting serious about managing NRM information and knowledge(QLD)</i></p> <p>2.4.2. <i>NT web-based tools: Getting the best outcome in NRM information projects (NT)</i></p>
<p>Knowledge Fair – Theme: International Year of Biodiversity, Official Opening and welcome address: Stephan Bognar, Maddox Jolie Pitt Foundation</p>	
4.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Delegates to be have an opportunity to explore “knowledge stalls”
<p>Conference Dinner</p>	
6.00 pm	A Darwin BBQ on the Esplanade
<p>Wednesday 21 April</p>	
<p>Session 3: Improving Biodiversity values off reserve, Chair: Pip Walsh (NSW)</p>	
9.00 am – 9.45 am	<p>Keynote Address: <i>Improving Biodiversity values off reserve</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Bradby, Gondwana Link
10.00 am – 10.30 am	<p>Discussion Sessions and Case study presentations</p> <p>1. <i>Coastal and Wetland Biodiversity, Chair: Wej Paradise (NSW)</i></p> <p>3.1.1. <i>Corner Inlet Connections a partnership committed to a healthy inlet (VIC)</i></p> <p>3.1.2. <i>How to protect a Ramsar wetland with a large dairy farm on it - Multi-stakeholder coastal and Ramsar wetland management in Tasmania’s North East (TAS)</i></p> <p>2. <i>Landscape Biodiversity, Chair: Charlie Zammit (AGLC)</i></p> <p>3.2.1. <i>Protecting Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands in the Macalister Landscape Zone – Stage 2 (VIC)</i></p>

	<p>3.2.2. <i>Wimmera Biolink Projects - Linking Landscapes for over a Decade (VIC)</i></p> <p>3.2.3. <i>Conserving Biodiversity on Private Land (NSW)</i></p> <p>3.2.4. <i>Threatened Grassy Woodlands Project, North East Victoria (VIC)</i></p> <p>3. <i>Dealing with Threats to Biodiversity, Chair: Liz Clay (Vic)</i></p> <p>3.3.1. <i>Project Dieback; A case study on NRM delivering positive outcomes with regard to the management of an invasive species (WA)</i></p> <p>3.3.2. <i>Invasive Ant Management (NT)</i></p> <p>3.3.3 <i>National Environment Law (NFF/DEWA)</i></p> <p>4. <i>Decision Support Tools for Improving Biodiversity Values, Chair: Sarah Ryan (ACT)</i></p> <p>3.3.1. <i>Planning and managing for the multiple values of ecosystems and biodiversity (QLD)</i></p> <p>3.3.2. <i>Choosing between green and furies without emotion - Decision support for threatened species investment (TAS)</i></p> <p>3.3.3 <i>INFFER (Investment Framework for Environmental Resources) - the North Central CMA experience</i></p>
10.30 am – 11.00 am	Morning Tea
11.00 am – 12.00 pm	Discussion Sessions and case study presentations
Northern Showcase	
12.00 pm – 1.30 pm	See, taste, hear, touch and learn about the unique products of the NT and Australia's north.
Session 4: Measuring Progress – Resource Condition, Chair: Dr Judy Henderson (NSW)	
1.30 pm – 4.00 pm	<p>Keynote Address: <i>Measuring Progress –Resource Condition</i></p> <p>Dr. Gene E. Likens, Founding Director and President Emeritus of the Institute of Ecosystem Studies</p> <p>A series of short presentations will follow to illustrate current challenges and innovative approaches:</p> <p>Mick Murphy OAM, Chair, Victorian Catchment Management Council (<i>Victoria's Catchment Condition Report</i>)</p> <p>Professor Ted Lefroy, University of Tasmania (<i>Landscape Logic</i>)</p> <p>Jane McDonald - Wentworth Group (<i>Accounting for Nature</i>)</p>
	All presenters will form a Panel for a Plenary discussion on future directions for measuring resource condition progress.

4.00 pm – 4.30 pm	Afternoon Tea
Session 5: Reporting Back and Key Learnings	
4.30 pm – 5.10 pm	Report Back from Chairs for Sessions 1 to 4
5.10 pm – 5.40 pm	Open Discussion and questions from delegates
5.35 pm to 5.50 pm	AGLC discussion on the Conference outcomes: First Assistant Secretary Mark Flanigan and Executive Manager Ian Thompson
5.50 pm – 6.00 pm	Conference Close: Kate Andrews