

# Minutes of the Nature Reserves Preservation Group Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

7pm 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, Kalamunda Hotel

Meeting opened @ 7:02pm

**1.0 Acknowledgement- of Country** – Current NRPG Inc. President Steve Gates acknowledged the Elders of the Whadjuck Noongar Nation, on who's land this meeting is being held

## 2.0 Attendance

Jane Letcher	Simon McMillan
Steve Gates	Gary Landwehr
Gillian Gates	Holly Bradley
Wendy Morris	Chris Hann
Lynda Tomlinson	Matt Clarke
Michael Konrath	Margaret Fowler
Ross Bennett	Tony Fowler
Carl Danzi	Mary Syme
Penny Hussey	Timothy Gates
Darryl de-Saran	Eileen Stark
Marion Cahill	Lyn Atkins
John Goldsmith	Tanya Marwood
Michael Davis	Mike Stokes
Billie McDonald	Carole Peters
Dallas Lynch	Cathy Bredemeyer

## Apologies

Clr Lisa Cooper (City of Kalamunda)	Katharine Outten
Clive Stubbington	Darrell McCarthy
Michael Hoy	Helen Lynes

## 3.0 Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2022 NRPG Inc AGM Minutes

- Moved by: Ross Bennet
- Seconded by: Eileen Stark
  - o Carried Unanimously

## 4.0 Business Arising – none

## 5.0 Presidents Report – as Tabled by PDF (See attached)

Question – Have NRPG considered doing outreach into Secondary Schools? (Moved to Gen Business)

Steve requested that the Presidents Report accepted

- Moved: Brian Gould

- Seconded: Cathy Bredemeyer
  - o Carried unanimously

## 6.0 Treasurers Report – as tabled by PDF (See attached)

Steve requested that the Treasurers Report be accepted

- Moved: Ross Bennet
- Seconded: Daryl De-Saran
  - o Carried unanimously

## 7.0 Election of new Committee

- All positions were vacated and a Returning officer was nominated (Brian Gould)
- Returning Officer Call for Nominations for the position of President
  - o Steve Gates
  - o No other nominations received, Steve was elected as the continuing President of NRPG in 2023
- Nominations received
  - o Vice President - None
  - o Treasurer – Cathy Bredemeyer
  - o Secretary – Mick Davis
- Committee Nominations
  - o Clive Stubbington (in absence)
  - o Brian Gould
  - o Tony Fowler
  - o Dr Holly Bradley
- Co-optees
  - o Jane Wallis
  - o Marion Cahill

Steve requested that the nominations above be accepted

- Moved: Steve Gates
- Seconded: Penny Hussey
  - o Carried unanimously

## 9.0 General Business

**9.1 Question from the floor about potential for NRPG to engage with Students?** Answer – yes have done so over the years, and will be presenting at the upcoming City of Kalamunda’s Principals’ Forum. **ACTION:** Have intended to speak with Cathy Levett from Millenium Kids, as an entry point.

BREAK declared at 7:46pm

## 10.0 Guest Speaker – Dr Phil Zylstra on “Prescribed Burning in the South West – The evidence so far”

**Meeting Closed at 9:05pm**



*The NRPG acknowledges the  
Traditional Custodians of this  
land, the Whadjuk Noongar  
people,  
and pay our respects to  
Elders past, present and  
emerging.*

### NRPG 'BUSH CARERS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023 - AGENDA

- 7:00pm Welcome and Acknowledgement
- 7:05pm Apologies
  - Acceptance of Minutes of the 2022 AGM
  - Business arising from the Minutes
- 7:15pm President's Report
- 7:30pm Treasurer's Report
- 7:35pm Election of Executive Committee
  - President, V President, Secretary, Treasurer
  - Committee Members
- 7:45pm General Business
- 7:50pm Break
- 8:00pm Guest Speaker: Dr Phil Zylstra on "Prescribed Burning in the Southwest – the evidence to date"
- 8:45pm Meeting closed



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## Thanks to:

- NRPG Committee, volunteers & members
- NRPG webmaster – Claire Botman
- Donors
- Kalamunda Environmental Dept and Staff - David Broadhurst, Michelle Taylor

## Special thanks:

Mick Davis and Nicole O'Neil for organising the inaugural Kalamunda Forest Festival 2022 - A great success!

## Welcome to City of Kalamunda staff:

Environmental Strategies & Projects Officer - Karl Kjaerheim

## AWARDS:

- Vickie Laurie & Jess Beckerling - Induction into "WA Women's Hall of Fame"
- Eileen Stark & Bruce Glover – Local Hero Awards
- Holly Bradley – Winner 2022 Next Generation Award



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## ADVOCACY WITH CITY OF KALAMUNDA:

- **Climate Change Action Plan adopted!**
  - Reduce City emissions 40% relative to 2020, & 'Net zero' by 2035
  - Bring community/businesses along the decarbonisation
  - Advocate to state and federal government
- **Tree Retention Policy LPP33 adopted!**
- **Urban Forest Strategy – approved for Public Comment soon**
- **NRPG 'Nature Fund Proposal' – out for Public Comment now**
- **'Control of Cats' Law – Public Comment closed**
- **'Responsible Cat Ownership' pamphlet – update expected soon**
  - Existing pamphlet lacks mention of environmental impacts
- **Fire risk management & contractor damage to reserves**
  - City held 'Impacts of Fire' on-site tour – some progress on cool burning
  - However: NRPG believes updated research should be applied – ie. Evidence of impact on Southwest forests per Dr Phil Zylstra (and Fire & Biodiversity WA).



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT – cont'd

## ADVOCACY WITH CITY OF KALAMUNDA – Pending:

- **Local Biodiversity Strategy**
  - 'Independent review' still in progress
- **Dieback risk mitigation**
  - City improving mapping, signage, hygiene stations, education
- **Wattle Grove proposed rezone to “urban” – awaiting WAPC decision**
  - Threats to Brixton St/Yule Book wetlands hydrology raised by NRP/Prof Hans Lambers
- **Water sensitive urban design**
  - “Kalamunda Flowing – Lower Helena River” public consultation completed
  - More consultations to follow for each watershed
- **New developments setbacks inadequate**
  - City advised ELUPS and LPP Wetlands and Waterways consultation will address this
- **Kalamunda Weed “Pest Plant by-laws, 1979”**
  - Laws and enforcement under review by City

2020 KALAMUNDA  
LOCAL BIODIVERSITY  
STRATEGY  
SUMMARY

October 2020



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT – cont'd

## ADVOCACY WITH STATE GOVERNMENT:

- **Guildford Cemetery Bush Forever site under threat of incremental clearing**
  - DBCA & Metropolitan Cemetery Board open to land swap to protect it
  - DBCA not interested in Managing this site
  - NRPG now working with Woodbridge Reserve Friends Group to encourage City of Swan to take on 'Management'
- **Bush Forever Audit briefing with DPLH**
  - 85% of sites now reserved for Parks and Recreation
  - 99% of all original sites still intact
  - More work needed: ongoing funding for land buyback & management; deterioration monitoring, etc.
- **Yule Brook/Foothills Regional Park Proposals**
  - Prof Hans Lambers continuing to work with DBCA, DPLH, Enviro Minister Whitby, WAPC
- **WA Native Vegetation Policy released**
  - Disappointing - inadequate to halt clearing
  - CCWA, TWS will engage with Minister
- **Wilkins Rd Reserve extension of License for Friends Group activities – DPLH**
  - Expect ongoing approval

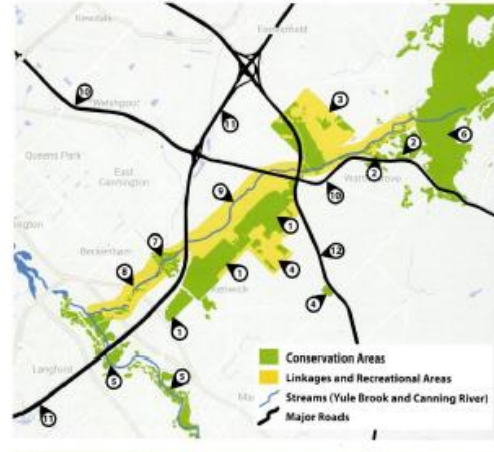


FIGURE 1 - 3 Concept Plan for the Yule Brook Regional Park.



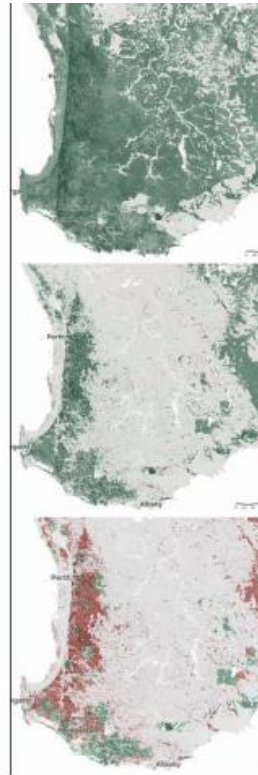
# PRESIDENT'S REPORT – cont'd

## ACTIVITIES:

### **Forests protection – logging & mining**

(Continued support of WA Forest Alliance, Jarrahdale Forest Protectors, Dwellingup Discovery Forest Defenders)

- Forest logging to end this year, but issues with new Forest Management Plan (FMP): 'industrial scale' & 'thinning' (ref: Submissions by WAFA, Dr B Shultz, JFP, DDFD, NRPG)
- "Black Cockatoo Crisis" documentary (Jane Hammond) showing widely
- "Fire & Biodiversity WA" Forum 2021 Outcomes
  - Scientific evidence shows serious flaws with current prescribed burn practice, exacerbating fire risk  
<https://vimeo.com/channels/fabforum/page:3> (Dr Phil Zylstra – tonight's Speaker.)
- "Fire and Air Forum" University Club UWA Friday 5 May 2023 [www.fabwa.org.au/fire-and-air-forum-2023](http://www.fabwa.org.au/fire-and-air-forum-2023)



Forest and  
woodland  
cover  
South  
West W.A.  
1829

Over 90%  
of the original  
vegetation  
in this global  
biodiversity  
hotspot has  
been cleared  
or severely  
degraded

Nearly 1/2  
of what  
remains is  
still available  
for logging  
and clearing  
in 2021





# PRESIDENT'S REPORT – cont'd

## Forests protection – logging & mining cont'd

- Ongoing WAFA/JFP/DDFD campaign to stop mining expansion in WA forests:
  - Northern Jarrah Forests - supported 'Objections' & Warden's Court hearings of mining applications in by Alcoa, South32, Rio Tinto.
  - Julimar Forest – application by Chalice expected



Rio Tinto new mining applications



Alcoa mining & expansion



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT – cont'd

## ACTIVITIES – Federal govt:

- Perth Airport (PA) Banksia Woodlands, wetlands and Aboriginal Heritage sites
  - New Major Development Plans published
    - Airport 'Central'
    - Airport 'North'
  - Plans to clear conservation bushland and wetlands using 'offsets' 80-100km away – FLAWED!
- New federal govt acknowledges "State of Environment Report 2021" is 'dire' but policies are promising. Minister Plibersek committed to:
  - No new extinctions
  - Build back Nature via "Nature Positive Plan"
  - Major overhaul of Australian environment Laws (EPBC Act) by end 2023
  - New independent EPA with powers to decide whether or not developments proceed and to enforce laws
  - Australia as Signatory to COP15 UN Biodiversity Conference 2022
- Advocacy, unsuccessful so far:
  - Tania Lawrence MP, Zaneta Mascarenhas MP
  - Minister Plibersek & Dept of CCEEW
  - ABC Perth
- Airport Consultative Environment and Sustainability (ACES) Ctee is not relevant forum to save Perth Airport conservation areas. NRPNG instead attends on 'observer' basis only.



Perth Airport 'North' Major Development Plan on 'Priority' Conservation and Heritage sites



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT – cont'd

## GRANTS / DONATIONS:

- Forest Festival
  - Well attended (2,000 est) - Positive feedback
  - Thanks to:
    - City of Kalamunda which assisted in many ways
    - NGOs, Friends Groups for participating
    - Replenish PL for 'zero waste' catering initiative
    - Kalamunda Community Learning Centre for access
    - Replenish, Priceline, Bendigo, Woolworths, Coles for prizes
- Brush-tailed Phascogale awareness/taxidermy
  - Display and community seminars (by Mick Davis)
  - NRM Community Stewardship Grant 
- Toomaart Creek revegetation
  - Darling Range CAC grant



# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – cont'd**

## **SUBMISSIONS MADE:**

- Perth Airport 'North Major Development Plan'
- Perth Airport 'Central Major Development Plan'
- Draft of Kalamunda Keeping and Control of Cats Local Law 2023
- Kalamunda Climate Change Action Plan
- WA Forest draft Management Plan 2024
- Jandakot Wavepark
- Native Forest Wood Waste in the Renewable Energy Target
- Objections to Rio Tinto mining application
- Objections to South32 Worsley Alumina's proposed Mine Expansion
- Kalamunda 'draft' Climate Change Action Plan
- Main Roads WA - Kalamunda Rd closure to upgrade Rail bridge
- Proposed excision Barrie Oldfield Park, Reserve 29873
- Development Assessment Panel (DAP) Reforms Consultation
- LPS amendment No. 107 – Lot 500 (32) Gavour Road, Wattle Grove



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT – cont'd

## LIASONS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS INCLUDE:

- Darling Range Regional Park Comm. Advisory C'tee (DRRPCAC)
- Kalamunda Environmental & Sustainability Advisory C'tee (KESAC)
- Urban Bushland Council of WA (UBC)
- WA Forest Alliance/JFP/DDFD
- Environmental Defenders Office (EDO)
- Conservation Council of WA (CCWA)
- East Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC)
- Fire and Biodiversity WA (FABWA – Denmark)
- Western Australian Biodiversity Science Institute (WABSI)
- Perth Hills Future
- Ecovision (Wattle Grove group)
- WA Landcare Network & Parliamentary Friends of Landcare
- Perth Airport Community Environment & Sustainability C'tee (ACES)



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT – cont'd

## OUTREACH:

- Forest Festival – Jorgensen Park
- NRPNG 'Bushcare Group' – Discontinued
- Interest in new Friends Groups
  - Cambridge Reserve
  - East Terrace Reserve (Kalamunda PS)
- NRPNG Displays – Garden Festival
- 'Hasluck Candidates 2022 Forum' by:  
Perth Hills Climate Change Interest Group (PHCCIG) & Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) as the Climate Action Now (CAN) campaign
- Wildflower Walks, Weed Surveys  
with Linda Tomlinson, Penny Hussey
- Email sharing of environmental information



## **NRPNG Website, Facebook, Instagram**

- Facebook feed on website homepage
- Updates on NRPNG and related activities, submissions, presentations



# NRPG Treasurer's Report

'Containers for  
Change' donations to  
NRPG:  
Use NRPG ID  
C10468380

## Nature Reserves Preservation Group

ABN 74 700 809 975

Income and Expenses for 12 months – from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 to 28<sup>th</sup> of Feb 2023.

<b>Income</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022*</b>	<b>2020</b>
Memberships	1,020	955	670
Donations	675	433	1090
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$1,695</b>	<b>\$1,388</b>	<b>\$861</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Memberships (2)	120	180	120
Insurance - Austcover	480	460	460
Kalamunda PO Box hire	144	136	134
Website hosting – Ventra IP	120	72	66
Stationery/Stamps, Printing	77.33	92	41
Miscellaneous expenses	149.5	73	87
Events – notice, venue hire, food, gifts	445	240	
Donations	--	200	
Attendance to educational events	30	139	
Stripe fees	1.43		
<b>Total expenses:</b>	<b>\$1,567.26</b>	<b>\$1,693</b>	<b>\$957</b>
<b>Total assets:</b>	<b>\$1,821</b>	<b>\$1,568</b>	<b>\$1,810</b>
<b>Net profit (income minus expenses):</b>	<b>+\$128</b>	<b>-\$305</b>	<b>-\$96</b>

(\*A fourteen month period was used for the 2022 financial consolidation to bring our records in line with NRPG's financial year which spans from 1<sup>st</sup> of March to 28<sup>th</sup> of February, from a previously used calendar year format (Jan – Dec).)

### NRPG Cash Assets 28/02/2023

Westpac Account 238 970	\$ 593
Bendigo bank accounts (opened 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct '22)	\$1,522
Cash	\$ 200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,315</b>
Minus grant money	\$ 494

**Total assets 28/2/23** **\$1,821**



# NRPG Treasurer's Report – cont'd

## NRPG Grants in 2022

### 1. Toorima Creek

Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Regional Parks Unit, Swan Region Parks & Wildlife Service, granted funding to revegetate Toorima Creek in Gooseberry Hill, through the Parks of the Darling Range Community Advisory Committee grant.  
Brian Gould of NRPG managed the project.

\$500 grant money awarded to NRPG on 16/02/22.

\$400.15 paid to Trillion Trees 19/07/22 for 220 seedlings,  
\$84.20 spent on liquid fertiliser (Bunnings 23/07/22),  
\$26.97 spent on garden stakes (Bunnings 23/07/22).  
\$511.32 Total spent.

15/08/22 Brian was reimbursed \$500. Brian chose to donate the remaining \$11.

### 2. Phascogale presentations

Organised by Mick Davies.

Mick found an intact deceased phascogale and applied to Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development for funds to raise awareness of Brush-tailed Phascogales across the Perth Hills.

\$5841 was granted on 22/03/22.

\$3300 paid 25/03/22 to the Academy of Taxidermy to preserve the phascogale and create display cabinet.

\$1350 paid 09/05/22 to Uncle Neville Collard for three Welcome to Country ceremonies.

\$132 paid 19/07/22 to Kalamunda Community Centre for hiring the Orange room for presentation.

\$320 paid 09/11/22 to Serpentine Jarrahdale Landcare for presentation venue hire and catering.

\$245 paid 22/11/22 to Kalamunda Hotel for presentation venue hire and catering.

\$404 yet to be acquitted. Remaining funds to be spent on educational material ie books, to be donated to schools, libraries and community centers.

### 3. Forest Festival 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 Jorgensen Park Kalamunda.

Initiated by Mick Davies

date	details	Amount received	amount paid
18/08/22	City of Kalamunda grant received	5000	
19/07/22	Incidentals bought by Mick for FF – paint, fabric, rope etc		86
20/06/22	Fundango face painting 3 hours		500
	Orange room rental for 8/10/22 2 hours Kala Comm		
30/09/22	Cent – required cc, Cathy reimbursed		132
15/10/22	Eco Faeries 6 people for 4 hours		1300
18/10/22	Black Chooks/ ZigZag Inc		400
15/11/22	Kanyana interactive display		500
15/11/22	Inspire Art/Marie Jacquier workshops		100
16/12/22	Stage FX Chris Hewitt		1000
19/12/22	Little Booroo Dancers		1320
08/10/22	NRPG input to support Outreach events	90	
10/01/23	Perth NRM stall holder contribution	250	
			5340





# **Election of NRPG Executive Committee** **2023**

Nominations received:

President	Steve Gates
V President	
Secretary	Mick Davis
Treasurer	Cathy Bredemeyer

Committee:	Holly Bradley
	Brian Gould
	Clive Stubbington
	Tony Fowler

Co-optee:	Jane Wallis
	Marion Cahill



**NRPG AGM 2023**

**GENERAL BUSINESS...**



# NRPG 'Bush Carers' needs your help!

- Community and schools events - bushwalks/picnics, Friends Groups busy-bees, display stalls
- Media, website and social media
- Writers – letters, articles, submissions
- Expand membership
- Campaigns to preserve our environment
- Liaise with other conservation organisations
- Friends Groups Coordinators



## GUEST SPEAKER

*A/Prof. Phil Zylstra came into bushfire research from a background in fire management and remote area firefighting.*

*His work since that time has seen him develop the first and only peer-reviewed fire behaviour model for most Australian forests, as well as the first model globally to calculate the direct effects of fire on flora, fauna and soils.*

*In his Adjunct role with Curtin University, he has turned his focus toward understanding the ways that our interaction with forests affects fire risk. Using new approaches to analyse fire histories alongside state-of-the-art modelling, Phil has pioneered an approach of “ecological cooperation” that reconciles deep knowledge from First Nations with forest ecology and a complex understanding of fire behaviour to provide critically-needed guidance in fire management.*



**Prescribed burning  
in the southwest:**

**the evidence to date**



**Dr Phil Zylstra**

Associate Professor - School of Molecular  
and Life Sciences, Curtin University

