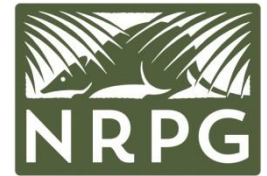


Minutes of the Nature Reserves Preservation Group Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

6:30pm 27th March 2024, Kalamunda Hotel



Meeting opened @ 6:32pm

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

Attendees	Apologies
Helen Carter	Bruce Glover
Daryl de Saran	Cathy Akasha
Darrell McCarthy	Harry and Elizabeth Pannekoek
Stevie Braun	Holly Bradley
Len & Michelle Bunn	Margaret Fowler
Carl Danzi	Marion Cahill
Bev & Charles Dornan	Matthew Hughes MP
Sue and Phil Dowson	Mayor Thomas
Peter Forrest	Mick Davis
Tony Fowler	Penny Hussey
Steve Gates	Tania Lawrence MP & Sean Burke Chief of Staff
John Goldsmith	Gillian Gates
Brian Gould	Noreen Gould
John Greenwood	Cathy de Saran
Michael Konrath	
Peter Limb	
Nicole Livar	
Steve Shearing	
Clive Stubbington	

3.0 Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2023 NRPG Inc AGM Minutes

- Not done – reaffirm next AGM.

4.0 Business Arising Presidents Report – as Tabled by PDF attached

Steve requested that the Presidents Report accepted

- Moved: Darryl de Saran
- Seconded: Stevie Braun o Carried unanimously

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

Steve requested that the Treasurers Report be accepted

- Moved: Steve Gates
- Seconded: Phil Dowson o Carried unanimously

7.0 Election of new Committee

- Nominations were received for the following positions
 - President Steve Gates
 - Vice President Mick Davis
 - Secretary Elizabeth Pannekoek
 - Treasurer John Greenwood
 - Committee
 - Marion Cahill
 - Steve Shearing
 - Clive Stubbington
 - Tony Fowler
 - Brian Gould

- Steve requested that the nominations above be accepted as there were no multiple applications for any of the executive positions and five nominations for committee (committee limited to five by the constitution).

- o Carried unanimously

9.0 General Business

9.1 Statement from Stevie Bruan, Friends of the Northern Jarrah Forest Belt. Northern Jarrah Forests have been nominated as a UNESCO World Heritage Biosphere site. Has support from Shire of Mundaring who has offered to promote amongst other councils.

9.2 Statement from Sue Dowson. Sue spoke of the impact local tree canopy loss is having on surrounding orchards as Black Cockatoos feed upon orchards. The recent revocation by the City of Kalamunda of Local Planning Policy 33 - Tree Retention Policy can only exacerbate the habitat loss.

BREAK declared at 7:15pm

10.0 Guest Speaker – Dr Giz Watson, Vice President of the Conservation Council of WA (CCWA) on “Safeguarding WA’s EPA and Environment”

The CCWA is concerned with the WA Government’s recent response to the 39 recommendations from a rapid review of environmental assessment processes and the work of the EPA. The push to amend laws is coming from industry, without community engagement or support.

Approximately 300 mining and development proposals are before the EPA – the CCWA agrees the agency is under resourced.

Giz recently met with Minister Whitby (Minister for Energy; Environment; Climate Action) to ascertain the Governments intentions around reform and the Minister stated the right to appeal decisions will stay.

CCWA and the Beclair Group of Scientists (multidisciplinary group of professors) is providing advice to government as to how to improve environmental laws.

The EPA has for the first time in 66 years announced a review of Alcoa's operations in jarrah forests. The recent decision by Rio Tinto to abandon mining in native forests shows that the sustained pressure from environmental groups and the wider community is effective.

Labour has committed to 400 000ha of new reserves mainly as result of the cessation of logging in native forests – awaiting details.

Through recent reforms within CCWA, it is now in a strong position and the combined effort of CCWA, environmental groups and the community is proving effective at influencing government and industry.

The *Climate Change Bill 2023* is weak- no whole of State targets, only govt agencies are required to lower emissions, no independent oversight and weaker than Eastern States legislation. The State does not have an accurate picture of its carbon emissions. The Environmental Defenders Office has reviewed the proposed laws and details are on their website.

The raised temperatures, lower rainfall and lower groundwater tables is placing northern jarrah forests at risk of collapse.

Tree protection policies are under threat, however Giz was of the view tree protection will ultimately win favour due to the range of benefits trees provide.

The 'teals' are playing a game changing role in politics through their green policies. 44% of voters under 35yrs are voting based on environmental issues. The CCWA is providing support and training for the public to advocate effectively.

Meeting Closed at 8:35

NRPG
'BUSH CARERS'
AGM 2024
& Speaker



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NATURE RESERVES
PRESERVATION GROUP INC
— KALAMUNDA —

Protecting our Bushlands



Conservation
Council of WA

Save Our EPA - Protect WA Nature





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 2024 - AGENDA

- 6:30pm Welcome and Acknowledgement
- 6:35pm Apologies
- Acceptance of Minutes of the 2023 AGM
- Business arising from the Minutes
- 6:45pm President's Report
- 7:00pm Treasurer's Report
- 7:05pm Election of Executive Committee
 - President, V President, Secretary, Treasurer
 - Committee Members
- 7:15pm General Business
- 7:45pm Break
- 7:30pm Guest Speaker: Dr Giz Watson on "Safeguarding WA's EPA and Environment"
- 8:15pm Meeting closed – Networking

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thanks to:

- **NRPG Committee, volunteers & members**
- **Cathy Akasha (Bredemeyer) as outgoing Treasurer**
- **Mick Davis and Nicole O'Neil for organising the second annual Kalamunda Forest Festival 2023!**
- **NRPG webmaster – Claire Botman**
- **Donors – very generous!**
- **Kalamunda Environmental Dept and Staff – Dallas Lynch, Karl Kjaerheim**

Farewell to:

- **Nicole O'Neil – moved north for a few years**
- **Rhonda Hardy – passed away early Mar 2024**

Welcome to City of Kalamunda new Enviro staff:

- **Environmental Strategies & Projects Officer – Marc Papalia**
- **Bushcare Officer – Mark Anthes**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ADVOCACY WITH CITY OF KALAMUNDA:

- **Climate Change Action Plan status**
 - Baseline audit in progress
 - Emissions trajectory?
- **Urban Forest Strategy – adopted by Council**
- **‘Control of Cats’ Law – adopted by Council**
- **‘Responsible Cat Ownership’ pamphlet – updated**
 - Now includes mention of environmental impacts
 - Some question regarding limitations on cat prohibitions
- **Tree Retention Policy LPP33 revoked by Council**
 - Only in place about 1 yr
 - No attempt made to modify it, despite deputations calling for such
 - Letter sent to CEO & Mayor asking number of questions...
 - City committed to new policy – NRPG requested: details, cost, schedule, interim protection of trees
- **NRPG ‘Nature Fund Proposal’**
 - 2nd Public Comment complete
 - Staff preparing report to Council

City of Kalamunda

Climate Change Action Plan

2023 - 2034



CAT ACT 2011
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995
CITY OF KALAMUNDA
KEEPING AND CONTROL OF
CATS LOCAL LAW 2023

Nature Fund Proposal - Phase 2 Public Comment



Consultation has concluded

Phase 2 Public Comments close 5pm Monday, 6 November 2023.

The City of Kalamunda is seeking additional feedback on the idea of allowing interested residents to make an OPTIONAL donation as part of the payment of their Rates Notice to create a proposed 'Nature Fund' to fund environmental initiatives. The proposed fund would be voluntary.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ADVOCACY WITH CITY OF KALAMUNDA :

- **Local Biodiversity Strategy – adopted by Council**
- **Water sensitive urban design**
 - “Kalamunda Flowing – Lower Helena River” public consultation completed
 - More consultations to follow for each watershed
 - New developments setbacks - City advised ELUPS and LPP Wetlands and Waterways consultation will address this
- **Kalamunda Weed ”Pest Plant by-laws,1979”**
 - Laws and enforcement still under review by City
- **Fire risk management & contractor damage to reserves**
 - Ongoing issue: NRPG believes updated research should be applied – ie. Evidence of impact on Southwest forests per Dr Phil Zylstra (and Fire & Biodiversity WA).
- **Principals’ Forum and Kalamunda Schools engagement**
 - Presentation to Principals’ forum – options to collaborate
 - Initiative with Kalamunda PS and others – Citizen Science, Phascogale research



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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
 - NRPG working with Woodbridge Reserve Friends Group to encourage City of Swan to take on 'Management'
- **Darling Range Reg. Park (DRRPCAC)**
 - Community grants awarded for 3 yrs.
 - DBCA will advertise for Ctee members in future
- **Wattle Grove proposed rezone to "urban" – awaiting WAPC decision**
 - Threats to Brixton St/Yule Brook wetlands hydrology raised by NRPG/Prof Hans Lambers
 - City of Kelmscott approved extension of industrial development "Roe Logistics Park" pending EPA & Minister's decision.
- **Yule Brook/Foothills Regional Park Proposals**
 - Prof Hans Lambers work with DBCA, DPLH, Enviro Minister, WAPC on HOLD, pending EPA comment on MKSEA expansion and Environment Minister's decision.
- **Weakening of WA EPA and Environmental laws to fast-track developments - tonight's speaker Dr Giz Watson**
 - WA environmental organisations very concerned
- **Perth Surfpark (Jandakot, wetlands)**
 - Minister has overridden appeals, stating social and economic worth is greater than environmental values.

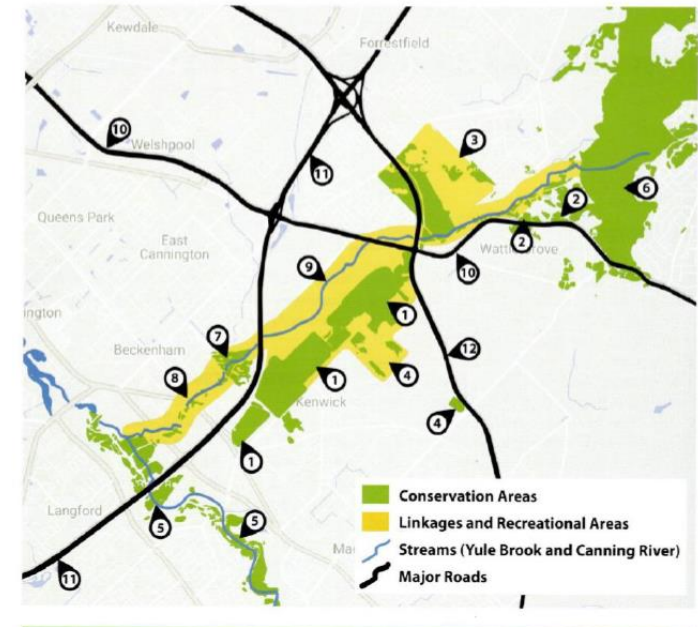
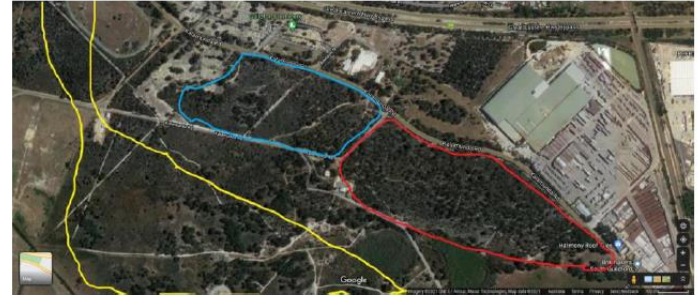


FIGURE 1. A Concept Plan for the Yule Brook Regional Park.

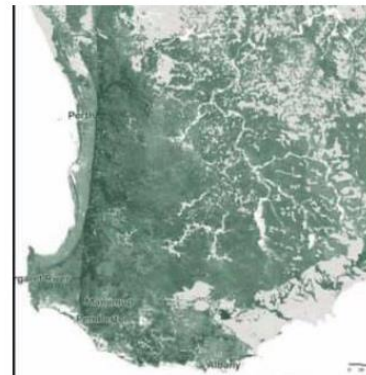


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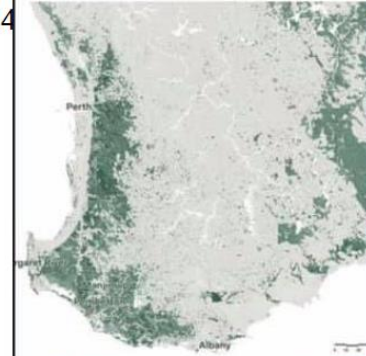
ACTIVITIES:

- **Forests protection – logging & mining**
 - Continued support of WA Forest Alliance, Jarrahdale Forest Protectors, Dwellingup Discovery Forest Defenders)
 - **Forest logging ('industrial scale') ended Dec 2023!**
 - NPRG Objection to Access Australia Mining: Court date 6 Sept 2024
- **Urban Bushland Council 'Submissions Writers Group'**
 - Collective knowledge and capabilities
- **New Forest Management Plan (FMP) issues**
 - 'thinning' permitted
 - mining still permitted
 - Enviro Minister Whitby dismissed EPA call for Independent Inquiry on Prescribed Burning
 - Enviro Minister Whitby allowed Alcoa to proceed with new mining while EPA still assessing
- **"Black Cockatoo Crisis" documentary (Jane Hammond)**
 - Continues showing widely, international awards!
- **"Fire & Biodiversity WA" 2021 "Fire and Air Forum" 2023 Outcomes**
 - Scientific evidence shows serious flaws with current prescribed burn practice, causing increased fire risk
 - Better ways to manage fire risk sustainably
 - Stop 'prescribed burning', focus resources instead on rapid detection and suppression of wildfires only

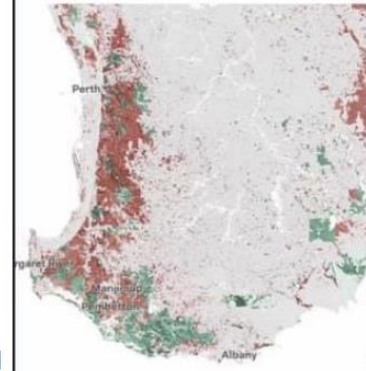
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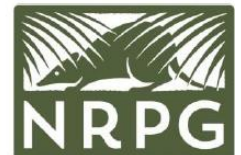
Forest and
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Over 90%
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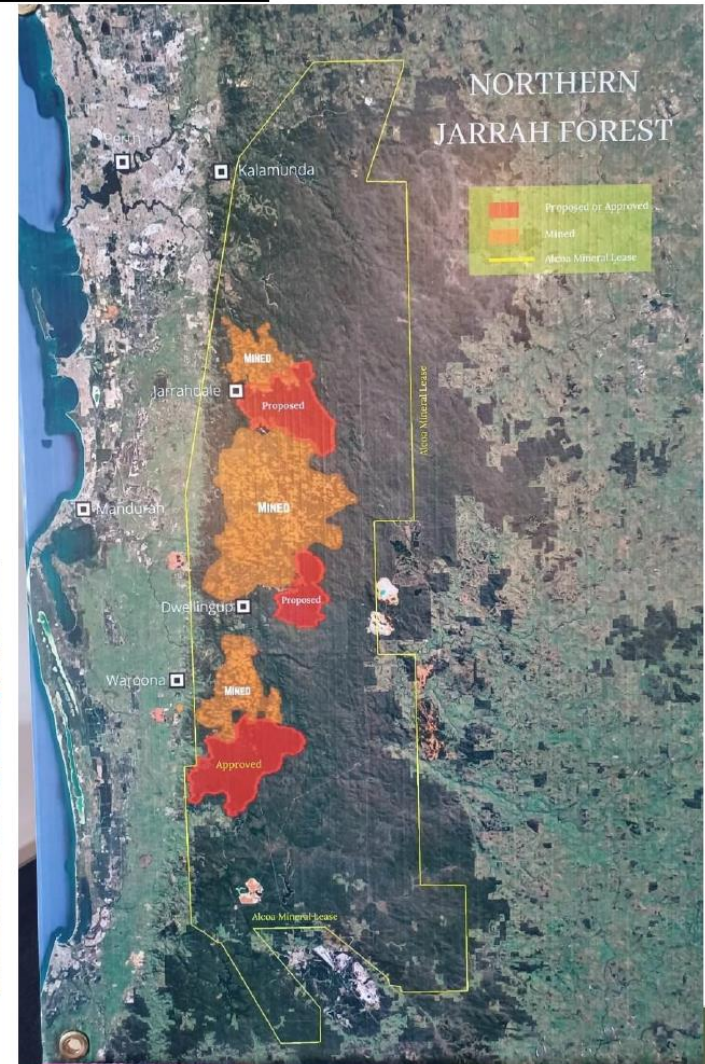
Nearly 1/2
of what
remains is
still available
for logging
and clearing
in 2021



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Forests protection – logging & mining cont'd

- “End Forest Mining” campaign by WFA/NJFP/DDFD :
 - NRPG supported ‘Objections’ & Warden’s Court hearings of mining applications in by Alcoa, South32, Rio Tinto.
 - Rio Tinto has *withdrawn all forest mining applications!*
 - Julimar Forest – application by Chalice still pending



Alcoa mining & expansion



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ACTIVITIES – Federal govt:

- **Perth Airport (PADG) Banksia Woodlands, wetlands and Aboriginal Heritage sites**
 - Pending Major Development Plans pending
 - Airport 'Central'
 - Airport 'North'
 - PA proposed clearing 'offsets' 80-100km away were **FLAWED**. Good news that DCCEEW has now required PA to perform complete review of offsets.
 - PADG has new Chair and Director Major Projects – will try to engage again.
 - Minister Plibersek committed to major overhaul of Australian environment Laws (EPBC Act) including:
 - New regulator, Environment Protection Australia (EPA)
 - Legally enforceable National Environmental Standards
 - Significant changes to biodiversity offsetting, threatened species protections, and planning and approval processes.
 - The "Nature Positive Plan" – 2024 webinar update??
 - ['Nature positive' within reach – 2024 the year for long-awaited national environmental law reforms - Environmental Defenders Office \(edo.org.au\)](#)
 - Revised key regulation so that wood from native forests no longer classified as renewable energy source.
 - **Advocacy:**
 - Tania Lawrence MP (& CC; Zaneta Mascarenhas MP)
 - Minister Plibersek & Dept of CCEEW
 - **Airport Consultative Environment and Sustainability (ACES) Ctee:**
 - NRPNG considered dubious forum to save Perth Airport conservation areas.
 - However new Chair invited NRPNG requests, but no guarantees it will have much impact.



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



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

GRANTS / DONATIONS:

- Forest Festival
 - Attendance less than prior year– weather & timing?
 - Thanks to:
 - City of Kalamunda which assisted in many ways
 - NGOs, Friends Groups, vendors for participating
 - Replenish PL for raffle basket hampers
 - Kalamunda Community Learning Centre for access
 - Bendigo bank, Matthew Hughes MP for grants
- Brush-tailed Phascogale Project
 - Completed initial education program.
 - NRM Community Stewardship Grant for e-DNA research



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SUBMISSIONS MADE:

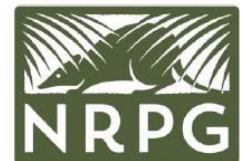
- Call for ALCOA Public Environmental review (PER)
- Metro Reg Scheme Major Amend 1404-41 Roe 8, 9
- Perth Surf Park Appeal
- Appeal against EPA Report on FMP 2024-33
- Kalamunda Urban Forest Strategy
- DMIRS – increased Fees for objections
- WA Forest Management Plan (FMP) 2024-33
- Kalamunda Nature Fund Proposal
- WA draft Climate Change Bill
- WA Public Open Space Plan 2023
- Access Aust Mining Objection 685483 (east of Kalamunda)
- City of Gosnells MSEA expansion Amend 166, 169
- WA Bushfire Policy, Guidelines SPP 3.7
- Kalamunda Cat Brochure 2023
- Cocanarup Ravensthorpe Lithium mine
- Kalamunda Draft Urban Forest Strategy 2023
- Perth Airport Central draft MDP
- Perth Airport North draft MDP
- Kalamunda Keeping and Control of Cats Local Law
- WA Draft Operational Policy 2.3: Planning for Public Open Space (POS).
- MRS Roe 8/9 corridor proposal
- Maddington Kenwick Strategic Employment Area (MKSEA) Development of Precincts 2 and 3B



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

LIASONS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS INCLUDE:

- Darling Range Regional Park Comm. Advisory C'tee (DRRPCAC)
- Kalamunda Environmental & Sustainability Advisory C'tee (KESAC)
- Perth Hills Climate Change Interest Group (PHCCIG)
- Urban Bushland Council of WA (UBC)
- WA Forest Alliance/JFP/DDFD
- Environmental Defenders Office (EDO)
- Conservation Council of WA (CCWA)
- Fire and Biodiversity WA (FABWA – Denmark)
- Ecovision (Wattle Grove group)
- WA Landcare Network & Parliamentary Friends of Landcare
- Perth Airport Community Environment & Sustainability C'tee (ACES)



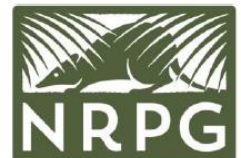
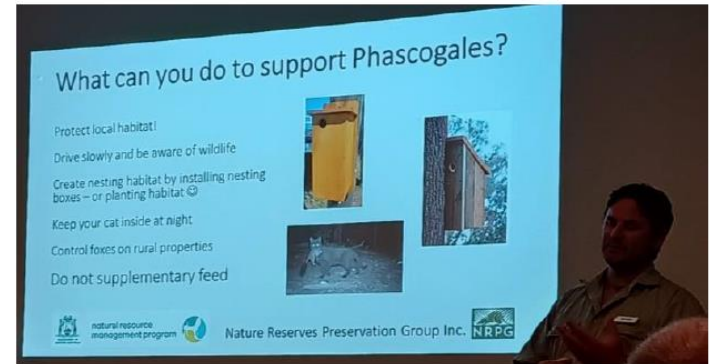
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OUTREACH:

- Information evenings on topical issues
- Forest Festival – Jorgensen Park
- Wildflower Walks, Weed Surveys
with Linda Tomlinson, Penny Hussey
- Interest in new Friends Groups
 - Cambridge Reserve – pending WAPC development decision
 - East Terrace Reserve (Kalamunda PS) – City has given permission to proceed! (Citizen Science engagement with Kal PS students and others)
- Email sharing of environmental information

NRPG Website, Facebook, Instagram

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



Nature Reserves Preservation Group

ABN 74 700 809 975

Income and Expenses for 12 months – from 1st March 2023 to 29th of Feb 2024.

NRPG Treasurer's Report

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

<u>Income</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022*</u>
Memberships	960	1,020	955
Donations	1,154.9	675	433
Bendigo bank interest	37.28		
Raffles and snow cone stall	274		
<u>Total Income:</u>	<u>\$2,426.18</u>	<u>\$1,695</u>	\$1,388
<u>Expenses</u>			
Memberships (CCWA, UBC & Volunteer WA)	197.00	120	180
Insurance - Austcover	655.95	480	460
Kalamunda PO Box hire (paid twice, Mar23, Feb24)	302.00	144	136
Website hosting – Ventra IP	168.00	120	72
Stationary/Stamps, Printing	0.30	77.33	92
Miscellaneous expenses	48.00	149.5	73
Events – notice, venue hire, food, gifts	383.00	445	240
Donations	0	--	200
Attendance to educational events	50.00	30	139
Stripe fees	0	1.43	
Bank fees	0.7		
<u>Total expenses:</u>	<u>1,804.95</u>	<u>\$1,567.26</u>	\$1,693
Total assets:	<u>1,481.2</u>	<u>\$1,821</u>	\$1,568
Net profit (income minus expenses):	+621.23	+\$128	-\$305

{*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 1st of March to 28th of February, from a previously used calendar year format (Jan – Dec).}

Westpac Account 238 970 was closed 20/02/24.

Bendigo accounts 197412158/ 197412174 holds	\$2,428.20
Cash assets	\$ 300
Total	\$ 2,728.2
Minus grant money	\$ 1,247

Total assets 29/2/24 **\$1,481.2**



Election of NRPG Executive Committee

2024

Nominations received:

President

Steve Gates

V President

Mick Davis

Secretary

Elizabeth Pannekoek

Treasurer

John Greenwood

Committee:

Marion Cahill

Tony Fowler

Brian Gould

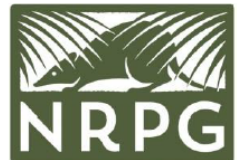
Steve Shearing

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Co-optees:

Phil Dowson, Sue Dowson, Cathy

Akasha (ex Bredemeyer)



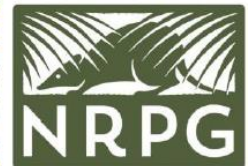
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GENERAL BUSINESS...



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

Dr Giz Watson –V. President, Conservation CWA



BIOGRAPHY - Dr Giz Watson

Foundation Environmental Science graduate, Murdoch University. Extensive knowledge of WA environment – marine and terrestrial, a long history of and commitment to environmental and political activism. Extensive skills in collaborative planning, teambuilding and strategic planning.

As an MP, portfolios included; biodiversity, urban bushland, marine issues, forests/woodlands, waste management and agriculture. Drafted, introduced and debated Bills on biodiversity protection, protecting Margaret River from coal mining, cat management and making WA nuclear free.

Most recently working with the WA Forest Alliance to achieve significant advances in the conservation of our forests.

Deeply committed to biodiversity conservation; landscape scale restoration; working respectfully with First Nations peoples recognizing their custodianship of country; keeping WA nuclear free and urgently responding to the climate emergency.

