

# **NORMANVILLE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTRE 2019-20**



**1 x Part Time Coordinator  
28 x Registered Volunteers  
1937 x Volunteer Hours  
728 x Members**

**56 x Capacity Building Events—396 Participants  
7 x Awareness Raising Events—811 Participants  
9 x Networking Events—104 Participants**

Annual Grant Report - 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

**Grant Title: Natural Resource Centre Operations**

**Organisation: Normanville Natural Resource Centre**

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## **1. SUMMARY**

The NNRC continues to operate from the same rented premises that have been home for the last 23 years. It provides shopfront exposure to the Main-street, although with the ever-expanding reach of the Centre, space has become tight and most events and public meetings need to be held at other local facilities.

Membership numbers increased from 707 to 728 as of June 2020, this represents a 3.0% growth from 2018/19 and is comparable to the average yearly population growth rate of 2.5% in the (District Council of Yankalilla) district.

At the AGM, NNRC Committee thanked long time committee member and active Volunteer/NNRC librarian, Jacqui Salkeld who retired. All remaining committee members expressed their availability to continue. At the February 2020 Committee meeting, Dalton Dupay was welcomed as a new committee member to take our committee numbers to 10 (including our Coordinator as ex-officio member). This is within the 5 to 10 range provided for in our Rules of Association.

In 2020, our Coordinator and Chairman attended training run by Conservation Volunteers Australia on the "In Safe Hands Toolkit" which focussed on the Centre's duty of care to our volunteers and managing safety. In addition, our Coordinator and several active volunteers attended an Emergency First Aid course run by St John's.

Efforts continue on improving governance systems for the NNRC by reference to a Human Resources Handbook (kindly prepared by the South Coast Environment Centre) and improved Volunteer Policies and procedures adopted from the Safe Hands Toolkit (Conservation Volunteers Australia).

The committee has begun the process of preparing a Strategic Plan to provide a framework for decision making in relation to how the NNRC can best deliver programs and on-ground projects to help the community to live more sustainably and improve our local environment. This increased focus on strategic planning will help the committee to ensure that the NNRC continues to deliver on the objects of the Centre and the grant funding outcomes sought by Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges.

The NNRC will celebrate 25 years of operation in 2022 and planning is underway on how to celebrate this milestone.

2020 sees the re-branding of natural resource management within South Australia with the authorisation of the SA Landscapes Act and the creation of Regional Landscape Boards to replace the current system from 2020/21 onwards. As part of the NNRC response to this transition, it is planned to re-brand as the Normanville Environment Centre in the second half of 2020.

From July 1, we will be part of the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape region, (one of four community run Centres, together with the Willunga Environment Centre, Hills Environment Centre and South Coast

Environment Centre) and look forward to working successfully with the new Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board.

The NNRC continues to have a broad reach into the local community via our range of practical and educational events and ongoing interest groups represented by the following Sub committees:

- Bird watching
- Walking
- Garden
- Precious plastics
- Bungala River restoration
- Friends of Banksia Park

In addition, the NNRC provides support for environmental improvement through other local community groups such as the Cape Jervis Coastal Community group, Second Valley Environmental Group and Conservation SA.

Over 1300 people attended 72 events run by the NNRC, briefly summarised as:

56 x Capacity Building Events – 396 Participants

7 x Awareness Raising Events – 811 Participants

9 x Networking Events – 104 Participants

The above numbers have been significantly impacted by the need to suspend activities and close the Centre in response to the COVID -19 Pandemic from March to June 2020, resulting in almost 4 months of activities and volunteering having been lost.

## **2. OUTCOMES (relate to NRM funding outcomes)**

The NNRC Coordinator is currently employed on a part time basis – 25 hours per week, with conditions of employment directly linked to the duration and extent of Board funding. This year, Conditions of Employment were updated to align pay and conditions with the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Award – equivalent to the previous AS04 level (State public service) of salary. (Outcome 3)

Volunteers assist with the running of the NNRC and provide assistance with administration, public enquiries, event management, promotions/website, publications/library, community nursery and ongoing programs/projects. In 2019/20 1937 hours were contributed by nearly 50 volunteers.

The NNRC shopfront is home to a growing library of reference and technical books and a range of monthly Journals that can be accessed by the community. This includes hard copy and on-line access to NRM resources. Specific acknowledgement is displayed at the Centre and in promotional publications of the ongoing financial and other support to the NNRC by NR, AMLR. A growing range of sustainable alternatives to single use plastic items and recycled products are offered for sale to the public and is seen as a small but effective means to offer practical steps to a more sustainable community. The modest income from sales assists the Centre in running our programs and events.

The Centre currently has recycling bins for Mobile Phones, Oral Care packaging, Batteries, Lightweight aluminium, Printer cartridges and Writing Implements.

The activities run by the Centre and NRM related topics of interest are published in a 2 page spread, each month (free of charge) in the Yankalilla Regional Newsletter that is distributed within the

southern Fleurieu, with an estimated circulation of over 5,000. The NNRC website and Facebook Page are constantly updated with information and links to NRM related resources and a regular newsletter is also emailed to members.

In response to the temporary closure of the Centre and suspension of events and activities, our website and Facebook page have become focal points for delivering on-line links to presentations and podcasts on a wide variety of topics that would normally be physically run. Links to additional educational topics are an expansion of what would normally be presented by the NNRC. Some examples of these additional on-line resources are:

- Adelaide Botanic Gardens – self guided walks, garden tips,
- City Nature Challenge 2020
- Green Living – live workshops, growing veggies in Adelaide
- Creating a bird friendly garden
- Nature Play SA
- Plastic Free SA - composting
- Virtual Film Nights – ‘the story of plastic’, ‘living the change’
- KESAB Environmental Solutions – clothing & recycling clothing/ composting/ beeswax wraps
- Gawler Environment Centre – Natural Burial Options
- Sophie Thomson – Sophie’s Patch Q&A, Fruit Trees for Beginners,
- Birdlife Australia

This combination of promotional and educational activities enables the broadest promotion of the NNRC’s activities and facilities.

The NNRC was again part of the Festival of Nature (showcasing at the Expo and hosting guided walks for birdwatching and native orchids) and the Yankalilla & District Show (showcasing the NNRC) in September 2019. Volunteers and the NNRC Coordinator had a range of information displayed and goods to sell, again promoting the Centre and NRM to the wider community.

Our popular Veggie Swaps were increased to bi-monthly. Held at the Centre on a Saturday morning, these events enable members to swap their produce and learn from one another with tips for home gardening. They are an important social occasion as well. Due to COVID-19, the last 2 events were cancelled.

Plastic free July is an annual education opportunity and offers practical help with reducing our daily reliance on single use plastic. This year featured a morning tea with focus on reducing reliance on single use plastics, a movie night ‘Ocean Plastic Pollution’. Our range of SUP alternatives expanded from (NNRC volunteer made) fabric produce and shopping bags to include ‘free’ Party Hire of decorations and recycled crockery, cutlery and glassware.

The NNRC collaborated with the District Council of Yankalilla and Conservation Volunteers Australia with the Council being successful in obtaining a grant from SA Health to establish the ‘Greening the Fleurieu’ project. The NNRC Community Nursery and volunteers played the key role in enabling CVA to provide opportunities for community members to become involved in all aspects of improving our local environment – from seed collecting, to propagation, to growing indigenous plants, to planting in coastal and river environments. In August 2019, Rebekha Sharkie Federal MP visited the Nursery and was updated on this project.

As a result of the Greening the Fleurieu project, the Community nursery expanded its capacity to grow around 15,000 native plants, ready for use in (NRM Coastal Conservation Officer) Corey Jackson's coastal planting program and NNRC planting events. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 shutdown affected the delivery of the last four months of the project and we are looking forward to completing our CVA partnership in the latter half of 2020.

There are currently thirteen Hooded Plover volunteer monitors between Myponga Beach and Lands End Beach (Cape Jervis) who actively inspect specific beaches during the breeding season from August to March and help erect the necessary fencing when required. This season, we had one successful fledglings.

Our Precious Plastic Fleurieu Coast project continues to gain momentum after having taken possession of some of the parts of the plastic shredder (presented to NNRC by Sustainable Fleurieu Coast) in June 2019. A partnership has been formed with Yankalilla Council that has completed the machine, which is now operational. The next stages involve finding a suitable location and workshop area and then developing an ongoing program to involve the local community in collecting and shredding their plastic waste, the end product of which can then be used to produce recycled plastic objects (aligned with a world-wide 'Precious Plastics' model). Visits have been made by all partners to the Transmutation business in Robe to evaluate that operating model.

Our partnership with the Yankalilla Council has expanded to include collaboration on reducing the use of Single Use Plastics within our local community. This could well link to the Precious Plastic Fleurieu Coast project.

The Bungala River restoration project has stalled during 2019/20 with the departure of the responsible Council officer assisting with liaison with the private landowners along the river. Once again, our focus has returned to the publicly owned sections of the river in Bungala Park although a planned planting day was cancelled due to COVID-19. We look forward to completing this task in the latter half of 2020. This partnership with District Council of Yankalilla will be progressed with interested members of the community next financial year.

The NNRC hosted a visit by the Minister for Environment and Water, David Spiers MP at the end of June and took the opportunity to highlight the many resources available to members of the community on NRM matters. The Minister discussed the transition to Regional Landscape Boards and in particular the newly formed Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board and some of his personal experience with local community driven environment groups.

The participation of NNRC volunteers in regional endangered species monitoring (Hooded Plovers and Bandicoot Recovery programs) and initiation of projects aimed at more sustainable living (Plastic Free July, alternatives to Single Use Plastics and our Plastic Shredding project in partnership with the Yankalilla Council) were also summarised for the Minister.

NNRC volunteers have become involved with Bandicoot monitoring in Deep Creek Conservation Park as part of the Bandicoot Recovery Action Group, with support from NR, AMLR and DEW. Equipment has been purchased and monitoring cameras positioned within the Park that require regular visits.

(Outcomes 1, 2, 4 and 5)

The following table is to be completed and returned to the Board as part of the annual report. These form part of the measurable outputs of the funding provided to the NNRC:

Output No.	Output	Measure	Result
1.	Provision of an accessible NNRC premises	Centre staff and activities accessible to the community minimum 20 hours per week (12 month average)	Achieved – 20 hours at least per week
		Number of community groups using** the Centre	Groups – 6 Stats not kept on calls or potential partnerships
2.	A program of activities to build community capacity to sustainably manage natural resources	Number of participants and number of capacity building (knowledge skills and abilities) activities delivered	396 attendees at 56 capacity building activities
		Provide a dataset for capacity building (knowledge skills and abilities) activities with a learning outcome delivered	Attached
		Number of NNRC volunteers and volunteer hours	28 vols – 1937 hours
3.	Provision of information to the community to raise awareness and understanding of sustainably managing natural resources	Number of participants and number of awareness raising events delivered	811 attendees at 7 Awareness Raising events
		Number of NNRC members on mailing list	728
		Number of social media followers	1132
4.	Provision of networking opportunities to share knowledge and develop collaborative partnerships	Number of networking events delivered	9
		Number of participants and number of community groups represented	104 participants
5.	Promotion of the NNRC and the activities offered	Number of media communications	11 Yank News 6 Inman Valley New 1 Myponga Mudlark
		Number of newsletters or e-news circulated	10
		Suburb data from activity attendees/members	Attached
6.	The employment of a paid coordinator to support volunteer activity and delivery of NNRC programs and projects.	Number of hours a week	25 hours

\*\* 'Using' is defined as hiring meeting space at the Centre, phoning or visiting the Centre for advice, or discussion about potential partnerships /matters of mutual interest.

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## **REPORT FOR 2019-2020**

### **EVENTS, WORKSHOPS, INFORMATION SESSIONS & DISPLAYS**

<b>Albatross Movie</b>	<b>11 x Greening the Fleurieu</b>
<b>Plastic Free July Morning Tea</b>	<b>3 x Gilbert's Dashorst Art Classes</b>
<b>Promotion in shopping centre giving away reusable veggie bags</b>	<b>2 x Native Cottage Garden Working Bee</b>
<b>National Tree Planting Day — Banksia Park, Normanville</b>	<b>2 x Bandicoot Monitoring (BRAG)</b>
<b>Orchid Field Trip</b>	<b>1 x Bird Camp Out</b>
<b>Sustainability Expo</b>	<b>5 x Bird Field Trips</b>
<b>Bess Wax Wrap Demonstration</b>	<b>3 x Veggie Swaps</b>
<b>Yankalilla Show</b>	<b>3 x Gardening Group</b>
<b>Antarctic Bird Presentation</b>	<b>4 x Local Walks</b>
<b>Talking Rubbish Info Session</b>	<b>4 x Single Use Plastic (SUP) meetings</b>
<b>Sea Creatures Info Session &amp; AGM</b>	<b>2 x Twilight Markets</b>
<b>Movie 2040</b>	<b>1 x Hooded Plover Meeting</b>
<b>Future of the Environment</b>	<b>2 x Hooded Plover Events on the beach</b>
<b>Night with the Stars—Backyard Universe</b>	<b>Plastic Free July Display at NNRC</b>
<b>5 x Social Sewing</b>	<b>Hooded Plover Display at the NNRC</b>
<b>9 x Community Nursery Working Bee</b>	
<b>11 x Greening the Fleurieu</b>	
<b>14 x Banksia Park Working Bee</b>	

# NORMANVILLE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTRE



RECYCLING HUB

INFO SHEETS



REFERENCE BOOKS

ECO STORE

