

NORMANVILLE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTRE

2018-19



1 x Part Time Coordinator

24 x Registered Volunteers

2880 Volunteer Hours

707 x Members

9 x Seminars and Talks - 330 participants

27 x Workshops—349 participants

23 x Field Trips—241 participants

9 x Veggie Swap/Shows/Markets—1467 participants

18 x On Ground Events—151 participants

Annual Grant Report

1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

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 20+ 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 to 707 as of June 2019, this represents a 7.0% growth from 2017/18. This is a healthy rate of growth when compared with 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 Secretary, Pia Pilcher who retired but remains an active member and Anthea Williams who resigned. We welcomed new committee members Bill Page, Jen Durdin and Maurene McEwen to take our committee numbers to 9 (Coordinator is an ex-officio member), which sits within the 5 to 10 range provided for in our Rules of Association.

Our Coordinator and a number of committee members attended a series of professional development sessions organised by Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges and run by Volunteering SA, covering Governance, Strategic planning and Risk management. A number of valuable tools were gained to ensure that the committee runs effectively and manages risk.

The committee in particular continues to have regard to the results of a Member Survey conducted in 2015 in setting the vision for each year. The aim of the survey was to get a better understanding of what members thought of the NNRC, how it was performing as a community organisation, what can be done to improve the services provided and how it can be more effective in improving the capacity of people and regional organisations to sustainably manage our local natural resources.

An increased focus on strategic planning could help the committee to more effectively plan for events and programs that will deliver on the objects of the Centre and the grant funding outcomes sought by Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges.

The NNRC has a broad reach into the local community via our range of 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

- Cape Jervis Coast-care group
- Community Nursery

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.

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 small 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 Centre currently has recycling bins for Mobile Phones, Oral Care packaging, Batteries, Lightweight aluminium, Printer cartridges and Corks. Unfortunately we had to cease recycling soft plastic when the local recycling depot stopped taking it, but are currently undertaking a project to build a soft plastic shredding machine and the associated facilities to enable plastics to be recycled locally.

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

The NNRC was present at the Festival of Nature and Yankalilla & District Show in September 2018, and the Opening day event for Festival Fleurieu, 10 year Hooded Plover celebration³ and the Opening of the Myponga Reservoir Walking Track in April 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.

To make the AGM a more enjoyable night, NNRC members of the Bird Watching group who went on an overseas trip, presented 'Adventures in Bhutan' – a pictorial summary of their trip to more than 40 attendees.

As part of Festival Fleurieu, the NNRC presented 'Quiet Sex on the Fleurieu' a factual and highly entertaining expose' about the reproductive exploits of plants!!

Four Veggie Swaps to celebrate the start of each season were held at the Centre. These events enable members to swap their produce and learn from one another with tips for home gardening. They have become an important social occasion as well.

Plastic free July is an annual education opportunity and offers practical help with reducing our daily reliance on single use plastic. NNRC volunteers made fabric produce and shopping bags to give-away at Normanville Foodland supermarket.

The Community nursery commenced operation in May 2018 with a small group of volunteers supported by the local NRM Coastal and Marine Officer, Corey Jackson. The nursery is located within its own section of the Council depot and in 2018/19 had 7000 native plants ready for use in Corey's coastal planting program and NNRC planting events.

There are currently fifteen 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 3 successful fledglings.

In August 2018, a (not for profit group) Sustainable Fleurieu Coast approached the NNRC for support to help pay costs associated with constructing a plastic shredding machine and help with facilitating an ongoing program with the objective to involve 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). The District Council of Yankalilla contributed an electric motor and the NNRC provided a financial contribution to pay for the construction of the shredder box and blades. The basic machine has now been delivered to NNRC in June 2019 and a subcommittee formed with the South Coast Environment Centre to progress with this project in 2019/20.

Bungala River restoration project – the NNRC partnered with the District Council of Yankalilla to engage with the community to form a group to revegetate degraded sections of the river. A Public meeting was held in July 2018 and a subcommittee formed to take this further. Council has begun contacting private landowners for access to privately owned sections of the river areas and this will take some time to complete. As Bungala Park is the only publicly owned land along the river to date, this site will again be the site for national Tree Planting Day event in July 2019.

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 Coast' project. The NNRC Community Nursery and volunteers are key parts of this future program 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.

(Outcomes 1, 2, 4 and 5)

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REPORT FOR 2018-2019

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS, INFORMATION SESSIONS & DISPLAYS

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| Plastic Oceans Movie | 12 x Gilbert's Dashorst Art Classes |
| Plastic Free July stall at local shopping centre | 13 x Community Nursery Working Bee |
| Wonders of Nature Event in conjunction with Fleurieu Business Ass. | 1 x Native Cottage Garden Working Bee |
| National Tree Planting Day — Carrickalinga | 3 x Banksia Park Working Bee |
| Quiet Sex on the Fleurieu | 7 x Bandicoot Monitoring (BRAG) |
| Living the Change Movie | 1 x Bird Camp Out |
| Storm Boy Movie | 10 x Bird Field Trips |
| Native Food Info session | 4 x Veggie Swaps |
| AGM—Wendy White | 5 x Gardening Group |
| Yankalilla Show | 4 x Local Walks |
| Sustainability Expo | 3 x Precious Plastic meetings |
| Festival Carnival | 3 x Greening the Fleurieu—Green Gym meetings |
| 2 x Twilight Markets | 1 x Coastal Excursion |
| 2 x Bird ID Presentations | Plastic Free July Display at NNRC |
| 6 x Bees Wax Wrap Workshops | Hooded Plover Display at the NNRC |
| 2 x Orchid Walk—Nixon Skinner Reserve | Community meeting regarding Bungala River |
| 2 x Yankalilla Twilight Market | Photographic Competition |
| 1 x Wicking Bed Workshop | |
| 1 x Bee Hotel Workshop | |