A warm welcome and a fond farewell

After six years as Chair of the TNRM Board, we bid a fond farewell to Kate Andrews. The Board and organisation have seen a lot of change and development under Kate’s tenure; we became an independent non-government organisation, established a membership base, developed the current Integrated NRM Plan, have worked with numerous groups and organisations, implemented new initiatives such as Territory Conservation Agreements and our Indigenous NRM Traineeship Program, started on the journey to diversifying our funding….. and so much more. Through the last 6 years TNRM has been able to adapt and learn, deal with challenges and take on opportunities, because of the foundations we’ve built and because of the drive and commitment of our outgoing Chair. As she finishes her tenure, Kate leaves TNRM in a strong position and we thank her and wish her well for the future.

The new role of Chair has been taken on by Professor Clare Martin, former Chief Minister of the NT and currently a Professorial Fellow at The Northern Institute of Charles Darwin University and director of a number of regional and national organisations and businesses. As a long-term resident of the NT, and with a strong background in politics, media, trade and Indigenous policy we are pleased to welcome her into the TNRM team and look forward to the new perspectives that she will bring to this role.
Last call for the 2014 TNRM Conference!

With only a couple of weeks to go until the TNRM Conference, staff are busily putting together the finishing touches to what promises to be a fantastic and informative event. Workshop spots have been filling up over the last month and several are now booked out so if you're still undecided about whether you should head on down to Darwin's waterfront to enjoy the selection of FREE presentations, workshops and training opportunities then get in quick as places are limited.


A final program is now available to help you plan your day. For any other information such as how to get to the venue, and where to park on the day, take a look at our [conference web-page](http://www.territorynrm.org.au/2014-conference).

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2014 NT NRM Awards - Finalists Announced

The NT Natural Resource Management Awards recongise and celebrate the remarkable work undertaken by Territorians to protect our special places and to manage our land, water, soils, plants and animals.
Thank you to everyone who nominated for this year’s NT NRM Awards. We received a number of top quality nominations this year, which has highlighted the great work taking place across the Territory. The judges had a tough time narrowing down the finalists, with some extremely close rankings in the mix.

The finalists are:
Andy Vinter
Berry Springs Growing Green Kids
Breezes Muirhead Aboriginal Landcare
Brian McWilliam
CDU NERP Invasive Plant Research Group
Darwin Harbour Clean Up
Desert Wildlife Services
Friends of Mitchell Creek
Frogwatch
Gary Bastin
Graeme Sawyer
Greg Owens
Hmalan Hunter-Xenie
Ian Rowbottom
Kakadu Indigenous Ranger Program
Kenbi Rangers
Maxie Priest MTP Contracting
Munguru Munguru Rangers
Train Safe NT
Tuan Dang TD Farms

The Awards will be presented at a gala dinner event at the Darwin Convention Centre on Wednesday.
the 19th of November. Tickets have been selling fast but there are a few remaining seats available for anyone who would like to join us in recognising and celebrating the achievements of Territorian's by attending the awards night.


Ticket sales close on the 7th of November so get in quick!
Tickets are $70pp and include 3 course dinner, drinks and entertainment, as well as the Awards presentation.

2014 NT NRM Awards - People’s Choice Award

VOTE ONLINE NOW!

All 2014 NT NRM Awards finalists are entered into the People's Choice Award. The nominees now await YOUR vote. This award is 100% decided by you so please get involved and vote for the individual or group that has inspired you and made the greatest contribution to NRM.

Online voting will be available up to and during the conference until 11am on Thursday, 19th November 2014.
You can view all the finalists' profiles and submit your vote by clicking on the link below:

Mimosa control in the Finniss Reynolds catchment

In late October, Anthony Kerr - TNRM’s Top End Regional Coordinator - visited landowners in the Finniss Reynolds catchment to see the results of aerial and on-ground spraying for *Mimosa pigra* that was carried out earlier in the year as part of the TNRM managed Finniss Reynolds Catchment Group Project. Anthony, accompanied by Tom Price of the NTG Weeds Branch, started with a visit to Bulgul - located about 90km south-west of Darwin in the Finniss coastal floodplain region. Here they met up with Ricky Cubillo and the Bulgul Rangers who were checking photo monitoring points that had been set up to
survey strategic sites within the treatment area. From what they observed at the site, it appears that aerial spraying carried out in December 2012 and May 2014 has been effective but overall, everyone felt it was important to follow up with additional on ground and aerial treatments over the next few months.

Another type of weed control was also put to the test; a species of flea beetle named *Nessaecrepida* (Nessie) was released at a site on the Horseshoe plains. Approximately 70 of these 'biocontrol agents' were released into a dense Mimosa infestation within a paperbark forest. A colony of about 1,000 is required to form a sustainable population, so further releases will be necessary.

The following day Tom and Anthony headed out with to get a bird's eye view of the results of weed management across several stations. Tom and Anthony first visited Labelle Downs, where they met with station manager Tim Milne. A flight over the area showed where Mimosa had been effective and highlighted which areas will need attention in the upcoming round of treatment in December. This was followed by a visit to Welltree Station to check on Noogoora Burr infestations. Although the site had been treated in the past, it was clear that additional spraying will be needed following the first big rains of the oncoming wet season. Twin Hill station where they met with station owners Colin and Calvin Deveraux and then flew over the area to view the success of aerial spraying that was carried out in March and May 2014 as well as identifying areas where adjustments would need to be made in future control efforts. The Northern Land Council's IT specialist Xavier Espiau was also on board to trial his HD *Garmin Virb* cameras. These units are capable of capturing high definition geo-referenced images which can be viewed alongside Google Earth imagery, making data capture easier and more comprehensive.
This visit was a great opportunity to assess the overall effectiveness of previous weed control treatment and to highlight areas that will need to be targeted in future spraying. Everyone involved agreed that the discussions has been helpful and that similar visits at strategic times of the year would be useful to keep track of Mimosa management in the catchment area.

An update from the Tablelands

Article submitted by Kate Christianson, Barkly Landcare & Conservation Association (BLCA)

After brief hiatus, things are once again moving along at Barkly Landcare and Conservation Association in Tennant Creek. Since starting this role in July, I am settling in to the role and I am working towards keeping the good work of the BLCA predecessors in motion.

Within the Barkly, work has been continuing on the two-year Beetaloo Rotational Grazing Pilot. A very successful field day was held in September with attendees from all over Australia - even from as far away as Tasmania! This Pilot is evaluating an alternative approach to grazing land management in the Barkly Tablelands region through the implementation of a long-term intensive rotational grazing system and is a joint project between BLCA, the Dunnicliff and Armstrong families of Beetaloo and Mungabroom Stations and the NT Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries. The station owners are seeking to address the uneven utilisation of pastures, a problem typically seen on cattle properties, as well as enhance local biodiversity.

This demonstration is gathering scientific evidence of what the pastures and biodiversity were like in the initial stages of the development and grazing program and how they change over time. The second round of pasture sampling has just been completed for 2014 and the fifth comprehensive flora and fauna survey will commence in early November 2014. The aim is to measure the potential for sustainably and profitability intensifying production through grazing practices that give greater control of livestock distribution, grazing pressure and pasture utilisation.

Weed control work is set to commence in November in both the Tarrabool Lake and Lake Sylvester catchment areas. This work will entail spraying for Parkinsonia and Prickly Acacia, both classified as Weeds of National Significance. Both of these ephemeral lakes are recognised as High Conservation Value Aquatic Ecosystems within the Northern Territory.
Sustainable City of Palmerston

The City of Palmerston will be representing the NT as a finalist in the Australian Sustainable Cities Awards on the 28th November. These awards, which have been running since 2007, aim to encourage, motivate and celebrate the local sustainability achievements of urban communities across Australia.

Over recent years, the City of Palmerston’s working to achieve sustainability goals within the organisation and within the local and regional community - including the development of their first Sustainability Strategy 2013-2018: At Work – In the Community that was adopted late 2013. National Sustainable Cities judge Cameron Little was in the neighbourhood a few weeks ago to visit a number of the key environmental projects and initiatives that earned the city its winner's title this year, and commented that gaining recognition on a national stage is a great achievement for the community.

The City of Palmerston is one of our supporting partners for the TNRM Conference and NT NRM Awards and we wish them the very best of luck at the upcoming Australian Sustainable Cities Awards!
The Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards are now open. If you know a young person who is working in regional communities of the Territory in mining, tourism, stations/properties or in business, nominate them for an award this year.

Winners will receive $2,000 and a hand crafted glass trophy.

Nominations close 28 November 2014.

Nominating is easy - for an application form visit our website at www.awardsaustralia.com or phone 1300 735 445.

In late September TNRM’s Anna Gilfillan attended a Healthy Country Planning workshop, held at Mary River Wilderness Retreat. The workshop had a great turnout with around 40 people from across the Top End participating. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) has supported Healthy Country Planning (an open standards planning framework) for the past four years, and will be looking into other types of support in the future. TNRM would like to acknowledge the significant contribution of TNC and all the people that have attended and helped to facilitate these workshops, developing the capacity of indigenous groups to
The Australian Government has released the Agricultural Competitiveness Green Paper and is asking everyone in agriculture to have their say on a range of new proposals and policy suggestions.

"Everyone has the opportunity to have their say on the Green Paper. Submissions are open online until 12 December 2014. Now is the time to help shape Australian agriculture into a stronger, more profitable and more sustainable sector." Minister for Agriculture, Barnaby Joyce.

To read the Green Paper, or provide a submission in response, visit https://agriculturalcompetitiveness.dpmc.gov.au

Do you want to play a part in deciding how the NT manages its natural resources?

TNRM is commencing a round of regional planning workshops to start pulling together priorities for the next 5 years in NRM in the NT. The first round of planning workshops are scheduled for:

* 27th & 28th November in Katherine (Gulf Savanna region)
• 2nd & 3rd December in Batchelor (Western Top End)
• 16th & 17th February in Alice Springs (Arid Lands region)
• 19th February in Tennant Creek or Alice (Tablelands region)

During the planning workshops we will be taking people through a process to identify and prioritise key assets, threats and strategies in order to develop more specific and prioritised action plans within each of the 4 NRM regions in the NT.

The flyers for the Gulf Savanna and Western Top End meetings can be found here:
Link to WTE flyer
Link to Gulf Savanna flyer

Lend a hand for Landcare

Since Alice Springs Landcare first visited the Coral Cactus infestation at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station in 2008, Park rangers and students from Batchelor Institute have been systematically surveying and treating this weed problem. Much process has been made, and your support is requested to complete treatment activities for 2014.

Landcare are looking for volunteers in attending a field day on Sunday the 9th of November from 8:30am at the site.

Activities will include using GPS to track Cacti and treat outlying plants, and inspecting treatment trial plants. The day will involve rugged off-track walking and potentially warm weather. Please contact Andy Vinter at andy_vinter@yahoo.com.au to register your interest.

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Natural Resource Management Snapshots

- Main image: Early pumpkin harvesting from a biochar demonstration site near Katherine. Early indications from the site are helping to identify potential adoption pathways for industry uptake of the technology.

- Ricky Cubillo, Tom Price, Colin & Calvin Deveraux examining a map of the Finniss Reynolds Catchment.

- A Thorny Devil poses in the early morning sun during a check of Elliot traps on Stirling Station. Photo by Jane Addison, CSIRO

If you would like us to feature your NRM snapshot in Network Notes or would like to contribute an article about an NRM project, please send your articles and high resolution images (with a short description) to us via email.
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