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Dates For Your Diary

Thursday, 1 February David Nicholson (Shire of Gnowangerup CEO) in NSPNR office for community consultation

Saturday, 17 February NSPNR - Yongergnow Feral Animal Tally and Community Breakfast (Gnowangerup and Ongerup). Teams may shoot from sunset on Friday 16 February

Saturday, 17 February Fitzgerald Biosphere Group Feral Animal Tally 'Fitzy Fox Shoot' (Jerramungup and Bremer Bay). Teams shoot from 5:00pm Friday the 16 of February; attend 6:00am sharp on the 17 Feb for the tally count and cooked breakfast.

20-21 February EvokeAG, Perth

Thursday, 29 February GRDC National Grower Network Summer Forum, Borden, 3:00pm (see poster later in newsletter).

Saturday 9 March, with the breakfast on **Sunday 10** Wellstead Progress Association Fox Shoot

Wednesday, 20 March Future Carbon Farming Workshop

Wanju to North Stirlings Pallinup Natural Resources.

We are proud to live and work on Goreng Country in the Noongar nation. As we go about our purpose to inspire and support the North Stirlings Pallinup community to preserve and improve the region's natural resources, we acknowledge that the traditional custodians have walked these lands for many years before us and carry immeasurable knowledge. We pay our ongoing respects to the Elders of the past, the Elders we work and talk with in the present, and the emerging Elders with whom we begin to forge friendships, collaborations and a culture of mutual respect.

Welcoming Birak 🌸 (December – January)

The Noongar Season 'Birak' is associated with the colour red, symbolising heat, sun, and fire, and it is a significant month in the Noongar calendar, particularly for farmers. During this season, rainfall diminishes, and warm weather takes a firm grip. Sea breeze from the southwest provides relief in the afternoons. For farmers, this period demands careful planning and resource management as they navigate the challenges of reduced water availability and heightened temperatures.

Birak witnesses the emergence of numerous fledglings, with some, like magpies and parrots, remaining close to their parents. Reptiles undergo skin shedding, and rising temperatures, coupled with reduced rainfall, mark a crucial period for baby frogs as they complete their transformation into adulthood. Traditionally, Birak was the fire season for the Noongar people. Consistent easterly winds in the morning and sea breezes in the afternoon created optimal conditions for controlled burns in mosaic patterns across the landscape. This practice served multiple purposes, including fuel reduction, enhancing grazing pastures, aiding seed germination, and facilitating ease of movement across the country.

Message from the Committee

Ellen Milne - Chair

Hello and welcome to the world of NSPNR for 2024. We are refreshed and raring to go, ready to work hard to bring you as many funding opportunities, events, projects and up-to-date information in the natural resource management and agriculture space as we possibly can. There is already plenty happening and we encourage you to be part of it all. Small organisations in small communities like ours survive, and can indeed really thrive with just a little bit of extra support from just a few extra members. Please consider joining up as a member if you are not already, and enjoy the extra benefits that come from NSPNR membership, as well as the warm fuzzies you will feel from keeping our strong sense of community alive.

On that note - David Nicholson, CEO of the Shire of Gnowangerup, will be working from the Pallinup Landcare Centre (our office in Borden) on 1 February, and every first Thursday of each month, so feel free to drop in to chat with him about any community matters on your mind. We're loving the collaborative working relationship with the Shire and would like to again acknowledge the financial, organisational and works support. In return NSPNR is kicking plenty of landcare goals in the catchment which assists the Shire to meet its strategic environmental targets, as well as our staff being available for any NRM-specific advice and support.

February is a jam-packed month in terms of events, so have a look at the Events Calendar to join in. The Feral Animal Tally on 17 February is one of the highlights and is always so well supported. This year promises to be bigger and better than ever, which is a good thing as the feral animal problem is definitely not going away!

Your 2024 Executive Committee:- Chair - Ellen Milne, Deputy Chair - Peter Callaghan, Secretary - Vanessa Stone, Treasurer - Kevin Wise, Exec member - Rebecca O'Meehan.

Your 2024 Reference Group:- Stephen Simpson, Emily Jaekel, Stacey Moir, Jordy Medlen and James Culleton.

(contact details on our website nspnr.com.au)

Join NSPNR today

EO Note & NSPNR Members' Group

Hi Everyone and welcome to 2024! We have hit the ground running this year already working very hard on our pest control projects and getting plans sorted for revegetation sites going in this winter. It's so great to have so many new members & followers through our social media channels. Connecting with the community is such an important tool for us to spread the word on important topics and to engage in what our members need. I need to say a MASSIVE thank you to Phoebe Milne, who last year put her hand up to be our Volunteer Social Media manager! It's a massive role, and the hardest bit is chasing up me and the other staff for photo's of what we are doing... its easy to forget when you're in the moment. But the positive feedback and the increased engagement across the community really soeaks for itself - a job worth doing when its a job well done! So, thankyou Phoebe - and if you ever recieve a message from 'NSPNR' on instagram of Facebook be sure to say hi and pass on the good vibes to P.

Another way we would like to start connecting with our members is through our new Whatsapp Group! So we invite all valued members to click the button below to be the first to hear about new projects, opportunities and group updates.

Thanks for being a friend of NSPNR!

Caroline House (Executive Officer)

Whatsapp Group



Some of the team at the 2023 end of year drinks at The Pub Borden (L-R): Stevi (Project Officer), Ellen (Chair), Caroline (Executive Officer), Phoebe (Volunteer Social Media), Vanessa (Secretary)

NSPNR continues project to reduce predators in the Fitz-Stirling Corridor

- North Stirlings Pallinup Natural Resources (NSPNR) based at Borden will continue their State NRM-funded project in 2024 to reduce predators.
- Project activities aim to reduce numbers of foxes, feral cats and rabbits in the Fitz-Stirling Corridor to improve outcomes for native animals.
- The Fitz-Stirlings, connecting the Stirling Range and Fitzgerald River national parks in the Great Southern Region, is identified as a Priority Place in the Australian Government's 2022-2032 Threatened Species Action Plan.

In 2024 NSPNR will continue the project, *Expanded predator control program in the Fitz-Stirling Corridor*.

This second year of the project will see feral animal tallies and community breakfasts held by NSPNR / Yongergnow, Fitzgerald Biosphere Group and Wellstead Progress Association; Bush Heritage Australia will hold a Volunteer Shoot; and a limited numbers of free fox baits will be made available to landholders with permits.

The project is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program.

The project is strengthening relations of NSPNR with Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, South Coast NRM, and Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

Project partners have worked collaboratively to deliver a coordinated baiting and shooting program across part of the high priority macro corridor that connects the Stirling Range and Fitzgerald River national parks. The project will reduce the threat of predation from foxes and cats, and reduce competition and habitat destruction by rabbits, resulting in the improved trajectory of the target priority species (malleefowl, chuditch and Carnaby's black cockatoo).

In 2023 the project supported community and volunteer feral animal tallies across the broader region including Shires of Gnowangerup and Jerramungup. The combined total was 590 foxes, 24 feral cats and 264 rabbits. Foxes have been known to travel up to 10km in a single night, so wide-spread and ongoing coordinated control is important to slow re-infestation.

The Fitz-Stirling macro corridor lies within the Southwest Australia Global Biodiversity Hotspot. The 80-kilometre macro corridor links two very high-value nature conservation areas and is considered among the highest priority corridors for conservation action in the region. It was recently identified as a Priority Place in the Australian Government's 2022-2032 Threatened Species Action Plan.

The corridor is home to a high number of endemic species and provides critical connected habitat for numerous threatened species. Biodiversity within the corridor has been severely impacted by over-clearing and predation by introduced feral cats and red foxes, the latter of which is identified as a key threatening process under the EPBC Act for medium-sized native mammals and ground nesting birds.

Macro corridors connect intact native vegetation across fragmented landscapes and are critical to the survival and recovery of threatened species. They allow threatened fauna to move through fragmented landscapes enabling them to access additional resources, escape large disturbance events such as wildfires, and remain resilient in the face of climate change. Movement of fauna facilitates gene flow between isolated populations thereby enhancing genetic variation.

NSPNR works with land managers in the Shire of Gnowangerup and the

localities of Broomehill East and Gnowellen.

NSPNR was established at Borden as a not-for-profit organisation to address natural resource management (NRM) issues. NSPNR is delivering a range of projects and services in the North Stirlings - Pallinup region with a current focus on protecting threatened native species, supporting sustainable food production, protecting and monitoring the Pallinup River and tributaries, and supporting feral animal control by landholders. The organisation is managed by a volunteer board of community members and industry stakeholders, and has four part-time staff who enthusiastically work with NSPNR partners to carry out the group's activities.



The poster features a dark green header with the event title in large white letters. Below the title, it specifies the event as a 'Feral Animal Tally & Community Breakfast' on 'Saturday, 17 February 2024'. It lists the locations as 'Gnowangerup & Ongerup' and includes silhouettes of a rabbit, a fox, and a cat. Key information includes that teams of 4 can begin from sunset on Friday, 16 February 2024, and that individual registrations are required. A registration link is provided: yongergnow.com.au/centre/tally2024. A contact section lists Laura (0401 553 285) and Elisa (0475 626 315) with their respective email addresses. The bottom section, titled 'OUR PARTNERS', displays a grid of logos for various organizations including FRRR, Firearms Archery, FarmersCentre, acta, South Coast, Lotterywest, RaineSHome, Pinnacle Products, Elders, BUSH HERITAGE AUSTRALIA, REDCARD, SUMMIT FERTILIZERS, Ongerup Farm Supplies, Stirling Steelworks, and Firebrand.

NSPNR and Yongergnow to hold Feral Event

- North Stirlings Pallinup Natural Resources and Yongergnow Australian Malleefowl Centre have partnered to hold the 2024 Feral Animal Tally and Community Breakfast
- Teams can choose to present at either of two locations, Ongerup or Gnowangerup, for the tally and breakfast.
- The event is part of NSPNR's project, *Expanded predator control program in the Fitz-Stirling Corridor* that aims to reduce the number of feral cats, foxes and rabbits in the area.

North Stirlings Pallinup Natural Resources (NSPNR) has partnered with Yongergnow Australian Malleefowl Centre to hold the 2024 NSPNR - Yongergnow Feral Animal Tally and Community Breakfast on Saturday 17 February. Registered teams are invited from Shire of Gnowangerup, Broomehill East, Gnowellen and beyond to target foxes, feral cats and rabbits from sunset the night before.

The event is part of NSPNR's project, *Expanded predator control program in the Fitz-Stirling Corridor* that aims to reduce the number of feral cats, foxes and rabbits in the area. The project is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program.

The Fitz-Stirling Corridor connects the Stirling Range and Fitzgerald River national parks in the Great Southern Region. The area is identified as a Priority Place in the Australian Government's 2022-2032 Threatened Species Action Plan.

Teams can choose to present at either of two locations, Ongerup or Gnowangerup, for the tally and breakfast. Following the tally, teams will gather with community members to enjoy a breakfast and discover how many foxes, feral cats and rabbits were removed from the sub-region. The community breakfast provides important social interaction to start the season.

The NSPNR-Yongergnow tally in 2023 was 180 foxes, 8 cats and 41 rabbits. The winning team alone shot 37 foxes. A local farmer also brought in 5 foxes and a rabbit.

Foxes, cats and other invasive fauna have a devastating impact on the numbers and biodiversity of wildlife species in the North Stirlings - Pallinup sub-region. Foxes may have been a primary cause of the extinction of many Australian small and medium-sized native species. About 80 endangered and threatened species are at risk from feral cat predation in Australia.

Pest animals are also a cost to farmers who lose production and have to undertake control measures. Foxes were estimated to cost Australia more than \$35 million in lost production in 2013. They are highly mobile and can travel up to 10 km per night. Diseases spread by feral cats can cost Australian agriculture up to almost \$12 million each year. Toxoplasmosis is a parasite that can be transferred from feral cats to pregnant ewes, potentially causing embryonic fatalities and miscarriages.

NSPNR - Yongergnow's feral animal tally is registered for the Red Card

program, through which Sporting Shooter Association of Australia (WA) will sponsor Regional Men's Health Initiative by donating \$5 per fox and cat culled to a capped amount.

Teams can register for the NSPNR - Yongergnow Feral Animal Tally and Community Breakfast by signing up at <https://yongergnow.com.au/centre/tally2024/> by 5pm on Wednesday 14 February.

The NSPNR - Yongergnow Feral Animal Tally and Community Breakfast is possible thanks to our event partners including Yongergnow-Ongerup CRC, the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program, South Coast Natural Resource Management- South Coast Enviro Experience, Bush Heritage Australia, Elders, WAMMCO, FRRR, Summit Fertilizers, Farmers Centre 1978 Albany, Gnowangerup Hardware, Ongerup Farm Supplies, Pinnacle Products Ear Tags, Stirling Steelworks, Raine & Horne Great Southern, Stirling Range Retreat, Rays Firearms and Archery, ACTA, Shire of Gnowangerup, and Red Card for Rabbits and Foxes.

For more information contact Laura Page, NSPNR Project Officer, on 0401 553 285 or laura@nspnr.com.au or Miranda Wallace, Yongergnow Manager, 9828 2325.

Interested in free fox 1080 baits for your farm?

Free Baits

Click the "Free Baits" button and leave your email for us!

Rabbit Baits

Landholders who are interested in baiting rabbits are invited to contact NSPNR staff. NSPNR has a limited amount of rabbit bait available. Contact Caroline House for more information. caroline@nspnr.com.au 0437 248 206

NEW PROJECT "The Bilya Classroom"

In November 2023, NSPNR learnt that we were successful in obtaining a grant from the WA State Government's Natural Resource Management program. The Bilya Classroom project will provide students from three local schools, Borden PS, Ongerup PS & Gnowangerup DHS, with an immersive learning experience and a responsibility to look after their schools' adopted river site. "Bilya" means river in Noongar. Students will be exposed to hands-on learning, active monitoring and restoration, and with a strong collaboration with Gnowangerup Aboriginal Corporation, students will understand and respect the local cultural connections. The Bilya Classroom Project will inspire and empower students take ownership of their local rivers now and into the future.

A huge shout out to Tegan who put in this application before finishing up with us and moving to the West Coast. This project will continue to build on the incredible connections we've made with our locals schools through our Curriculum Project & further the students understanding of our incredible natural surroundings.

Both of these projects is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program.

PHOTO: Project Officers Caroline & Georgia at GDHS in Term 4 2023 as part of the Curriculum Project



National Grower Network Summer Forum

GRDC NGN FORUM
BORDEN

NATIONAL GROWER NETWORK
SUMMER FORUM



GRDC welcomes all involved in the grains industry to the:

GRDC NGN Summer Forum in Borden

Location: Borden Pavilion
Stone Street, Borden

Date: 29th February 2024

Time: 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm

Guest Speakers:

Dr Amanuel Bekuma 'Frost & Ice Nucleating Bacteria'
Glenn McDonald 'Soil Amelioration Do's & Don'ts'

The NGN Forum provides an opportunity for anyone involved in the grains industry to bring forward ideas including opportunities and constraints which are relevant to the grains industry.

Ideas raised will be discussed in detail, to assist the GRDC to develop targeted RD&E activities that create enduring profitability for Australian grain growers. The forums are also an opportunity to engage directly with GRDC representatives.

For catering purposes please RSVP [here or via QR code below](#) by Wed 21st February or alternatively contact admin@ruraledge.org.au



grdc.com.au

External Opportunities for Members

[EvokeAG discount rate for farmers](#)

NSPNR Members ONLY discount rate use Code **GGAMEMBER24**

Explore the exceptional edge of agrifood tech innovation.

AgriFutures Australia will once again host the Asia Pacific's premier agrifood innovation event, evokeAG, in Perth, Western Australia.

This unique, cross-sector, international event brings together thought leaders and change makers in agriculture, food manufacturing, research, innovation, investment, and policy to build connections for a more resilient, productive, and profitable agricultural sector and value chain.

The event will take place at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on 20 – 21 February 2024.

More information: [evokeAG](#).

[Free soil carbon sampling *apply now*](#)

Free soil coring and analysis of soil carbon is being offered to 40 farms in WA, as part of the Federal Government's National Soil Carbon Innovation Challenge. This aims at developing technologies that will lower the current costs of accurately baselining a farm's soil carbon. The project will cover the costs of the soil sampling & lab tests – typically costing around \$5000-\$7000. The program is seeking farms that have varied land management practices on the same farm, (for example Cropping Vs Pasture, OR Planted to wheat last season Vs Planted to canola last season).

Details and applications here: [Soil Carbon Sampling](#)

South Coast Enviro-Experiences

South Coast NRM is creating community connections through environmental volunteering. The aim is to connect as many volunteers as possible to environmental experiences or “Enviro-Experiences” across the South Coast. The South Coast Enviro-Experiences project, supported by Lotterywest, focuses on increasing capacity of organisations relying on volunteers, for both on-ground work and group governance, and has promoted a suite of environmental volunteering opportunities across the region.

The South Coast Enviro-Experiences Volunteer Web Platform is created to make it easy to stay up-to-date with all environmental volunteering opportunities across the South Coast region. It also allows you to track your volunteer hours which can be really useful as evidence for future job and study opportunities.

Please click the link to register and create a username and password <https://btrr.im/73t2k> on the online platform. This will allow you to see what opportunities are currently available.

To make it easier, download the mobile MyImpact App suitable for both android and iPhones so you can keep track of new opportunities as they become available.

For Android https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.betterimpact.myimpact&hl=en_AU&gl=US

For Apple <https://apps.apple.com/au/app/my-impact/id1445454149>

When registering if you tick full availability you will be able to see all the different opportunities that are on offer along the South Coast. If you have any problems we can try and help over the phone.

For more information contact Laura Bird, Project Leader

South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc.

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Book an Eco Party Pack for your next event!

Phone to book your party pack

NSPNR Borden: 0437 248 206

Gnowangerup CRC 08 9827 1635

Yongergnow-Ongerup CRC 08 9828 2325



Have you got a birthday party, BBQ or gathering coming up? Hire a free

Eco Party Pack

These fun packs make it easy to ditch the single-use plastics and throw an eco-friendly party in style

Eco Party Packs consist of reusable plates, bowls, cups and cutlery. There is both an adult and kids party pack available from Gnowangerup, Borden and Ongerup. Simply book your choice of Pack(s) ahead of time and then collect. See below for the contact details:

Gnowangerup CRC

Email manager@gnowangerupcrc.com.au or phone 08 98271635

Yongergnow-Ongerup CRC

Email manager@ongerupcrc.net.au or phone 08 9828 2325

Borden NSPNR Office

Email nspnr@nspnr.com.au or phone 08 9828 1086



The Eco Party Packs are a collaboration between North Stirlings Pallinup Natural Resources, Gnowangerup CRC and Ongerup CRC, with funding provided from the CBH Grassroots Community Grant Program.

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