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The NSPNR office is generally open Tues/Wed/Thurs 9am-5pm
Contact Caroline House, Executive Officer on 0437 248 206

Dates for your diary

2023

November 2 David Nicholson (Shire of Gnowangerup CEO) in NSPNR office for community consultations. 10-11am

November 7 Gnowangerup District High School "River Monitoring" school incursion.

Monday 25 December 2023 to Friday 5 January 2024 inclusive Annual Office Closure.

2024

February 17 Saturday NSPNR - Yongergnow Feral Animal Tally and Community Breakfast (Gnowangerup and Ongerup)

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 Kambarang 🌸 (October – November)

The Noongar Season 'Kambarang' is represented by the colour yellow as it symbolises the return of the hot weather. During Kambarang season, there is an abundance of colours and flowers exploding all around.

Yellow is seen in many of the acacias, along with some of the banksias and many other smaller delicate flowering plants including the kangaroo paw and orchids.

During this time the balgas (grass trees) will continue to flower, especially if they've been burnt in the past year.

Keep an eye out for the flowers of the *moojar*, or Australian Christmas Tree (*Nuytsia floribunda*). The bright orange-yellow flowers signal the heat is on its way.

October is also the most likely time of the year that you'll encounter a snake as the reptiles start to awaken from their hibernation and look to make the most of the warm to assist them in getting enough energy to look for food.

It's also a time that many young families of birds will be singing out for their parents to feed them. Koolbardies (magpies) will be out protecting their nests and their babies.

'Kambarang' Edith Cowan University

A message from the committee

A warm welcome to all our new members and thank you for your support.

It's simple to join as an Ordinary Member or a Friend of NSPNR by clicking the

"Join NSPNR Today" button below.

We'd love you to join us to take advantage of funding opportunities, discounted rates on hire equipment, up-to-date information on agriculture and NRM events, and of course to support this community-driven organisation whose purpose is to support the farming industry!

ELLEN MILNE
Chair

Join NSPNR today



We welcome the 2023-24 Committee Members

We welcome the incoming management committee, consisting of

Chair: **Ellen Milne**

Vice Chair: **Peter Callaghan**

Treasurer: **Kevin Wise**

Secretary: **Vanessa Stone**

Exec Committee Member: **Rebecca O'Meehan**

Reference Group: Emily Jaekel, James Culleton, Stacey Moir, Jordanne Medlan.

(contact details on our website [nspnr.com.au](http://www.nspnr.com.au))

Profile: Peter Callaghan

When Laura asked me for a short outline of my interest and credentials in natural resource management for this Newsletter, my first reaction was that I was caught out! Because I don't really have any, certainly not anything new or current. But I do have some experiences that have brought me here.

I am old enough to remember that *The Countryman* newspaper had a dull orange cover and I can recall my father and grandfather discussing the achievement of a Government goal - that farmers were to clear a million acres

of new land per year and even though I was young, I knew this was important and that they were proud of it!

I was planting barley at Carnamah in 1978 when a neighbour intrigued us by dragging a huge round ball on a two-wheel axle, fitted with a 10-foot spray bar. Enquires determined he was using a chemical called Spray Seed and that meant we gave away multiple workings of the ground before seeding and a whole new world opened up for us!

Not every organism in the soil is a good one and not every synthetic compound applied to the soil is a bad one, but mistakes have been made. Fortunately there are plenty of people with “skin in the game” and money on the table who are working to rectify those honest mistakes of the past. As the Irish actor Liam Neeson said “*I have a particular set of skills*” and I have some skills and experience in the fields of organisational governance, human resource management and strategic financial planning. If the application of those skills can assist an organisation like NSPNR to assist those who are actually doing the doing on the ground, then I will consider my time well-spent. Hopefully others will also. If not, there is always next year's AGM!

Profile: James Culleton

My name is James Culleton and I am the local Elders livestock agent within the Gnowangerup/Borden and Ongerup areas. I work and live locally with recently just starting up my own business trading as Culleton Rural Agencies.

I have been a follower of the NSPNR group for a while as I admire their commitment to the region and the quality team that works within. I look forward to joining the committee.



AGM Throwback Thursday - Event Review

On the 12th of October, NSPNR's 'Throwback Thursday' & AGM was held at the Ongerup Hall. It was a fantastic trip down memory lane and an inspiring look ahead. The strong turnout of over 50 NSPNR members and friends showed that unity is our strength in advancing Landcare for healthy landscapes and thriving communities.

To read more, click the "Throwback Thursday" button below.

Throwback Thursday



Pictured: Rohan Vaux, Caroline House, Dave Stone and Tyne Logan

Exploring the wonders of nature at Ongerup Primary School!

Our NSPNR EO Caroline House had a fantastic morning on Friday 20th October, checking out the seedlings the students planted in July and discussing the amazing biodiversity that surrounds us. This exciting incursion is all part of our 'Sharing Local Knowledge to Enrich the Curriculum' project, made possible by the generous support of the Western Australian Government's State NRM Programme.

Let's continue to nurture the seeds of curiosity and learning!

Landholders encouraged to control feral pests

Landholders who control foxes, rabbits and feral cats are protecting their land, livestock and native plants and animals.

NSPNR has limited amounts of **free 1080 baits** for landholders who would like to bait under permit for foxes in the summer / autumn period. There are also fox and feral cat traps available year-round. For more information contact Laura Page, Project Officer, email laura@nspnr.com.au or mobile 0401 553 285.

Baiting foxes during autumn removes dispersing foxes. Baiting during breeding in July-October reduces the number of foxes born to repopulate the landscape. These times may coincide with autumn or spring lambing when flocks are vulnerable to foxes.

NSPNR supports landholders to bait for foxes and rabbits, especially before lambing starts. Any time landholders are seeing signs of foxes is a good time to bait.

The 80-kilometre Fitz-Stirling macro corridor that links the Stirling Range and Fitzgerald River national parks is a recognised biodiversity hotspot in Australia's southwest and is of high priority for conservation action.

NSPNR's *Expanded predator control program in the Fitz-Stirling Corridor* project aims to reduce numbers of feral cats, foxes and rabbits in the area between the Stirling Range and Fitzgerald River national parks. This will reduce

pressure on native animals including malleefowl, chuditch and Carnaby's black cockatoo. The project is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program.

Interested in free 1080 baits for your farm?

Free Baits

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



The poster features a dark green header with the text "2024 NSPNR - YONGERGNOW FERAL ANIMAL TALLY" in white. On the left is the NSPNR logo, and on the right is the Yongergnow Australian Bushfire logo. Below the header, three black silhouettes of a rabbit, a fox, and a cat are shown. The main text reads "Save The Date" followed by "Feral Animal Tally and Community Breakfast" and "Saturday 17 February 2024". The location is "Gnowangerup - Ongerup". A note states "(Teams may begin from 5pm on Friday 16 February 2024)". At the bottom, contact information is provided: "FOR INFO LAURA 0401 553 285 laura@nspnr.com.au" and "ELISA 0475 626 315 visitor@yongergnow.com.au".

Learn how to help stop the spread of Phytophthora dieback

Phytophthora dieback is a significant threat to our unique biodiversity and beautiful natural resources in southwest WA.

'Project Dieback' is a collaborative program for dieback management led by South Coast NRM, our regional group, in cooperation with the Dieback Working Group, state and local government, industry and the WA community.

A key component of Project Dieback is the [webpage](#) hosted by South Coast NRM to raise awareness and promote hygiene practices to protect WA ecosystems from Phytophthora dieback.

South Coast NRM says:

Phytophthora dieback is a soil-borne pathogen and a major threat to biodiversity in the South Coast region of WA, with around 40% of native species susceptible to the pathogen. Dieback causes sudden deaths in vulnerable species and results in the devastation of large areas of natural habitat.

There is no cure for dieback. We all need to make sure that dieback is contained in areas that are already infested and doesn't spread to un-infested bushland.

We can help stop the spread by making sure our boots and gear are clean when we are going into our beautiful bushland areas, stick to paths and plan your adventure when the soil is dry.

Check out South Coast NRM's [video](#) to learn more about Phytophthora dieback. The video was funded by South Coast NRM and the Western Australian Government's State NRM program.

Every step counts. Keep yours clean.



Dry season resources

The SW WA Drought Hub has a library of [dry season resources](#) for growers, grower groups, and the broader agricultural community.

Book an Eco Party Pack for your next event!



Eco Party Packs are perfect for your end of year celebrations! Get in quick!!



These beautiful new sets are designed to make it easy to go zero-waste, without compromising quality, style or effort. Simply contact one of the host offices below to book ahead of time, then pick up the pack ready to party!

BOOK A KIDS MELAMINE OR ADULTS CERAMIC PACK NOW FROM YOUR NEAREST TOWN. CONTACT THE HOST OFFICES AT NSPNR BORDEN, GNOWANGERUP CRC OR YONGERGNOW-ONGERUP CRC.



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.

Phone to book your party pack
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