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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Hon Paul Caica
Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation
Parliament House
North Terrace
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Minister

In accordance with the requirements of the Public Sector Act 2009 and section 38 of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004, I have pleasure in presenting the annual report of the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board for the year ended 30 June 2012.

Caroline Schaefer
Presiding Member
Northern & Yorke Natural Resources Management Board

(date)
FOREWORD

This annual report outlines the achievements of the investment strategies in the Board Business Plan for 2011-14 and shows the contribution towards the natural resource management targets of the Northern & Yorke Natural Resources Management Plan for the region.

The Board facilitates the delivery of natural resource management services by working together with industry, Australian and State Government agencies, Local Government, Aboriginal people, community groups and individuals.

The active participation of people to integrate the management of our precious natural resources and the enabling of communities to care for our land, water, plants and animals will achieve a better balance our needs and use of nature resources.

To implement the natural resources management investment strategy of the Board a range of activities is delivered through the Board programs and services. This report describes the activities of the Board and the NRM Groups for 2011-12 and highlights their achievements.

My sincere thanks to the Board and NRM Group members and staff for their effort during the year. I acknowledge the support of our many partners as we rely on the collaborative effort of many to achieve positive natural resources management outcomes.

Caroline Schaefer
Presiding Member
Northern & Yorke Natural Resources Management Board
**PLANS AND OBJECTIVES**

Natural Resources Management activities undertaken by the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board are consistent with the strategic directions set out in South Australia’s Strategic Plan and with the State Natural Resources Management Plan.

The Board in consultation with stakeholders has developed the Northern & Yorke Regional NRM Plan (2009-2018). The Plan uses Aspirational Targets to describe the desired strategic outcomes for the natural resources of the region over the next 15-20 years and so provides a clear direction for the long term NRM management framework.

These strategic outcomes contribute to the achievement of State objectives.

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- C1 Improving CEM ecosystems
- C2 Good CEM Water Quality
- C3 Stable Coastal Landscapes

**Goal: We respect and enjoy our environment.**

**Target 72: Nature conservation**

- Community Driven NRM - The community effectively 'driving' sustainable natural resources management.
  - P1 Awareness and Engagement
  - P2 Capacity Building
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**Links between the Board and the state NRM plan**

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OPERATIONS AND INITIATIVES

The Northern & Yorke NRM Plan (2009-2018) was adopted by the Minister for Environment and Conservation on 6 May 2009 and implemented on 1 July 2009. The plan provides the strategic direction for NRM activities of all agencies and stakeholders in the region. It was the culmination of almost three year’s work. Facilitated by the Board, it is based on input from numerous stakeholders, including the community, involved in natural resources management within the Northern & Yorke Region.

The Northern and Yorke NRM Plan outlines to the community, Local, State and Australian Governments and other stakeholders, a vision for the future of natural resources in the region and describes the goals and strategies to see the vision achieved. It brings together a range of existing plans and strategies to provide a more effective use of limited resources to manage our natural resources.

The Plan was developed as part of the responsibilities of the Board in accordance with the provisions of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 and has a strong alignment with the SA NRM Plan (2006).

The purpose of the Northern and Yorke NRM Plan was to:

- Review the state of the natural resources of the region;
- Identify the processes which threaten them;
- Examine the opportunities for more effective management of those resources; and
- Establish a framework of broad targets to guide regional communities and Local, State and Australian Government agencies.

The NRM Plan seeks to instil a landscape management approach which functions across all the natural resource assets, delivering integrated programs and solutions in the region reflecting the interdependence of all aspects of the environment. It focuses on delivering ecologically sustainable development, an approach which is based on intergenerational equity and the precautionary principle to ensure a long-term balance between use, conservation and development of the region's natural resources.

The Plan consists of 4 volumes:

- Volume A State of the Region Report,
- Volume B Strategic Plan,
- Volume C Business Plan, and
- Volume D Regulatory and Policy Framework.

The plan has guided the development of positive partnerships with community groups and industry support organisations and resulted in the delivery of on-ground activities and projects.
Volume C Business Plan is a three year rolling plan which outlines the Board’s investment for year one and includes indicative investment for the following two years. Each year the Board reviews and updates the Business Plan.

This section of the Annual Report contains a description of the focus of the Board’s NRM programs, the key issues for each and the intended outcomes to be achieved by the investment strategies as outlined in the Business Plan 2010-13, and a summary of the actions and achievements for 2011-12.

The achievements and initiatives for each of the N&Y NRM Group areas are included as an attachment to this report.

THE N&Y NRM BOARD REGION

The region covers a large, varied and productive portion of South Australia. It covers approximately 34 500 km² of land and includes 1 350 km of coastline and adjacent marine areas. The region stretches from Hamley Bridge in the south to Hawker in the north and includes Yorke Peninsula, the northern Mount Lofty Ranges, the Southern Flinders Ranges and significant areas of Spencer Gulf and Gulf St Vincent. The Board is responsible for a total of almost 50 000 km² covering the land and sea.

The region supports a population of almost 89 000 and includes traditional Aboriginal lands of the Kaurna, Narrunga, Nukunu, Ngadjuri, Barngala and Adnyamathanha people.

The major urban centres are the ‘Upper Spencer Gulf’ cities of Port Pirie and Port Augusta, the 'Copper Triangle' towns of Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo and the mid north towns of Clare and Jamestown.

It includes the Local Government areas of the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council, the District Councils of Barunga West, Copper Coast, Mount Remarkable, Orroroo-Carrieton, Peterborough, Yorke Peninsula, The Flinders Ranges Council, Northern Areas Council, Port Augusta City Council, Port Pirie Regional Council, Wakefield Regional Council and part of the District Council of Goyder.

The region's natural landscapes, ecosystems and natural resources of soil, water and native plants and animals, provide the foundation for the economy and the lifestyles it offers. A clear priority to ensure the long-term viability of our agricultural and other industries including fisheries, tourism, viticulture, horticulture, forestry, aquaculture and mining, that form the economic base for the region, is the sustainable management of our environmental resources using an integrated approach that protects and conserves complex natural systems and is supported by a whole of the community effort. This will ensure that the region can continue to be a major agricultural producer and conserve its native species and ecological habitats for the benefit of the communities in the region.
Board Investment programs

Healthy Soils

Focus: The Healthy Soils program focuses on the strong links between stable healthy soils for sustainable agriculture and the long term viability of our communities and the supporting ecosystems. To ensure the continued productive sustainability of our region, it is critical that the health of our natural and productive landscapes is maintained and enhanced.

Issues: The key threats to our soils include wind and water erosion often resulting from insufficient cover, and changes to the condition of the soil resource through increasing soil acidity, the increasing levels of secondary salinity, the loss of nutrients and insufficient organic matter.

Maintaining plant soil cover is a key component in protecting soils in our landscape. In areas with medium to high risk of wind erosion overall soil cover levels are steadily increasing but further increases are needed to meet 2015 Targets. In areas with medium to high risk of water erosion overall soil cover levels are declining and the risk of water erosion is increasing. Greater uptake of improved practices is required to meet the 2015 erosion risk target of soils adequately protected for 326 days.

Soil condition also impacts on resource protection and sustainable primary production. Areas of focus are soil acidity, matching of nutrient levels to plant requirements and prevention of an increasing area of dryland salinity. The State Land Condition Monitoring program indicates there are significant areas where soil acidification is worsening. The rate of acidification in these areas has the potential to severely impact on production and resource protection unless suitable management practices are undertaken.

Outcomes and Activities: The Healthy Soils program aims to support and maintain the current effort in meeting soil cover targets in areas with medium to high risk of wind erosion and to increase the effort in meeting soil cover targets in areas with medium to high risk of water erosion. Activities include encouraging land managers to adopt better practices to manage soil and land condition.

Working with industry organisations, government agencies, communities and individuals to provide technical advice, information sharing and assistance to undertake best practice management of the soil resource are key components of this program.

Under the NRM Act 2004, the Board is required to take action when a land degradation problem is noticed. The Healthy Soils program provides for the Board to work with land owners to undertake voluntary action and prepare a land management plan, prior to invoking compliance provisions (More information is available in the Northern and Yorke NRM Plan Volume D – Regulatory and Policy Framework.)

Achievements by Resource Condition Target and Management Action Target

Healthy Soils (S)

With support of the State NRM fund and the Caring for our Country Land Facilitator program, there was high activity in this program. The higher than average rainfall conditions have led to a
significant increase in the soil cover Management Action Target (MAT). Monitoring indicates that application levels of fertiliser rates has declined and may impact on the long term sustainability of soil health.

S1: Soil Protection
S1.1: Soil disturbance
✓ Supported State NRM project to provide support to Farmer group network to increase awareness of benefits of integrated NRM approach to sustainable farming practices;
  o Ag Ex Alliance
  o YP Alkaline Soils Group
  o Hart Field Site Group
  o Northern Sustainable Soils Inc
  o Mid North High Rainfall Zone Group
  o Upper North Farming Systems Group Inc
  o SANTFA
✓ Monitored land condition and supported farmers to prepare land management plans;
✓ Developed information tools for sustainable soils.

S1.2: Adequate cover
✓ Undertook land management inspections and monitoring of soil cover;
✓ Supported farmer groups to undertake trials and provided technical advice based on the learnings to reduce soil erosion risk through fencing; reducing wind erosion by re-vegetating with perennial grasses; and ensuring contour banks are re-designed and renovated.

S2: Soil Condition
S2.1: Water use efficiency
✓ Supported a Landcare Facilitator to work with farmers and agricultural support groups across the region;
✓ Supported and contributed to demonstration sites, field days and agricultural show events, Yorke Peninsula (Paskeville) Field Days;
✓ Worked with farmers on sustainable systems for mid-north high rainfall pasture and cropping areas;
✓ Supported adoption of farming practices to maximise fragile dune/swale soils.

S2.2: No tillage
✓ Delivered technical innovation support program for land managers to sustain natural resources in primary production;
✓ Supported research into impact of climate change on soils, and snail control in cropping land.
✓ Supported grazing business model for soil improvement and profit.

S2.3, S2.4, S2.5: fertiliser application and salinity management
✓ Monitored soil cover and fertiliser application rates.
✓ Supported research into improved management of soil acidity and production limitations.

Viable Water Resources
Focus: The Viable Water Resources program focuses on the essential nature of freshwater to the community, agriculture and industry, as well as for the water-dependant ecosystems. This program is critical to protecting water resources for the future and builds on the assessments of
groundwater and surface water resources and river and salinity management plans. It takes into account the impacts of water extraction assessed through on-going monitoring programs.

**Issues**: The key issues of water quality and water availability for all uses including production, domestic, amenity and environmental, need to be addressed in response to declining surface water flows and groundwater levels. Sustainability of the water resources will be sought through the strategic allocation of water for productive and environmental uses, minimising the impact of development, addressing the causes of declining water quality and protecting the water dependent ecosystems.

Good spring and base flows in watercourses are critical to the survival of water-dependent ecosystems. Groundwater levels in many aquifers have declined and groundwater salinity is highly variable across the region so program activities will include on-going investigations to monitor the trends. Surface water run-off has declined in higher-rainfall catchments, influenced by the lower rainfall, construction of surface water storages and changes to land management practices.

**Outcomes**: The Viable Water Resources target aims for no further decline in the quantity and quality of surface and groundwater. Monitoring of water resources is important to ensure that potential impacts on the resource and their dependent ecosystems are recognised and being effectively managed.

Water planning for sustainable management of both surface water and groundwater to better balance social and economic needs with the maintenance of environmental flows which are essential for healthy riverine and aquatic ecosystems and prosperous economies is a key responsibility of the Board.

Water planning and the management of Water Affecting Activities (WAA) to prevent practices that will impact on the water resources are key activities of the Board to address its responsibilities under the NRM Act. WAA include dams or structures to collect or divert water, construction of water crossings or dumping material, excavating or cleaning soaks, waterholes or on-stream dams, removal of vegetation, draining or discharging water desalination waste, stormwater including urban discharge, drainage and salinity control, drilling wells or bores. (More information is available in Northern and Yorke NRM Plan Volume D – Regulatory and Policy Framework.)

**Achievements by Resource Condition Target and Management Action Target**

**Viable Water Resources (W)**

During 2011-12 there was good progress on all action targets. Highlights included the:-

- progress of the development of a water allocation plan for the Baroota Prescribed Water Resources Area;
- work with the Department for Water to develop spatial dams assessment information;
- facilitate the presentation of the annual irrigators survey to the Clare Valley irrigators;
- identification of the high priority areas for habitat improvement projects, Wakefield River Management Plan;
- implemented communication strategy to build awareness of Water Affecting Activities assessment for permits.

**W1: Sustainable water supplies**
W1.1: Water Allocation Plan – Clare Valley
✓ Compiled annual report and facilitated a public meeting to present results and findings to Clare Valley Irrigators;
✓ Contributed to preparation of the Clare Valley Water Security Plan with Regional Development Australia Yorke & Mid North, and Local Government;
✓ Assessed water allocation activity and stormwater management plans.

W1.2 Water Allocation Plan – Baroota

W1.3 Water Affecting Activities (WAA)
✓ Implemented WAA permit assessment and compliance system supported by awareness of WAA;
✓ Developed and implemented a communication strategy to improve awareness of WAA;
✓ Supported the development of Best Practice Operating Procedures (BPOP) with key stakeholders;
✓ Undertook WAA inspections and provided advice to landholders;
✓ Commenced a collated list of water information and aboriginal water access.

W2: Water quality
W2.1: Stormwater and flood mitigation planning
✓ Worked with Local Government to increase awareness of WAA in relation to council works and the processing of development planning applications;
✓ Undertook review of NRM principles in Stormwater management plans, Development plans and applications.

W2.2: Water nutrient levels and
W2.3: Water salinity
✓ Undertook on-going monitoring of ground water and surface water resources.

W3: Water course protection
W3.1: River management plans
✓ Supported community group projects to improve waterways;
✓ Continued monitoring of Permanent Water Pools;
✓ Completed projects for restoration of riparian waterways in Broughton River;
✓ Commenced a review of the Wakefield Catchment Management Plan to identify restored riparian projects.

Healthy Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecosystems
Focus: The Healthy Coastal, Estuarine and Marine (CEM) Ecosystems program is focused on the conservation of the region's coastal, estuarine and marine assets. These ecosystems include habitats such as wetlands, seagrass meadows and reefs, dunes, cliffs and reefs, which support a multitude of plant, algae, mammal and fish species. They are at risk of further degradation from increasing pressures arising from their use and the potential impact of climate change.

Issues: The key threats include: invasion of pest species, the impact of contaminants, increasing industry and recreational use. The community places a high social value on having public access
to coastal areas. All coastal, estuarine and marine resources are important economic assets to the region, supporting fishing, tourism and mining industries. Therefore much of the economic future of the region depends in part on careful management of these resources.

Indicators of long-term ecological change of CEM ecosystems include the condition of the land and vegetation adjacent to the coast and the distribution, health, and abundance of threatened marine species, commercially harvested species and marine pests. Monitoring programs assess the health of seagrasses and the condition of reefs, to indicate the impact of actions on coastal, estuarine and marine ecosystems and facilitate adaptive management.

Outcomes: A priority of the CEM program is the management of coastal habitats and the reduction of land-based pollution, thereby protecting reefs, seagrasses and estuaries. Technical advice and support of community groups and local government to protect and improve the coast and marine environment are key components of achieving the targets identified in the plan.

Water quality in coastal and estuarine ecosystems is affected by stormwater and flood run-off so improved stormwater management in coastal towns and flood planning in new developments is encouraged.

Areas of conservation importance in the region include the saltmarsh habitats of Gulf St Vincent (from Port Wakefield to Price) and the Spencer Gulf (from Jarrold Point to Winninowie Conservation Park); and the sand dune and cliff landscapes of the west coast of Yorke Peninsula (from Port Hughes to Point Turton).

Climate change and rising sea levels will place further stress on these coastal areas.

This program is critical because the integrity of coastal and marine habitats is increasingly threatened by land based activities and a lack of action will result in continued degradation and loss.

Achievements by Resource Condition Target and Management Action Target

Coast, Estuarine & Marine (C)
The main activity in this program is to support local community action. A variety of projects were completed in support of and in partnership with local government and community groups.

C1: Improving CEM ecosystems
C1.1, C1.2, C1.3: Marine protected areas
✓ Participated in the identification and community consultation of marine parks;
✓ Investigated high occurrence of pearl oysters in the upper Spencer Gulf.
✓ Supported community groups to improve and manage sensitive coastal areas.

C2: CEM Water quality
C2.1: Stormwater and flood mitigation planning (CEM)
✓ Reviewed NRM principles in Stormwater management plans.

C2.1 Water quality in development planning
✓ Reviewed NRM principles in Development plans and applications.

C3: Coastal landscapes
C3.1: Vegetation and access
✓ Developed coastal planting guide and in partnership with local government, launched nine coastal gardens at various locations on the Yorke Peninsula;
✓ Supported community groups in coastal protection works including fencing, revegetation, walkways and signage and environmental weed programs.

C3.2: Coastal protection in development planning
✓ Reviewed NRM principles in Development plans and applications.

Healthy Terrestrial Ecosystems

Focus: The Healthy Terrestrial Ecosystems program focuses on the importance of viable natural ecosystems and targets the management, conservation and protection of the remnant vegetation areas of the region.

Remnant vegetation in the Northern and Yorke region is diverse and includes coastal, marine, tidal and terrestrial vegetation such as wetlands, woodlands and grasslands. The estimated 500,000 ha of grassland is not included in the estimated 1.2 million hectares of terrestrial remnant vegetation due to insufficient mapping of the region's grasslands. The region's terrestrial remnant vegetation occurs principally on private land (94% of region's native vegetation), with only 4% conserved through the reserve system.

Issues: The key issues include: decline in species diversity, ecological connectivity and the viability of water-dependent ecosystems. The program aims to protect by active management the significant remnant vegetation from further degradation by minimising the threats. Particular importance is placed on protecting ‘at risk’ species populations and ecological communities. Protection of habitat by improving the functionality and connectivity of remnant vegetation blocks across landscapes is a priority.

There are areas of remnant native vegetation that provide a representative sample habitat for some of the region's original biodiversity, highlighting the importance of conservation which will help species to survive and migrate with a changing climate. Priority landscapes include the Southern Flinders Ranges, Tothill Ranges and Southern Yorke Peninsula. A landscape approach to improve the resilience of the region and restore ecological connectivity is vital for species and communities to remain viable into the future.

Forty-six nationally threatened species and 186 State threatened species are recorded in the region. Ten of the region's ecological communities are listed as endangered at a State level and two are listed as endangered nationally. There was a dramatic reduction in ecological connectivity as the region's vegetation was cleared in the past. Connectivity continues to be degraded through pest plant and animal invasions, incremental clearance, land development, over-grazing and over-use of the region's water resources.

Key watercourse issues have been mapped for the upper Light, Wakefield, Broughton Rivers and the Willochra Creek and significant areas of watercourses and water dependent ecosystems have been protected and managed through devolved grants programs.

Outcomes: The targets in the NRM Plan will improve the condition of remnant vegetation through protection, management (including sustainable grazing practices), and strategic revegetation and regeneration. These activities will improve the ecological functionality of remnants.
Monitoring on a regular basis is needed to determine if the condition of ecosystems is changing. The provision of technical advice to expand community knowledge and incentives to undertake management for the conservation of areas of native vegetation and wetlands are key components for delivery of this program.

This program is critical because without concerted effort further species extinctions will occur and the health of our natural and production landscapes will continue to decline.

**Achievements by Resource Condition Target and Management Action Target**

**Healthy Terrestrial Ecosystems (B)**
This program is the largest area of the Board, with substantial support from the Caring for our Country program. The targets align strongly with the State NRM Plan.

**B1: Viable vegetation communities**

**B1.1: Increase remnant vegetation**
- ✓ In a culmination of two year’s work with key stakeholders, the “Living Flinders” Southern Flinders Ranges CAP has developed and launched a prospectus to garner further external partners to the project.
- ✓ The Southern Yorke Peninsula CAP project, ‘The Mainland Island CAP’, is continuing to develop and expand its operations and impacts across the landscape.
- ✓ The Mid North Agricultural Zone CAP has been initiated and is starting to engage with landholders, common interest groups and organisations to develop an landscape scale management program for the region.
- ✓ Control of pest plants and animals for biodiversity conservation in key biodiversity areas adjacent to national parks and other sensitive areas of southern Yorke Peninsula and southern Flinders Ranges;
- ✓ Species recorded increased populations - Western Whipbird, Hooded Plover, Malleefowl, Echidna, Bush Stone-curlew;
- ✓ Provided private land conservation support in partnership with DEWNR;
- ✓ Supported facilitator services for NRM on Aboriginal managed lands in partnership with the Aboriginal Lands Trust;
- ✓ Facilitated agreements with landholders for permanent conservation and protection of quality vegetation remnants.

**B1.2: Manage remnant vegetation**
- ✓ Targeted landholder engagement programs for integrated active management of significant biodiversity remnants;
- ✓ Expanded Bushland Condition Monitoring (BCM) sites to assist long term monitoring of Resource Condition;
- ✓ Land restoration on Aboriginal lands and private lands in the southern Flinders Ranges and Yorke Peninsula.

**B1.3: Sustainable grazing**
- ✓ Increased protection of native vegetation by helping farmers fence existing native vegetation and plant local native species;

**B2: No species lost**

**B2.1: Threatened species**
Supported projects for the restoration and reconstruction of habitat in key biodiversity areas, integrated active management of significant biodiversity remnants and control of pest plants and animals that has resulted in population increase of native species;

Species - Plains-wanderer, the Olearia Daisy and the Flinders Ranges White Caladenia, Spiny Everlasting Daisy, Inland Green Comb Spider-orchid, Large Club Spider-orchid, Halbury Greenhood Orchid;

Reduced the impact of Southern Hairy-Nosed Wombat on the Yorke Peninsula assisted by the Point Pearce Aboriginal Community.

B3: Increased connectivity
B3.1: Ecological connectivity

Supported biodiversity conservation and revegetation projects to ‘reconstruct’ biodiversity;

Supported community groups in the Lower North, Upper North and Yorke Peninsula to undertake on-ground projects.

Commenced CAP in the southern Yorke Peninsula.

Conducted educational information environmental days.

B3.2 Roadside vegetation

Completed pest plant control to protect native vegetation on roadsides;

Completed extensive pest control project, plant and animal.

Programs to eradicate State Declared and Weeds Of National Significance, to improve habitats.

Facilitated State NRM competitive CAP for biological outcomes.

B4: Water dependent ecosystems
B4.1: Riverine habitat

Undertook survey and targeted landholder engagement to control pest plants to protect priority river environments to the Broughton catchments.

B4.2: Watercourse vegetation

Supported local government and community groups to undertake weed control works and revegetation projects in watercourses.

B4.3: Environmental flows

Ongoing monitoring of River Red Gums as an indicator of environmental health.

Minimal Pest Impact

Focus: The key focus of the program is preventing the introduction of new pests, containing the spread of invasive pests and reducing the impact of established pests. Reducing the impact of pest plants and animals requires a strategic approach for the containment, control and eradication (where possible) of existing infestations and the prevention of new incursions.

Issues: The Minimal Pest Impact program addresses the current and potential impacts caused by pest plants and animals. Once pests are established, they can reduce the integrity of both natural and production areas with ongoing ramifications for ecosystem health. This program is a major part of Board business to address its responsibilities under the NRM Act 2004.

The actions to control pest plants and animals will be determined using the N&Y Pest Risk Management Framework. Assessment of the pest risk, the likelihood of them being introduced...
and surviving in the region, and the feasibility of controlling them will determine the approach to be applied. The priority is on containing the distribution of established pests, and on strategic monitoring for potential incursions and rapid response if needed. This is consistent with the National weeds and vertebrate pest strategies.

Objectives: Activities of the Board include statutory responsibilities in relation to the control of declared plants and animals. Land owners have a responsibility to manage pest plants and animals and the Board works together with them to prepare voluntary management plans. The Board may also enforce control or eradication of declared pest plants and animals with Action Plans or Protection Orders. The Board through its NRM Groups has a responsibility to control declared weeds on roadside reserves.

The programs are determined on a regional basis and also at a local level. They provide for periodic inspections of potential high risk incursion sites (e.g. major roadsides, boat ramps and marinas) for specific pests that are considered as high risks for introduction to the region. The frequency of monitoring will be determined by the season, invasiveness, actual impact, rate of pest detection, presence of threatened species or ecosystems, economic value of affected industries, and the rate of spread.

This program is critical because pest plants and animals have a major impact on environmental and agricultural sustainability. Consistent with Board objectives of pest control, activities are also integrated into the activities of all other NRM investment programs.

(More information is available in N&Y NRM Plan, Volume D – Regulatory and Policy Framework.)

Achievements by Resource Condition Target and Management Action Target

Minimal Pest Impact (I)
The Minimal Pest Impact is a significant area of investment by the Board.

II: Less impact from pests

II.1 Risk assessment and management
- Supported community groups in pest weed control project;
- Completed targeted control programme for Olives and Bathurst Burr;
- Contributed to review of State Proclaimed Weeds;
- Completed plant and animal monitoring and control programs for deer, fox, goats and rabbits;
- Completed extensive control of Bridal Creeper and Gorse (weeds of national significance) in Yorke Peninsula and Lower North areas.

II.2: Feral animal control
- Coordinated fox baiting programs to reduce impact on native fauna;
- Worked with community groups in townships to undertake fox and rabbit control;
- Completed ongoing prevention and control within the Boneseed containment line on the Yorke Peninsula.

II.3: Roadside weed control
- Completed inspections of roadsides in priority areas for State proclaimed weed control; landholder advice letters; and monitoring of pest plant issues;
- Species - Silverleaf nightshade, Wild Artichoke Thistle, Horehound, African boxthorn, Innocent weed, Caltrop, One and Two leaf cape tulip, Creeping Knapweed, African rue,

II: No new pests
II.1: Biosecurity and Incursion Plans
✓ Targeted African boxthorn, White Weeping Broom and completed pest weed management projects – Wheel cactus (stage 3);
✓ Trialled mechanical control of Wheel Cactus in heavily infested areas;
✓ Developed pest weed management plans for the Northern and Yorke region;
✓ Support locust eradication response program.

Community Driven NRM

Focus: The Community Driven NRM program recognises that effective natural resources management occurs through the successful partnership and collaboration with the community. The NRM Groups of the Board are key to encouraging local involvement of land managers and community groups by acting as a liaison for input of local issues into Group and Board planning and to raise awareness of the benefits of better NRM management.

Awareness is a key first step to becoming engaged in NRM, and the aim is to engage all people in the community, including the urban population, many of whom do not traditionally think of themselves as natural resource managers.

In rural areas there is a higher focus on NRM due to the reliance on land and water resources for viable business purposes. A survey of NRM awareness and adoption of sustainable practices among rural landholders showed that weeds and pest animals were the mostly widely recognised issues, followed by adoption of better cropping and improved stock management practices.

Activities to increase the level of adoption of sustainable practices require recognition of the challenges faced by landholders. Adverse seasonal conditions can work against the adoption of new practices and yet also provide opportunities to make changes that will improve overall production viability.

Outcomes: Targets for community capacity building recognise that a spectrum of social, physical, and human resources need to be improved, ranging from individual to institutional levels, in order to be successful. The principal outcome is a community more involved in improved NRM. Indicators of the program success include volunteer numbers and/or hours, participation in activities, the level of understanding of NRM and the effect of media promotions.

Adoption of NRM practices by encouraging behaviour change and increasing the participation of people in NRM activities will drive the continued improvement in the condition of natural resources beyond the life of this plan. Activities to change behaviour and to ensure long-term involvement in the management of natural resources include providing information and the recognition of exceptional contributions to the improvement of NRM.

This program is critical as an informed community is the base for creating social capital to drive successful natural resources management.

Achievements by Resource Condition Target and Management Action Target
Community Driven NRM (P)
This program is a high investment area of the Board. The focus for the Community Driven NRM (CDN) has been to establish and build links with other NRM agencies. These partnerships result in more strength and capacity to deliver on-ground activities.

The program also covers supporting the community to participate in NRM, whether local or group projects or community and school environmental days, recognising quality assurance and supporting the Board and Groups in their roles.

P1: Awareness & Engagement
P1.1: Stakeholder relationships
✓ Supported the Aboriginal Lands Trust (ALT) to coordinate on-grounds works on Aboriginal managed lands.
✓ Formed a regional alliance with Central Local Government Region and Regional Development Australia, to progress agreed regional priorities. The inaugural Yorke and Mid North planning day was held on 1 April 2011 and the second on 30 March 2012.

P1.2 Communication & Engagement
✓ Distributed annual newspaper ‘Yakka’, circulation 50,000;
✓ Coordinated Business Plan consultation;
✓ Coordinated update of Board website;
✓ Facilitated and supported community based school NRM education events including Marine Environment Day at Port Augusta, Caltowie Corridors of Green - Appila Springs, Yacka-Moorundie Landcare Group – Spalding;
✓ Supported community events, farmer forums, field days and country agricultural shows.

P2: Capacity building
P2.1: Training, extension and support
✓ Developed new N&Y NRMB Fact sheets;
✓ Recognised community NRM Quiet Achievers.

P2.2: Research and development
✓ Landholder survey in partnership with Uni SA;
✓ Flinders and Adelaide Uni research and knowledge projects.
✓ Initiated project management, nature welfare, CCVA-CLCR and RDA.

P3: Adoption
P3.1: Landscape participation
✓ Supported community group NRM projects through the N&Y NRMB Community Grants program allocations to community groups, local government and schools;
✓ Facilitated, with support from Greening SA, Conservation Action Planning for southern Flinders Ranges.

P3.2 Performance and reporting
✓ Provided Board and NRM Group meeting support
✓ Performance Excellence to better support the Board and operations;
✓ Completed policy framework development and review;
✓ Completed review of Terms of Reference for Board advisory committees;
✓ Completed review of N&Y NRMB Business Plan (2011-2014);
Corporate performance indicators and strategy (2010-2012);
Commenced monitoring of NRM Act compliance statistics;
Implementation of Records Management System;
Continued to progress implementation of integrated planning and reporting (InterPlan) for all Board activities;
Financial reporting and completed integration to InterPlan.

Governance and administration

Focus: The Board has a key role in providing efficient and effective leadership and management of the Board business. Sound governance and administration are critical to the sustainable operation of the Board and the development of its capacity to deliver effective NRM programs in the region.

Governance and administration activities support the delivery of the Board's strategies across all of the program areas. These include a clear understanding of the obligations and responsibilities of the Board and adoption of the principles of good governance to ensure that the Board operates with integrity and in an ethical manner. The guiding principles include leadership, strategic planning, community relationships, openness and transparency in decision-making, accountability, responsible risk management, development of human resources, efficient allocation of Board resources, financial management and timely performance reporting.

Outcomes: Effective governance is linked closely with efficient business systems to ensure the Board's stakeholders have confidence in its capacity to deliver natural resources management over the region. The Board needs to ensure its business systems are efficient and effective and have capacity to support the extensive array of natural resource management activities.

The Board uses the NRM Business Excellence framework to guide the review, evaluation and the development of improvement strategies in the business operations that will enhance the performance of the organisation. A business culture that fosters professional excellence among its staff and encourages co-operation with diverse partners will be integral to achieving efficient program management and service delivery.

The Board operates from nine office locations. The Regional office is at Crystal Brook with other offices across the region to support the activities of the field staff. Administration staff provide support across the operations of the Board in areas of planning, communication, finance, human resources, records management, electronic information, monitoring and evaluation, project management and reporting.

General overview of performance

Recent achievements include:
- a review of operations, planning and performance monitoring and reporting processes to meet stringent government requirements;
- implemented data and information systems for records management and whole of organisation planning and reporting and improved financial management;
- participated in national NRM activities;
- improved operation planning and performance reporting processes;
- completed performance, workplan and training plan reviews for all staff.
Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and improvement

Focus: To assess whether the condition of the natural resources is improving, the Board has developed a Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement Framework (MERI) to address its responsibilities under the NRM Act and to ensure that NRM funds are invested in such a manner to make a positive contribution to achieve the targets of the N&Y NRM Plan.

There is a clear need to monitor and evaluate the change in the resource condition over the short, medium and long term, at regional and local levels and to evaluate and improve the ongoing management practices. Assessment of the impact of NRM management activities is a core component of adaptive management and with resource condition monitoring enables the Board to respond to condition changes and address any new or changes in the key influencing factors.

Outcomes: Monitoring will be undertaken to determine the impact of the 'means' (planned activities) to achieve the 'ends' (desired target outcomes). Existing Board and agency monitoring programs are the primary source of this data and information.

Monitoring activities occurring in the region:
✓ Soil cover assessments – PIRSA,
✓ Land management and soil condition monitoring – N&Y NRM Board,
✓ Surface and groundwater monitoring – DfW, SA Water, N&Y NRM Board,
✓ Bushland condition monitoring – N&Y NRM Board,
✓ Pest plant and animal monitoring – N&Y NRM Board,
✓ Development and WAA inspections – N&Y NRM Board and Local Government.

A component of each program expenditure is allocated to performance monitoring and evaluation. Systems to monitor the Board’s program delivery and its outputs and outcomes are being implemented.

Evaluation of the monitoring information will focus on:
• Changes in the condition of the natural resource
• Assessment of the influence of actions and seeking to understand cause and effect, i.e. the impact of NRM programs on resource management practices and the subsequent impact in terms of resource condition;
• Effectiveness, efficiency and appropriateness of NRM investment program in the achievement of NRM outcomes; and
• Disassociating seasonal or climate induced variation from long-term trends in resource condition.

ACHIEVEMENT REPORT CARD BY RESOURCE CONDITION TARGET

A snapshot of the achievements of the natural resources management programs managed by the N&Y NRM Board throughout 2011-12 is shown below in the Achievement Report Card and a summary of projects completed for each Resource Condition Target Area.

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## Conservation action plans completed

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## Bushland Condition Monitoring sites

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## Monitoring area affected

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## Improved management of vegetation under Biodiversity or Heritage Agreement

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## Minimal Pest Impact

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## Weeds of National Significance treated on roadsides

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## Funding Sources

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## ROLE, LEGISLATION AND STRUCTURE

The Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board is established under section 23 of the *Natural Resources Management Act 204*.

## OBJECT OF THE *NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT*
The objects of the Act include to assist in the achievement of ecologically sustainable development in the State by establishing an integrated scheme to promote the use and management of natural resources in a manner that—
(a) recognises and protects the intrinsic values of natural resources; and
(b) seeks to protect biological diversity and, insofar as is reasonably practicable, to support and encourage the restoration or rehabilitation of ecological systems and processes that have been lost or degraded; and
(c) provides for the protection and management of catchments and the sustainable use of land and water resources and, insofar as is reasonably practicable, seeks to enhance and restore or rehabilitate land and water resources that have been degraded; and
(d) seeks to support sustainable primary and other economic production systems with particular reference to the value of agriculture and mining activities to the economy of the State; and
(e) provides for the prevention or control of impacts caused by pest species of animals and plants that may have an adverse effect on the environment, primary production or the community; and
(f) promotes educational initiatives and provides support mechanisms to increase the capacity of people to be involved in the management of natural resources.

ROLE OF THE BOARD

The Boards’ role is defined in the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 and includes:
- Taking an active role in the management of natural resources within the region and providing advice on natural resource issues;
- Preparing a regional natural resources management plan;
- Implementing the Board’s three-year business plan;
- Promoting public awareness and understanding of the importance of integrated and sustainable NRM;
- Providing advice on the assessment of activities or proposals referred under legislation or on any matter relevant to the condition or management of natural resources; and
- Undertaking and supporting educational activities and increasing community capacity to undertake sustainable natural resource management.

FUNCTIONS OF THE NORTHERN AND YORKE NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD

Section 29 of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 describes the functions of the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board.

(1) The functions of a regional NRM Board are—
(a) to undertake an active role with respect to the management of natural resources within its region; and
(b) —
    (i) to prepare a regional NRM plan in accordance with this Act; and
    (ii) to implement that plan; and
(iii) to keep the plan under review to ensure that the objects of this Act are being achieved; and

(c) to promote public awareness and understanding of the importance of integrated and sustainable natural resources management within its region, to undertake or support educational initiatives with respect to natural resources management, and to provide mechanisms to increase the capacity of people to implement programs or to take other steps to improve the management of natural resources; and

(d) to provide advice with respect to the assessment of various activities or proposals referred to the Board under this or any other Act; and

(e) to resolve any issues that may arise between any NRM groups that are relevant to the management of natural resources within its region; and

(ea) to undertake an active role in ensuring-

(i) that any Development Plan under the Development Act 1993 that applies within its region promotes the objects of this Act; and

(ii) insofar as is reasonably practicable, that those Development Plans and the Board’s regional NRM plan form a coherent set of policies, and, in so doing, when a Development Plan amendment under the Development Act 1993 that is relevant to the activities of the Board is under consideration under that Act, to work with-

(iii) in the case of a Development Plan amendment proposed by a council—the council; or

(iv) in the case of a Development Plan amendment proposed by a Minister—the Minister’s department;

(f) at the request of the Minister or the NRM Council, or on its own initiative, to provide advice on any matter relevant to the condition of natural resources within its region, or on the management of those resources, to conduct any inquiry or audit, or to provide any other advice or report that may be appropriate in the circumstances; and

(g) such other functions assigned to the Board by the Minister or by or under this or any other Act.

(2) To avoid doubt, a regional NRM Board may act with respect to a particular matter despite the fact that the matter may not fall within the scope of its regional NRM plan.

(3) However, if a regional NRM Board acts with respect to a particular matter in the circumstances described in subsection (2), the Board must furnish a report on the matter to the Natural Resources Committee of the Parliament (unless the matter is not, in the opinion of the Board, significant).

(4) In performing its functions, a regional NRM Board should (as far as is reasonably practicable) seek to work collaboratively with—

(a) the other regional NRM Boards whose regions adjoin the region of the Board; and

(b) other State agencies, agencies of the Commonwealth, and agencies of the other States and Territories, that have functions that are relevant to those of the Board; and

(c) NRM groups with areas that fall (wholly or partially) within the region of the Board; and

(d) the constituent councils for the region, and other councils as may be relevant; and

(e) relevant industry, environment and community groups and organisations; and

(f) persons who own or occupy land within the region of the Board (insofar as may be relevant).

(5) A regional NRM Board will, with respect to the performance of its functions, report to the Minister.

(6) If the Minister assigns a function to a regional NRM Board under subsection (1)—
(a) the Minister must furnish a report on the matter to the Natural Resources Committee of the Parliament; and
(b) the regional NRM Board must cause a statement of the fact of the assignment to be published in its next annual report.

MEMBERSHIP

Section 25 of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* provides for the appointment of the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board.

The Board comprises 9 members, appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the Minister. Each of the appointed members of the Board is a person who, in the opinion of the Minister, meets the standards stipulated by section 25(4) of the Act for the appointment of members:

(4) For the purposes of subsection (1), the Minister must (as far as is reasonably practicable in the circumstances)—

(a) give consideration to nominating persons so as to provide a range of knowledge, skills and experience across the following areas:
   (i) community affairs at the regional level;
   (ii) primary production or pastoral land management;
   (iii) soil conservation and land management;
   (iv) conservation and biodiversity management;
   (v) water resources management;
   (vi) business administration;
   (vii) local government or local government administration;
   (viii) urban or regional planning;
   (ix) Aboriginal interest in the land and water, and Aboriginal heritage;
   (x) pest animal and plant control;
   (xi) natural and social science;
   (xii) if relevant—coast, estuarine and marine management, fisheries or aquaculture; and

(b) nominate persons who are able to demonstrate an interest in ensuring the sustainable use and conservation of natural resources and an awareness of natural resource issues across the relevant region; and

(c) ensure—
   (i) that a majority of the members of the Board reside within the relevant region; and
   (ii) that a majority of the members of the Board are engaged in an activity related to the management of land.
(5) In addition, the Minister must, before finalising his or her nominations for the purposes of this section, consult with the designated Ministers.

(6) At least 1 member of a regional NRM Board must be a woman and at least 1 member must be a man.

(7) At least 1 member of a regional NRM Board must be a member or officer of a council at the time of his or her appointment, unless—
   (a) the Board's region does not include any part of the area of a council; or
   (b) the Minister cannot, after taking reasonable steps, find a member or officer of a council who—
       (i) in the opinion of the Minister, is suitable to be appointed as a member of the Board; and
       (ii) is willing and available to be a member of the Board.

(8) The Governor must appoint a suitable member of a regional NRM Board to be the presiding member of the Board.

(9) The Governor may appoint a suitable person to be the deputy of a member of a regional NRM Board.

(10) A deputy may act as a member of a regional NRM Board during any period of absence of the member in relation to whom the deputy has been appointed.

(11) The Minister may, by instrument in writing, authorise a person or persons to attend any meeting of a regional NRM Board in order to represent the interests of the Commonwealth, the State or local government.

The membership of the Board during 2011-12 was:

**Members**
- Caroline Schaefer
- Jacqueline O’Reilly
- Claudia Smith
- Kathleen Bowman
- Pamela Pilkington
- Eric Sommerville
- Clark Ingham
- Grant Chapman
- Steve Ball

**Government representatives authorised to attend meetings**
- Anita Crisp
- Wayne Hutchinson
- Mike Smith
- Will Zacharin

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**
Nil.
MEETINGS: GENERAL AND SPECIAL
A total of 11 general Board meetings were held during the 2011-12 financial year.

A total of 0 special Board meetings were held during the 2011-12 financial year.

Attendance by appointed members at meetings:

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GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The business of the N&Y NRM Board delivers a diverse NRM investment program that is supported by a robust governance framework, including planning, corporate and administrative functions. The Board is supported by several advisory committees for corporate and technical NRM matters.

The Board is also supported by three regional NRM Groups and is actively developing their capacity to provide on-ground outcomes by engaging land managers at the local level through increased community ownership. The NRM Group members provide a social and local context for delivery of programs by encouraging community engagement and for monitoring performance.

The NRM Groups have an integral role in the support of project and program initiatives. They provide an important community liaison role, assess and prioritise project proposals and monitor the roadside weed control program.

A report on the activities of the NRM Groups is provided as an attachment to this Annual Report.

MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

EMPLOYEE NUMBERS, GENDER AND STATUS

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(FTEs shown to 1 decimal place)
### NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES BY SALARY BRACKET

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### EXECUTIVES

**EXECUTIVES BY GENDER, CLASSIFICATION AND STATUS**
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### WORKFORCE DIVERSITY

**ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EMPLOYEES**

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CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY

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* Benchmarks from ABS Publication Basic Community Profile (SA) Cat No. 2001.0, 2006 census.

TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES WITH DISABILITIES (ACCORDING TO COMMONWEALTH DDA DEFINITION)

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TYPES OF DISABILITY (WHERE SPECIFIED)

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VOLUNTARY FLEXIBLE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

VOLUNTARY FLEXIBLE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS BY GENDER

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Note: Employees may be undertaking more than one type of Flexible Working Arrangement at the same time. In this way, the total is unlikely to add to 100%.


PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT

DOCUMENTED REVIEW OF INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

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<th>Employees with …</th>
<th>% Total Workforce</th>
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<td>A review within the past 12 months</td>
<td>56</td>
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<td>16</td>
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<td>No review</td>
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LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING EXPENDITURE

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<th>Training and Development</th>
<th>Total Cost</th>
<th>% of Total Salary Expenditure</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total training and development expenditure</td>
<td>$144 630</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>Total leadership and management development expenditure</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
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</table>
ACCREDITED TRAINING PACKAGES

ACCREDITED TRAINING PACKAGES BY CLASSIFICATION

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<td>ASO4</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>ASO5</td>
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS

The gender balance of the Community Board members is taken into consideration when members are appointed.

The members of the Board are aware of and abide by their obligations under the State Equal Opportunity Act 1984.

The Board has not participated in any public sector wide equal opportunity employment programs.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, SAFETY AND INJURY MANAGEMENT

TABLE 1 OHS NOTICES AND CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN

| Number of notifiable occurrences pursuant to OHS&W Regulations Part 7 Division 6 | 0 |
| Number of notifiable injuries pursuant to OHS&W Regulations Part 7 Division 6 | 0 |
| Number of notices served pursuant to OHS&W Act s35, s39 and s40 (default, improvement and prohibition notices) | 0 |

TABLE 2: AGENCY GROSS\(^1\) WORKERS COMPENSATION EXPENDITURE FOR 2011-12 COMPARED WITH 2010-11 \(^2\)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>EXPENDITURE</th>
<th>2011-12 ($m)</th>
<th>2009-10 ($m)</th>
<th>Variation ($m) + (-)</th>
<th>% Change + (-)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Income Maintenance</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Lump Sum Settlements Redemptions - Sect.42</td>
<td>0</td>
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\(^1\) before 3rd party recovery
\(^2\) Information available from SIMS (for detailed advice on data extraction contact PSWD)
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<th>Lump Sum Settlements</th>
<th>Permanent Disability – Sect. 43</th>
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<td>Medical/Hospital Costs combined</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td></td>
<td>0</td>
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<td><strong>Total Claims Expenditure</strong></td>
<td></td>
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### TABLE 3 MEETING SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS<sup>3</sup>

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<th>Base: 2009-10</th>
<th>Performance: 12 months to end of June 2012</th>
<th>Final Target</th>
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<td></td>
<td>Numbers or %</td>
<td>Actual</td>
<td>Notional Quarterly Target</td>
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<td>1. Workplace Fatalities</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>2. New Workplace Injury Claims</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>3. New Workplace Injury Claims Frequency Rate</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>4. Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate ***</td>
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<td>5. New Psychological Injury Claims</td>
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<td>6. Rehabilitation and Return to Work:</td>
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<td>6a. Early Assessment within 2 days</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>90%</td>
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<td>6b. Early Intervention within 5 days</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>6c. RTW within 10 business days</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>7. Claim Determination:</td>
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<tr>
<td>7a. Claims determined for provisional in 7 calendar days</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>7b. Claims determined in 10 business days</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>7c. Claims still to be determined after 3 months</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. Income Maintenance Payments for Recent Injuries:</td>
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<tr>
<td>2010-11 Injuries (at 24 months development)</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>2010-11 Injuries (at 12 months development)</td>
<td>$17,986.51</td>
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<td>$17,986.51</td>
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<sup>3</sup> Information available from IDEAS RS/SIMS (SIPS target report)
FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The Financial Statements 2011-12 have been prepared for the N&Y NRM Board and are attached to this report.

The N&Y NRM Plan brought together existing plans and programs to guide the Board's NRM investment and the development of the Board Business Plan for 2010-11. This plan included income from the NRM Levy (both Division 1 and 2 Levies), the State Government (through the State NRM Fund), the Australian Government (e.g. through Caring for our Country), contributions from other funding bodies and other minor income sources. The Board programs align with the targets of the N&Y NRM Plan. They are:-

- Healthy Soils
- Viable Water Resources
- Healthy Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecosystems
- Healthy Terrestrial Ecosystems
- Minimal Pest Impact
- Community Driven NRM.

For 2011-12 total operating income was $5.977m and the operating expenditure was $6.110m to give an operating net deficit of $133,000. There were also capital additions of $66,000. All projects for 2011-12 were completed and there were no carryover of funds as at 30 June 2011. There are some projects that are being undertaken in stages and these are allocated from the budget in each respective year.

Income

To enable the Board to undertake its functions, Section 92 of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 enables the Board to specify the amount of levy to be collected from the community (Division 1 Regional NRM Levy). The Regional NRM Levy is collected by Local Government constituent councils. Section 101 of the Act enables the Minister to declare a NRM water levy (Division 2) payable by water licensees in prescribed water resources areas. This plan includes a description of the basis for the levy collection and an assessment of its social impact.

The Regional NRM Levy of $2,570,500 provided approximately 50% of the total income for 2011-12 and was an increase of 4% over 2009-10. This enabled the Board to maintain the present effort with the known increases in fixed costs.

Funding from the Australian Government Caring for our Country program has been secured until 2013. A funding agreement (base level funding) has been negotiated for 2011-13 in the
following priority target areas. Program funding for 2011-12: Improving native habitat $1,072,000, Improving land management practices $165,000, Increasing community knowledge and skills $143,000 and Indigenous engagement $187,000. The Board received $1,567,000 in each year of the agreement. The Board also received $150,000 for funding to support a Landcare Facilitator.

The agreement was extended to include funding of $50,000 first payment of the Bio-regional Assessment of the impact of Coal seam mining on water resources.

The Board also secured funding from the Clean Energy Futures – Biodiversity Fund for three major multi-year projects. Funds of $380,000 were received in 2011-12.

Other income included fees and charges for pest control works, small grant funds and contributions, donations and bank interest.

The following table provides a comparison of the funding amounts by source.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Income by Source and amount</th>
<th>2011-12 Actual</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>NRM Levies</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Division 1 – Regional NRM Levy</td>
<td>$ 2,673,000</td>
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<td>Division 2 – Water Levy</td>
<td>$  72,000</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>State Government</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>State NRM Fund</td>
<td>$  511,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>State NRM Programs</td>
<td>$  547,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Payroll tax refund</td>
<td>$   47,000</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Commonwealth Government</strong></td>
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<td>National Landcare</td>
<td>$  165,000</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Caring for our Country - base funding</strong></td>
<td>$ 1,617,000</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Clean Energy Futures – Biodiversity Fund</strong></td>
<td>$  380,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>$   10,000</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Other Income</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Fees &amp; Charges (Pest Control)</td>
<td>$  123,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other (Reimbursements &amp; Donations)</td>
<td>$   45,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest</td>
<td>$  136,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
<td>$  6,326,000</td>
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Notes to Income by source and amount.
1. The State Natural Resources Management (NRM) Fund is a statutory fund established by the Natural Resources Management Act 2004.
2. The State NRM Fund – competitive and regional investment program.
3. The Commonwealth Government has made a commitment to provide natural resource management organisations in Australia with secure base level funding to 2012-13 to deliver against the national targets identified in the “Caring for our Country Business Plan 2010-11”.
4. Income received by cost recovery of services for animal and plant control.
5. Additional income from other sources.
NRM Levies

Section 92(2) specifies the basis or method of determining the Regional NRM Levy. Based on the decision making process followed by the Board and investigations undertaken in 2008, the Board has adopted the value of rateable land as the basis for determining the Regional NRM Levy.

The Northern and Yorke region is one of South Australia's important agricultural areas as it contributes approximately one quarter of the State's total value of agricultural production (ABS 2006) from cropping, livestock and livestock products. The social and economic stability of the region is dependent, to a large extent, on its economically sustainable agricultural industries. Most of these industries either have an effect on natural resources or are affected by the way in which those resources are managed.

In assessing the merits or otherwise of the alternative methods on which to base the levies, the Board has attempted to consistently employ the basis of fairness, efficiency and good governance.

The basis of the Regional NRM Levy in 2011-12 was the value of rateable land. The average Regional NRM Levy amount payable for ratepayers was approximately $39 in 2011-12, however the levy was greater or lesser amount for rateable properties with higher or lower value, respectively. In the Northern and Yorke region the total capital value of residential properties is $1.127 billion (average $155,000) and the total capital value of primary production properties is $1.454 billion (average $520,000) (ABS 2006). Additionally primary producers expend an average of $26,817 per property each year (ABS 2006) on natural resources management.

The Board also raised an NRM Water Levy from licensed irrigators in prescribed areas. This applied to water licensees in the Clare Valley Prescribed Water Resources Area as a contribution to the activities to manage the water resources in the area. Based on the principles established by the Board and investigations undertaken, the Board adopted an NRM water levy based on the quantity of water allocated for the levy calculation.

During 2011-12 the Board received funding of $434,000 from the State NRM fund competitive program for the Managing Biodiversity through increased community capacity and landholder participation, $100,000 from the State NRM fund regional program as part of the Sustainable Agriculture program for support to farmer groups and $13,000 from the Native Vegetation Council to support restoration works along priority areas of the Wakefield River.

Expenditure

The Annual budget 2011-12 was adopted by the Board on 27 June 2011 as a balanced budget. In accordance with Board policy, the Annual Budget was developed using a zero based budgeting approach. The draft was refined in terms of the Business Plan budget estimates and other financial assumptions such as the current and projected measure of CPI, known and expected increase or decrease in income and expenditure.

The Annual Budget was reviewed three times during the period 2011-12. The purpose of the reviews is to review all budget allocations and propose revisions based on changed circumstances and other influencing factors. These include confirmation of funding, advice of grant approvals, implementing or increasing a response to a local issue or an unforeseen and unplanned impact on projects and activities.
The Board investment strategy is spread across the target areas of the Board programs using staff as the mode of service delivery. The total approved staffing resources are 31.1 Full Time Equivalents (FTE) which was unchanged from the previous year. Service contracts are used in areas of project funding and technical support is provided by State agencies and the private sector. The following tables show estimated income and expenditure allocations across the Board program areas.

### Income by NRM Target

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<th>NRM Target</th>
<th>Estimated Income</th>
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<td>Series 1, Healthy Soils</td>
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5 November 2012

Ms C Schaefer
Presiding Member
Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board
PO Box 175
Crystal Brook SA 5523

Dear Ms Schaefer,

Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board
2011-12 audit

The audit of the accounts of the South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board (the Board) for the year ended 30 June 2012 has been completed.

The audit coverage is directed to meeting statutory audit responsibilities under the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987 and also the requirements of Australian Auditing Standards.

The audit covered the principal areas of the financial operations of the Board and included the test review of systems and processes, internal controls and financial transactions.

The two important outcomes from the annual audit process are:

- the issue of the Independent Auditor’s Report (IAR) on the integrity of the South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board’s financial report
- the Audit management letter advising of system, process and internal control matters including recommendations for improvement.

Audit findings

An audit management letter was sent to you in September identifying a number of areas for improvement to controls which were identified during the interim audit process. The year end audit conducted by contracted auditors from Galpins Accountants, Auditors and Business Consultants revealed some additional areas where controls over the financial processes and reporting of the Board could be improved. These matters, which have been discussed with the Finance Officer, are detailed in the attachment.
Financial report

Returned herewith is the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board’s financial report for 2011-12 with the IAR, which is qualified.

A qualification has been issued on the Board’s financial statements for a number of years (and continues in 2011-12) because there is insufficient supporting documentation to support the valuation of certain items of property, plant and equipment transferred to the Board in 2006.

Audit understands that the Board undertook an asset stock take in 2010-11 to verify the existence of all assets within the Board’s control. The Board may wish to consider obtaining an independent valuation of items of property, plant and equipment, for which there are no historical purchase records. With appropriate supporting valuation documentation, it is probable that the qualification on the statements could be removed.

Concluding comment

I would like to express my appreciation to the management and staff of the Board for the assistance provided to Galpins staff during the course of the 2011-12 audit.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Simon O’Neill
Auditor-General

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Presiding Member
Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board

As required by section 31(1)(b) of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987 and section 37(2) of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004, I have audited the accompanying financial report of the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board for the financial year ended 30 June 2012. The financial report comprises:

- a Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2012
- a Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2012
- a Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2012
- a Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2012
- Disaggregated Disclosures - Expenses and Income for the year ended 30 June 2012
- notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information
- a Certificate from the Presiding Member, Regional Manager and Manager Business Support.

The Board's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The members of the Board are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the Treasurer’s Instructions promulgated under the provisions of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987 and Australian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as the members of the Board determine necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on the audit. The audit was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987 and Australian Auditing Standards. The auditing standards require that the auditor comply with relevant ethical requirements and that the auditor plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the members of the Board, as well as the overall presentation of the financial report.
I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified audit opinion.

**Basis for Qualified Opinion**

Certain accounting records were inadequate and I was unable to apply the necessary auditing procedures to obtain all of the information and explanations required to form an opinion on certain aspects of the financial report.

This inability to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence relates to inadequate records to support the valuation of property, plant and equipment as at 30 June 2012 and for the 2010-11 comparative figure.

I am unable to quantify the effects, or possible effects, of adjustments that would have been necessary should the limitation on the scope of my work not have existed.

**Qualified Opinion**

In my opinion, except for the possible effect of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraphs, the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board as at 30 June 2012, its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Treasurer's Instructions promulgated under the provisions of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and Australian Accounting Standards.

(Signed)

S O'Neill  
AUDITOR-GENERAL  
5 November 2012
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2012
NORTHERN & YORKE NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD

Certification of the Financial Statements

We certify that the attached general purpose financial statements for the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board:

> comply with relevant Treasurer’s instructions issued under section 41 of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987, and relevant Australian accounting standards;
> are in accordance with the accounts and records of the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board; and
> present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board as at 30 June 2012 and the results of its operation and cash flows for the financial year.

We certify that the internal controls employed by the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board for the financial year over its financial reporting and the preparation of the general purpose financial statements have been effective throughout the reporting period.

Lynne Willden
Regional Manager
2 November 2012

Deb Atkinson
Manager Business Support
2 November 2012

Chairman
2 November 2012
### NORTHERN & YORKE NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD

#### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 30 June 2012

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<td>Consultants</td>
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<td>Depreciation and amortisation expense</td>
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<td>Grants and subsidies</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
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<td>Regional NRM and water levies</td>
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<td>Commonwealth Caring for our Country</td>
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The net result and comprehensive result are attributable to the SA Government as owner.

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# Northern & Yorke Natural Resources Management Board

## Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2012

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**Equity**

- Retained earnings

**Total Equity**

- 2,424

The total equity is attributable to the SA Government as owner

Unrecognised contractual commitments

Contingent assets and liabilities

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes
## NORTHERN & YORKE NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

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| Balance 1 July 2011    | 2,512                   | 2,512             |
| Net result for 2011-12 | (88)                    | (88)              |
| Total comprehensive result for 2011-12 | (88)                    | (88)              |
| Balance at 30 June 2012 | 2,424                   | 2,424             |

All changes in equity are attributable to the SA Government as owner

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# NORTHERN & YORKE NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

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#### DISAGGREGATED DISCLOSURES - EXPENSES AND INCOME

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*Net result of expenses and income is based on actuals according to the Board Business Plan 2011-2014.*

The Board has determined that assets and liabilities cannot be reliably attributed to individual Activities.
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OBJECTIVES

1.1 Establishment of the Board

The Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board (the Board), was established on 3 December 2004 pursuant to section 23(f) of the Natural Resource Management Act 2006 (the NRM Act).

The Board operates under the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management (No 2) Act 2009 which was adopted by the Minister for Environment and Communities on 5 July 2009. The Plan consists of 1 volumes, Volume A: State of the Region, Volume B: Strategic Plan, Volume C: Business Plan, and Volume D: Highways and Policy Frameworks. In accordance with section 31 of the NRM Act, the Board submitted an annual report of the Plan and the amended Northern and Yorke Business Plan for the period 2011-2014 was adopted by the Minister for Environment and Communities on 5 April 2015.

The Board serves the Government and the people of South Australia by achieving excellence in the provision of Natural Resources Management.

1.2 Objectives of the Board

The objectives of the Board as outlined in the NRM Act are:

- to undertake an ongoing role with respect to the management of natural resources within its region;
- to prepare a regional NRM Plan in accordance with the NRM Act, in keeping with the plan and to keep the plan under review to ensure the objectives of the NRM Act are being achieved;
- to promote public awareness and understanding of the importance of integrating and circulate natural resources management within the region, its benefits of and impact, activities with respect to natural resources management, and to provide mechanisms to increase the capacity of communities to implement programmes or to take other steps to improve the management of natural resources;
- to provide advice or respond to the assessment of various activities or projects referred to the Board under this or any other Act;
- to receive any reports that may arise between the NRM Plan that are relevant to the management of natural resources within its region;
- at the request of the Minister or the NRM Council, to provide advice to the Minister or any other advice or report that may be submitted in the circumstances; and
- any other functions assigned to the Board by the Minister or by any other Act or this Act.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Statement of compliance

The Board has prepared these financial statements in compliance with section 73 of the Public Accounts and Audit Act 1985.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the relevant Australian accounting standards and are subject to Treasury’s Indicative and Accounting Policies Statement prepared under the provisions of the Public Accounts and Audit Act 1985.

The Board has adopted Australian accounting standards that are applicable to not-for-profit entities, as the Board is a not-for-profit entity.

The Board has adopted standards and interpretations that have subsequently been issued or amended that are not yet effective have been adopted by the Board for the period ending 30 June 2010. These are outlined in Note 3.

2.2 Basis of preparation

The preparation of the financial statements requires:

- the use of certain accounting estimates and requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Board’s accounting policies. The errors to a higher degree of judgement by more significant and estimates are significant in the financial statements, there are defined in the applicable rules;

- accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resulting financial information reflects the contents of revenues and usefulness, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions are reflected; and

- compliance with accounting policy statements contained in the Public Accounts and Audit Act 1985 in the preparation of public accountability and transparency in preparation of the accounting policy statements are subject to the following rules and interpretations, which have been included in this financial report:

- revenues, expenses, financial assets and liabilities, the initial public offering, and cash flow statements are, in a statement of comprehensive income. As at closing date, cash position and current assets are:

- expenses incurred in so much as interest costs (as required by the Statement of Comprehensive Income); and

- plant and equipment, goodwill and intangible assets, where a board or similar body is entitled to receive income from membership should also be a direct out-of-pocket expenditure.

The Statement of Comprehensive Income, as required by the Government of South Australia in accordance with financial statements comprised in an account book and are in accordance with financial and other rules, except for certain assets that were released in accordance with the valuation policy applicable.

The Statement of Cash Flows: have been prepared on a basis that:

- the principal components have been prepared on a basis that:

- the results of operations and cash flows have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2012 and the comprehensive income amounted.
2.3 Reporting entity

The Board was established on 1 December 2004 under section 12(1) of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 (the NRM Act).

The Board operates under a Natural Resources Management Plan (NRM Plan) which was approved by the Minister for Environment and Conservation in May 2006.

The Board’s financial statements reflects the use of income, expenses, assets, and liabilities controlled or owned by the Board itself as a legal entity.

NRM Groups

Pursuant to section 46 of the NRM Act, on 9 March 2006, the Board established the following NRM Groups:

- Northern and Yorke NRM - Upper North Group
- Northern and Yorke NRM - Upper North Group
- Northern and Yorke NRM - Northern Peninsula Group
- Northern and Yorke NRM - Yorke Peninsula Group

The functions of the NRM Groups are defined by the NRM Act (2004), section 55(1) and the NRM Group Charter. The NRM Act provides that the NRM Groups are subject to the direction of the Board (Section 7(1)(b)).

In accordance with a direction issued by the Board under the NRM Group Charter, the NRM Groups do not have the power to enter into contracts or purchase goods or services in their own right, rather they provide recommendations for action through analytic reports issued by the Board.

The Board has assumed NRM Group project responsibilities through the Board and the related financial information has been incorporated in the accounts and financial statements of the Board for financial reporting purposes.

Regional NRM Integration

In May 2010, consultation announcements and consideration amounted to part of the Machinery of Government changes that took the NRM Boards and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will transition to a single regulatory system to improve the delivery of environmental and natural resources management (NRM) in South Australia.

The changes which occurred are as follows:

- ongoing isclear underlines through a regional approach to environment and natural resources management services;
- regional NRM model;
- improved delivery through increased emphasis on collaboration, partnerships and engaging local communities;
- improved implementation through a regional approach to assessing the risk for regional Natural Resource Management Boards.

Regional delivery for both the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and NRM Boards will occur through an agreed Regional Implementation Plan and will take place through a single regional delivery structure.

During 2011-12, the Regional Management Board (RMB) (DENR) were appointed to manage the Board as part of the single delivery structure under a cost sharing agreement between the Board and DENR. The NRM includes former staff of the Board. The expense relating to the RMB is charged back to the Board under a fee for service arrangement in the period ending June 2012. The Board has made a decision to continue the employment of a Regional Manager for a period of time to be brought into the administrative unit of the Department for Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DENR), effective 1 July 2012.

For further information on the Regional Management Board and how to contact them, please visit the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DENR) website.

3.4 Corrected information

The presentation and classification of items in the financial statements are consistent with the prior year except where specific accounting standards and/or accounting policy statements have required a change.

Where presentation or classification of items in the financial statements have been amended, explanatory notes have been adjusted to include changes to presentation or classification in the financial statements to be consistent.

The revised comparative amounts do not replace the original financial statements for the preceding period.

2.5 Reclassing

All accounts in the financial statements and accompanying notes have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars ($1k).

2.6 Taxation

The Board is not subject to income tax, hence no table for payables, debits to tax and goods and services tax (GST).

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the provision of GST.

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The income and expenses of the NRM Board are included as part of revenues/deficits in the Statement of Financial Position.

The Statement is prepared under the Statement of Cash Flows and the GST component of each item arising from investing and financing activities, which is recognised directly, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office is included in the Statement of Financial Position.

The Board has elected to use the statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis and the GST component of each item arising from investing and financing activities, which is recognised directly, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office is included in the Statement of Cash Flows.

Unrestricted cash movements and commitments are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office. GST is not payable on, or receivable from, the Australian Taxation Office, the movements and commitments are disclosed on an as-gross basis.
2.7 Events after the reporting period

Adjustments are made to amounts recognised in this financial statements, where an event occurs after 30 June and before the date the financial statements are authorised for issue, where these events provide information about conditions that existed at 30 June.

Note disclosure is made about events between 30 June and the date the financial statements are authorised for issue where these events cause a difference in the property, plant and equipment on the statement of changes in equity.

- As at 1 July 2012, the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) will take responsibility for the staff who are employed under the NEWM Act.
- All staff within employed by the Child Executive of DEWNR, unless he Public Sector Act 2003 and be located within the agency DEWNR.
- DEWNR is responsible for the management, supervision, validity, accountability, results, bodies and activities under the DEWNR Act.
- Staff attending service on behalf of the Board will be paid under the Board under the NEWM Act.
- The payment of staff salaries will be submitted with the next set of minutes attached to the Board.

The only record of payments of government charges that the financial statements is that the liabilities related to staff have been classified as current. As at 30 June 2012, the board recorded $2,677,589, of which $2,650,000 is still to be paid. The salary and related expenses will be reduced in the Board under the NEWM Act.

2.8 Income

Income is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the flow of economic benefits to the Board will occur and can be reliably measured.

Income has been recognised according to the revenue and non-wage revenue received or required to be paid by the Board in accounting standards, or where including reflects the substance of the transaction or event.

The notes accompanying the financial statements disclose details of the transactions and events in or with the Board in the balance sheet. Revenue is recognised on completion of services provided, as defined in the notes.

Trustees with State-wide activities under the customary framework of $1,511,000 have been included with the non-governmentic transactions, classified according to their nature.

The following are specific recognitions below:

Regional Water Levy

Under the NRM Act the Board receives a levy from owners using the Regional Water Levy and the Water Industry Levy.

The Regional Water Levy is collected by constituent councils from ratepayers and is based on the value of residential land. Councils seek to recover any costs associated with the collection of the levy.

Contributions from constituent councils collected are transferred to the Board. Contributions are based on the value of residential land. Contributions are classified as revenue in the statement of financial position and in the statement of financial performance.

The water industry levy is collected by the Department for Water which collects from residential water users. The levy is based on the volume of water used and water used. The levy is determined by the Board based on the regulatory body.

National Funding Management Fund

The National Funding Management Fund (NFMF) was established pursuant to subsection 411(1) of the NRM Act. The Fund is for expenditure and conservation purposes. The NFMF has no other purpose and it is used to meet the Board's obligations under the Act.

Commonwealth Grants - Caring for our Country

The Commonwealth Grants are a Commonwealth Grants Agreement for the implementation of the Commonwealth's Caring for our Country initiative from 1 July 2009.

In order to ensure the continuity of regional and local funding from 1 June 2009 to 30 June 2012, the agreement was renewed for both parties in January 2010 when a new memorandum of understanding and the national implementation plan were submitted by the Commonwealth for the 2009-2010 budget planning.

The goal of Caring for our Country is to ensure that the best practices, values and principles are retained and are supported and provided across the country. Caring for our Country has an explicit national agenda.

The agreement to enter into the agreement for the Commonwealth, the Board and the Commonwealth agreed to enter into the agreement to enter into the agreement and the Commonwealth and the Board agreed to enter into the agreement.

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Through a renewed agreement, the Board agreed to fund projects for undertaking the Board through the Regional Water Levy that meet the priorities for implementation in this year's goals of the Regional Water Levy Plan. The agreement covers the management for the implementation of the NRM Program 2009-2010 to 2012-2013, which funding for any projects under the Regional Water Levy Plan.

Interest is recognised when the receivable obligations resulted in the agreement of any of the conditions.
Expenditure

2.9

Expenditure is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits derived from the Board will accrue and that the expenditure will be recoverable.

Expenditure is aggregated according to function and has not been allocated to specific assets or services to which it relates.

The amount of expenditure that represents the current cost of the Board's operations is included in the consolidated financial statements and in the reporting statement in the year in which it is incurred.

The Board's operations include payments made on behalf of the Department of Treasury and Finance or other government entities as required by law.

The following are specific recognisable costs:

- Staff costs;
- Rent;
- Utilities;
- Legal costs;
- Bad debts;
- Legislation costs;
- Professional fees;
- Travel;
- Depreciation and amortisation;
- Insurance;
- Grants.

Depreciation and amortisation are calculated using the straight-line method over the expected useful life of the following classes of assets as follows:

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<td>40 years</td>
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<td>Plant and equipment</td>
<td>5 years</td>
<td>20% per annum</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vehicles</td>
<td>5 years</td>
<td>20% per annum</td>
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Debt and equity

The Board received financial assistance from the Government, State Government agencies and private sector bodies during the year. Interest on debt is paid by way of interest on debt and is recorded as an expense in the financial statements. The amounts paid are debited to the debt service account.

Contributions payable, the contribution will be recognized on a liability and expense when it is due to a present obligation to pay the contribution and the economic outflow relates to it.

At contributions paid by the Board have been contributions with unconditional provisions reported.
3.10 Current and non-current classification
Assets and liabilities are classified as either current or non-current in the Balance Sheet. Assets and liabilities that are real, consumable or realised as part of the normal operating cycle of the Board are not expected to be realised within twelve months after the reporting date have been classified as current assets or current liabilities. Other assets and liabilities are classified as non-current.

Where assets and liabilities have been reclassified as assets expected to be realised within twelve months and more than twelve months, the Board has made necessary provisions in the assessment of the amount expected to be realised and no interest more than twelve months.

3.11 Assets
Assets have been classified according to their nature and have not been classified otherwise required or permitted by a specific accounting standard, where sufficient reflects the substance of the transaction or other event.

Where an asset is to be used which amounts expected to be realised within twelve months and more than twelve months, the Board has separately disclosed the amounts expected to be realised within twelve months and more than twelve months.

The criteria accompanying the financial statements disclose financial assets where the counterparty/counterparty transaction is with an entity unless the Board has determined the financial asset is classified according to fair value.

Transactions with non-current liabilities relating to the cumulative interest is $100,000 have been included with the non-current financial transactions, identified according to their nature.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position includes cash in hand and on deposit in bank and other short-term, highly liquid investments with maturities of five years or dates that are expected to be cash and which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above.

Cash is measured at cost of related value.

Receivables
Receivables include amounts receivable from goods and services. GST returns for credits, rebates and surcharges and other amounts.

Revenue arising to the normal course of selling goods and services to other government agencies and to tapas. Receivables are generally settled within 30 days after the date of sale or service of the goods/services have been provided under a contracted arrangement.

Creditability of receivables is assessed on an ongoing basis. An allowance for doubtful debt is uplifted when there is evidence of the Board being not likely to collect the debt. Bad debts are written off when reappraised.

Accrued revenue arises when goods and services have been provided, but no invoice has been raised by the Board at the reporting date.

Non-current assets
Amortisable and Depreciation
Non-current assets are initially recorded as cost or at the valuation of an asset at cost, plus any indirect costs incurred in acquiring the asset.

Depreciation and amortisation
The Board that amortised the accounting principle and non-amortisation of assets with a value equal to or in excess of $10,000. The property intangible assets are amortised on a straight-line basis. The amortisation period is 15 years. Intangible assets have been funded. The amortisation period and the amortisation method for intangible assets is selected on an individual basis.

Intangible assets
Intangible assets in the statement of financial position are stated at the costs incurred to acquire or construct the intangible asset. The costs include those necessary to render the asset capable of producing cash flows or other economic benefits.

The acquisition of intangible assets is capitalised only when the expenditure meets the definition of an intangible asset. Intangible assets are amortised at cost. The amortisation of intangible assets is calculated as the total intangible assets included in the property, plant and equipment on a straight-line basis.

Subsequent expenditure on intangible assets is not capitalised. This is because the Board has determined that the acquisition of the asset is not attributable to the Board in the assessment of the amount expected to be realised more than twelve months.
2.12 Liabilities

Liabilities have been classified according to their nature and terms not less than unless required or permitted by specific accounting standards.

Where a liability has become unconditional amounts anticipated to be paid within 12 months and more than 12 months, the Board has calculated the amounts payable is the basis of an estimate after the relevant time frame.

The rates accompanying the cash flows include undiscounted financial balances where the carrying amount is a liability within the BA Government as it is the reporting entity reflected according to the nature.

Transactions with BA Government and others falls below the cumulative threshold of $160,000 have been included into the non-promotional transactions, detailed according to their nature.

Payables

Payables include creditors, leased expenses, staff on leave, and paid leave Service payable.

Conducts represent the amounts owing for goods and services received prior to the end of the reporting period that are unrecorded at the end of the reporting period and until the relevant activity is complete.

Accrued expenses represent outstanding wages and services provided, and interest during the period that are unrecorded at the end of the reporting period and hence are not considered.

The past cost of services payable represents amounts which the Board has received from the Commonwealth-Government for services performed and will have been paid in future periods.

Accordingly, the Board has assessed the adjusted time frame through which the payments are received where the payment is made to the Board.

All expenses are measured at the payment amount, are unreported and are normally settled within 30 days from the date the invoices are first received.

Bank staff on leave include provision, Wages, leave benefits, and superannuation contributions in respect of outstanding liabilities for salaries and wages, long service leave and termination leave.

The Board reports contributions to service State Government and externally managed superannuation schemes. These contributions are included in the expense when they occur. There is no liability for payments to be beneficiaries of the Board's Superannuation Act from the performance of any administrative duties but are paid to the Board.

Staffing costs and related entitlements

Staff Entitlements

Pursuant to subclauses, the Superannuation (Public Sector Employees) Act 1966 (the NSW Superannuation Act 1966) and the Superannuation (Public Sector) Act 1990, the Board has been notified that the Chief Executive Officer is entitled to termini payments.

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No provision has been made for sick leave or long service leave

Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognisable at the commencement of service. An accrual statement of long service leave recognises an entity exposed to the risk of compensation exceed the amount of compensation for long service leave settlement.

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All long service leave has been classified as current due to the transfer of staff to careINR on 1 July 2012 as evidenced in Note 18.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Board has an present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will occur and the amount of the obligation is reliability estimable.

Wages and leave settlements are not within the scope of management service only where the settlement is wholly certain. The expense relating to any provision is presented in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as a result of the new arrangement.
2.13 Loans

The determination of whether an arrangement is or contains a loan is based on the substance of the arrangement.

The Board has only entered into one operating lease arrangement in relation to premises where the liability effective life is of the class and benefit residual is less than the present value under the operating lease. Refer note 33.

2.14 Insurance

The Board has arranged, through SAI Government Casualty Insurance Corporation (SAICORP), to insure all of its major risks. The service premium under this arrangement is $1,000 per claim.

2.16 Financial Risk Management

The Board has contracted to purchase assets, leasehold and fixtures, liabilities. The Board's exposure to market risk is minimal. The Board has no significant commitments or cash flows.

In relation to liquidity risk, the Board has no investments other than the money received in the bank. However, the Board has a financial asset in the form of the Australian Taxation Office. Note 14, if not paid in, is a receivable from the Australian Taxation Office, the receivable or contingency is disclosed on a gross basis.

3 NEW AND REVISED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND POLICIES

The Board is giving due consideration to the new standards during 2013-14 as discussed in note 2.11 and note 15.

Australian accounting standards and interpretations that have recently been issued or amended are not yet effective. In some cases, standards have been adopted and have been amended, and in others the amendments are effective as of the date of the Directors' Report. The Board has not adopted the amendments in the notes to the financial statements of the Board.

4 ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD

In achieving its objectives, the Board has defined 2 areas of strategies to manage the natural resources. These areas of activity are:

Activity 1: Natural areas

Protection, restoration and management of natural and environmental areas is a key component of the rural development programs. The maintenance of natural areas is consistent with environmental and economic activities.

Activity 2: Water management

Water is vital to support life and livelihoods. This initiative is directed towards ensuring the long-term sustainability of natural areas. The Board has adopted a water management strategy to ensure the best use of water is achieved.

Activity 3: Property and infrastructure management (PIRM) standards

The Board developed a framework for the management and operation of its water and land management programs with specific focus to achieve and maintain water quality and environmental and economic activities.

Activity 4: Natural Environment

The Board is working to achieve the objectives of its water and land management programs with specific focus to achieve and maintain water quality and environmental and economic activities.

Activity 5: Property management

The Board is working to achieve the objectives of its water and land management programs with specific focus to achieve and maintain water quality and environmental and economic activities.

Activity 6: Community diversification (CDM) standards

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As a result of these efforts, the Board has been able to achieve its objectives.
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### NOTE 5 STAFF BENEFIT EXPENSES

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<td>44</td>
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<td>Annual leave</td>
<td>94</td>
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<td>Staff on-cost - superannuation</td>
<td>132</td>
<td>181</td>
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<td>Staff on-cost - other</td>
<td>236</td>
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<td>Other staff related expenses</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>77</td>
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<td>TVIP (for below)</td>
<td>48</td>
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<td>Total staff benefit expenses</td>
<td>1,878</td>
<td>2,095</td>
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Targeted voluntary separation packages:
Amount paid during the reporting period to separated employees:
TVIP: 46
Annual leave and long service leave paid to those employees: 58
Not exist to draw: 36

Number of staff who received a TVIP during the reporting period was 1.
No reimbursement was received from the Department of Treasury and Finance.

### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**For the period ending 30 June 2012**

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<td>Medﾒs invoices</td>
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<td>Accommodation</td>
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<td>Postage, printing and stationery</td>
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<td>Motor expenses</td>
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<td>Contractors</td>
<td>1,321</td>
<td>1,236</td>
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<td>IT services</td>
<td>460</td>
<td>253</td>
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<td>Operating expenses</td>
<td>465</td>
<td>32</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Total supplies and services - Non SA Government entities</td>
<td>2,354</td>
<td>3,120</td>
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**Supplies and services provided by entities within the SA Government:**

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<td>288</td>
<td>215</td>
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<td>Fees for Design</td>
<td>274</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Contractors</td>
<td>651</td>
<td>682</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total supplies and services - SA Government entities</td>
<td>1,639</td>
<td>980</td>
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<td>Total supplies and services</td>
<td>2,003</td>
<td>3,100</td>
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### 7 CONSULTANTS

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<td>The number and dollar amount of consultants paid/engaged</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>that fall within the following bands:</td>
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<td>Below $10,000</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>32</td>
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<td>Between $10,000 and $50,000</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Above $50,000</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Total paid/engaged to the consultants</td>
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<td>71</td>
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### 8 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION EXPENSE

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<td>Buildings</td>
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<td>Motor vehicles</td>
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<td>Intangible assets</td>
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### 9 GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES

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<td>Grants and subsidies - Non SA Government entities</td>
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<td>Grants and subsidies provided to entities within the SA Government:</td>
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<td>Total grants and subsidies - SA Government entities</td>
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<td>Total grants and subsidies</td>
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<td>Event costs</td>
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<td>Property, plant and equipment write-off</td>
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<td>Total other expenses</td>
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**NOTE 11 AUDITOR’S REMUNERATION**

Audit fees paid payable to the Auditor-General’s Department

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<tr>
<td>65</td>
<td>32</td>
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**NOTE 12 REGIONAL NRM AND WATER LEVIES**

Regional NRM and water levies received/now receivable from entities external to the SA Government:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>2012</th>
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<tr>
<td>2,270</td>
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**NOTE 13 COMMONWEALTH CARING FOR OUR COUNTRY**

<table>
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<tr>
<td>1,622</td>
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**NOTE 14 GRANTS RECEIVED**

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<tr>
<th>Commonwealth funding</th>
<th>2012</th>
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<tr>
<td>Biodiversity Fund Program</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Total Commonwealth funding</td>
<td>300</td>
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**NOTE 15 NET GAIN FROM DISPOSAL OF NON-CURRENT ASSETS**

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<tr>
<th>Motor vehicles</th>
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<th>2011</th>
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<tr>
<td>Proceeds from disposal</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net gain from disposal of motor vehicles</td>
<td>(10)</td>
<td>(10)</td>
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</table>

**Total assets**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>2012</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>10</td>
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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Proceeds from disposal</th>
<th>2012</th>
<th>2011</th>
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<tr>
<td>Less cost of disposal</td>
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<td>10</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total net gain from disposal of non-current assets</td>
<td>(10)</td>
<td>(10)</td>
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### NOTE 16 OTHER INCOME

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<td></td>
<td>$'000</td>
<td>$'000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fees and charges</td>
<td>123</td>
<td>83</td>
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<tr>
<td>Payroll tax reimbursement</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>70</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income - Non SA Government entities</strong></td>
<td><strong>215</strong></td>
<td><strong>167</strong></td>
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<td>Other Income from entities within the SA Government</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>290</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reimbursements for contract works</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>290</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Income - SA Government entities</strong></td>
<td><strong>-</strong></td>
<td><strong>290</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total other Income</strong></td>
<td><strong>215</strong></td>
<td><strong>457</strong></td>
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### NOTE 17 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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<tr>
<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>2,679</td>
<td>3,190</td>
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<td><strong>Total cash and cash equivalents</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,570</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,190</strong></td>
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**Interest rate risk**

Cash on hand is non-interest bearing. Deposits at call earn a floating interest rate, based on daily bank deposit rates. The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents represents fair value.

### NOTE 18 RECEIVABLES

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<th>2011</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Current</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Receivables</td>
<td>725</td>
<td>165</td>
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<tr>
<td>Prepayments</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>12</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accrued revenue</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>GST input tax recoverable</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>41</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total current receivables</strong></td>
<td><strong>919</strong></td>
<td><strong>219</strong></td>
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</table>

**Interest rate and credit risk**

Receivables are paid for all goods and services provided for which payment has not been received. Receivables are normally settled within 30 days. Receivables, prepayments and accrued revenues are non-interest bearing.

It is not anticipated that counterparties will fail to discharge their obligations. The carrying amount of receivables approximates fair value due to being receivable on demand. There is no concentration of credit risk.

a. Maturity analysis of receivables - Please refer to Note 25.
b. Categorisation of financial instruments and risk exposure information - Please refer to table 25.1 in Note 25.
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#### NOTE 19 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLES

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>2012</th>
<th>2011</th>
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<tr>
<td>Plant and equipment</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Plant and equipment at cost</td>
<td>322</td>
<td>211</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Less: Accumulated depreciation</td>
<td>175</td>
<td>88</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total plant and equipment</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>129</td>
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<tr>
<td>Computer equipment</td>
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<td>Computer equipment at cost</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>Less: Accumulated depreciation</td>
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<td>Total computer equipment</td>
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<td>14</td>
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<tr>
<td>Buildings</td>
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<td>Buildings at valuation</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>68</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less: Accumulated depreciation</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>22</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total buildings</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>46</td>
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<tr>
<td>Motor vehicles</td>
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<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Motor vehicles at cost</td>
<td>275</td>
<td>268</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less: Accumulated depreciation</td>
<td>212</td>
<td>165</td>
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<td>Total motor vehicles</td>
<td>63</td>
<td>103</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total property, plant and equipment</td>
<td>164</td>
<td>266</td>
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<tr>
<td>Intangibles</td>
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<td>Intangibles at cost</td>
<td>163</td>
<td>162</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less: Accumulated amortisation</td>
<td>83</td>
<td>42</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Intangibles</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>120</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Intangibles</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>120</td>
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**Impairment**

There were no indications of impairment of property, plant and equipment at 30 June 2012.

**Accounting Policy Change in the Recognition Threshold for Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangibles**

As disclosed in note 2.11, on 1 July 2011, the Board revised its capitalisation threshold from $50,000 to $60,000. The financial effect of these write-offs was $77,624 and has been recorded as other expenses.
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**NOTE 19 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLES (CONT.)**

#### Reconciliation of Non-Current Assets

The following table shows the movement of non-current assets during 2011-12

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Plant and Equipment</th>
<th>Computer Equipment</th>
<th>Buildings</th>
<th>Motor Vehicles</th>
<th>Total Tangible Assets</th>
<th>Acquired Computer Software</th>
<th>Acquired Intangible Assets</th>
<th>Total Intangible Assets</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2012</td>
<td>$2000</td>
<td>$1000</td>
<td>$4000</td>
<td>$3000</td>
<td>$2500</td>
<td>$2000</td>
<td>$1000</td>
<td>$1000</td>
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- **Carrying amount at the beginning of the period:** $123, $14, $46, $103, $259, $29, $120
- **Acquisitions:** $11, $- , $- , $7, $18, $21, $21
- **Disposals:** ($5), ($-), ($-), ($-), ($-), ($-), ($-)
- **Depreciation and amortisation:** ($25), ($5), ($3), ($7), ($88), ($5), ($35)

**Carrying amount at the end of the period:** $52, $6, $42, $62, $164, $100, $100

#### Reconciliation of Non-Current Assets

The following table shows the movement of non-current assets during 2010-11

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<th>Motor Vehicles</th>
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<th>Total Intangible Assets</th>
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<tr>
<td>2011</td>
<td>$197</td>
<td>$22</td>
<td>$50</td>
<td>$143</td>
<td>$372</td>
<td>$200</td>
<td>$100</td>
<td>$100</td>
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- **Carrying amount at the beginning of the period:** $157, $22, $50, $143, $372, $78, $78
- **Acquisitions:** $- , $- , $- , $- , $- , $- , $- 
- **Disposals:** $- , ($1), ($10), ($11), ($-), ($-), ($-)
- **Depreciation and amortisation:** ($34), ($7), ($4), ($35), ($60), ($17), ($17)

**Carrying amount at the end of the period:** $123, $14, $46, $103, $285, $130, $120
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<th>NOTE 20 PAYABLES</th>
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<td><strong>Current</strong></td>
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<td>Creditors</td>
<td>279</td>
<td>322</td>
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<td>Accrued expenses</td>
<td>389</td>
<td>389</td>
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<td><strong>Staff on-costs</strong></td>
<td>42</td>
<td>28</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total staff payable</strong></td>
<td>363</td>
<td>350</td>
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<td><strong>Total current payables</strong></td>
<td>741</td>
<td>730</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Non-current</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Staff on-costs</strong></td>
<td>-</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total non-current payables</strong></td>
<td>-</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total payables</strong></td>
<td>741</td>
<td>730</td>
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All staff on-costs have been classified as current due to the transference of staff to DEWR on 1 July 2012 as disclosed in note 2.3.

As a result of an actuarial assessment performed by the Department of Treasury and Finance, the percentage of the proportion of long service leave taken as home has changed from the 39.11 rate of 39% to 40% and thus the average factor for the calculation of employee representation on-costs has increased from the 2011 rate of 10.3%. These rates are used in the employment on-cost calculation. The net financial effect of these changes in the current year: a decrease in the staff on-cost expense of $2,000.

Interest rate and credit risk

Creditors and accruals are reduced for all amounts owed to the Board (paid and un-billed) but unpaid. Sundry creditors are normally settled within 30 days. Staff on-costs are paid when the respective staff benefit that they relate to is discharged. All payables are non-interest bearing. The carrying amount of payables represents fair value due to the amounts being payable on demand.

a. Maturity analysis of payables - Please refer to Note 23.

b. Categorisation of financial instruments and risk exposure information - Please refer to tables 22.1 in Note 25.

### NOTE 21 STAFF BENEFITS

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<td>Annual leave</td>
<td>111</td>
<td>157</td>
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<tr>
<td>Short-term long service leave</td>
<td>342</td>
<td>12</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accrued salaries and wages</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>62</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total current staff benefits</strong></td>
<td>452</td>
<td>231</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Non-current</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Long service leave</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total non-current staff benefits</strong></td>
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<td>280</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total staff benefits</strong></td>
<td>452</td>
<td>511</td>
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The total current and non-current liability (in aggregate staff benefit) at end of financial year 2012 is $452,511 (2011: $495,000) and 2012 (23.1% and 2011: 23.3% of total liabilities). The actuarial assessment performed by the Department of Treasury and Finance has increased the rate on long service leave liability by 10.3%.

AASB 119 Employee Benefits contains the calculation methodology for long service leave liability. It is accepted practice to estimate the present value of future cash outflows associated with the long service leave liability by using a short rate measurement technique. The short rate measurement technique takes into account the changes in discount rates and salary inflation.

AASB 119 requires the use of the yield on long-term Commonwealth Government bonds as the discount rate in the measurement of the long service leave liability. The yield on long-term Commonwealth Government bonds has decreased from 3.5% in 2011 to 3.3% in 2012.

This significant decrease in the term yield, which is used as the rate in discount future long service leave cash flows, results in a significant increase in the reported long service leave liability.

Based on an actuarial assessment performed by the Department of Treasury and Finance, the benchmark for the measurement of the long service leave liability has changed from the 2011 benchmark of 10% (with a premium of 10% to the rate) to 10% (with a premium of 20% to the rate). The future effects of changes in the benchmark for the measurement of the long service leave liability will not impact the Board as all staff will be transferred to DEWR on 1 July 2012.

The actuarial assessment performed by the Department of Treasury and Finance will not impact the Board as all staff will be transferred to DEWR on 1 July 2012.
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NOTE 22 PROVISIONS

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<td>Total current provisions</td>
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<td>5</td>
</tr>
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<td>Non-current</td>
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<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Provision for workers compensation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total provisions</td>
<td>156</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Provision movement:

- Carrying amount at the beginning of the period: 23
- Additional provisions recognised: 533
- Carrying amount at the end of the period: 156

A liability has been reported to reflect unsettled workers compensation claims. The workers compensation provision is based on an actuarial assessment performed by the Public Sector Workforce Relations Division of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. These claims are expected to be settled within the next financial year.

The workers compensation provision has been classified as current due to the transfer of staff to DEWNR on 1 July 2012 as disclosed in note 2.3.

NOTE 23 UNRECOGNISED CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

Remuneration commitments

Commitments for the payment of salaries and other remuneration under fixed-term employment contracts in existence at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities as payable as follows:

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<td>Within one year</td>
<td>270</td>
<td>695</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Later than one year but not longer than five years</td>
<td>325</td>
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</table>

Amounts disclosed include commitments arising from executive and other staff contracts. The Board does not offer fixed term remuneration contracts greater than five years.

There are nil remuneration commitments as at 30 June 2012, as all staff are to be transferred to the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources from 1 July 2012.

Operating lease commitments

Commitments in relation to operating leases controlled for at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities are payable as follows:

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<tr>
<td>Within one year</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Later than one year but not longer than five years</td>
<td>23</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total operating lease commitments</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>48</td>
</tr>
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The Board's operating leases is for office accommodation. Office accommodation is leased from X & A Hallott. The lease is non-cancellable with term of three years and the right for renewal. Rent is payable in advance.

Other commitments

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<tr>
<td>Within one year</td>
<td>430</td>
<td>430</td>
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</table>

Commitments are for unspent grant funding at the reporting date.
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NOTE 24 CONTINGENT ASSETS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Board is not aware of any contingent assets or liabilities as at 30 June 2012.

NOTE 25 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS/FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Interest Rate Risk Exposure

Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted including the criteria for recognition, the bases of measurement, and the bases on which income and expenses are recognised with respect to each class of financial asset, financial liability and equity instrument are disclosed in Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

Table 25.1 - Categorisation of financial instruments

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<tr>
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<th>Statement of Financial Position</th>
<th>2012</th>
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<tr>
<td>Category of financial asset and financial liabilities</td>
<td>Note</td>
<td>Carrying Amount</td>
<td>Fair Value</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Financial assets</td>
<td></td>
<td>$'000</td>
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Receivable and payable amounts stated above exclude amounts relating to statutory obligations, including leave, workers compensation liability, staff on-costs and GST. They are carried at cost.

Credit Risk

Credit risk arises when there is the possibility of the Board's debtors defaulting on their contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Board. The Board measures credit risk on a fair value basis and monitors risk on a regular basis. The Board has minimal concentration of credit risk. The carrying amount of financial assets as detailed in Table 25.1 represent the Board's maximum exposure to credit risk.

Allowances for impairment of financial assets are calculated on past experience and current and expected changes in client credit rating. No collateral is held as security to any of the Board's financial assets. At the reporting date, there is no evidence to indicate that financial assets are impaired.
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**NOTE 25 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS/FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONT.)**

The following table discloses the ageing of financial assets

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**Maturity analysis**

All financial assets and liabilities have a maturity less than one year.

**Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk arises where the Board is unable to meet its financial obligations as they are due to be settled. The Board is funded principally from levy funds collected by Councils, State and Commonwealth grants. The Board works with the Department of Treasury and Finance to determine the cash flows associated with its Government approved program of work and to ensure funding is provided through GA Government budgetary processes to meet the expected cash flows. The Board settles undisputed accounts within 30 days from the date the invoice is first received. In the event of a dispute, payment is made 30 days from resolution. The Board’s exposure to liquidity risk is insignificant based on past experience and current assessment of risk.

The carrying amount of financial liabilities recorded in Table 25.1 represent the Board’s maximum exposure to financial liabilities.

**Market risk**

Market risk for the Board is primarily through interest rate risk. There is no exposure to foreign currency or other price risks.

**Sensitivity disclosure analysis**

A sensitivity analysis has not been undertaken for the interest rate risk for the Board as it has been determined that the possible impact on profit and loss or total equity from fluctuations in interest rates is immaterial.
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NOTE 26 REMUNERATION OF BOARD, GROUP AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members of the Board during the 2012 financial year were:

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<td>Dr Jacqueline O'Reilly</td>
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<td>Eric Sommerville</td>
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<td>Kathleen Bowman</td>
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<td>Claudia Smith</td>
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<td>(appointed 1 August 2012)</td>
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<td>Grant Chapman</td>
<td>(appointed 4 August 2011)</td>
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<td>Stephen Ball*</td>
<td>(appointed 1 December 2011)</td>
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<td>Wayne Hutchinsen*</td>
<td>(Department for Water)</td>
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<td>Wil Zacharia*</td>
<td>(Rainwater SA)</td>
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<td>Anita Creep*</td>
<td>(Central Local Government Region)</td>
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<td>Mike Smith*</td>
<td>(Department for Water)</td>
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Some members of the Board are also members of other board committees.

Members of the committees during the 2012 financial year were:

Committees

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<td>Stephen Ball*</td>
<td>(appointed 26 May 2012)</td>
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<td>(appointed 26 May 2012)</td>
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<td>Eric Sommerville</td>
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<td>Performance Evaluation</td>
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<td>Kathleen Bowman</td>
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<tr>
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<td>(appointed 26 May 2012)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jacqueline O'Reilly</td>
<td>(resigned 31 May 2012)</td>
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<td>Jacqueline O'Reilly</td>
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<td>Kathleen Bowman</td>
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<td>Water Resources</td>
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<td>Eric Sommerville</td>
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<td>Jacqueline O'Reilly</td>
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<td>Wayne Hutchinsen*</td>
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*Denotes all remuneration
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NOTE 29 REMUNERATION OF BOARD, GROUP AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS (CONT.)

Technical Advisory Panel
Healthy OEH
Claude Smith

Viable Water Resources
Paradise Piligun
Eric Sommerville

Healthy Terrestrial Ecosystems
Jacqueline O’Reilly
Grant Chapman (appointed 23 May 2012)

Healthy Soils
Eric Sommerville
Grant Chapman (appointed 23 May 2012)

Members of the groups during the 2012 financial year were:

NRIM Groups
Upper North NRIM Group
Geraldine Davis (Chair)
Elka Ward
Jade Luckwell
Paul Kontroupis
Peter McKenzie
Robert Darley
Resigned Prioritaire (appointed 23 June 2012)

Yorke Peninsula NRIM Group
Rosemary Ayres (Chair)
Alton Twartz
Colin Marquard (appointed 25 September 2011)
Grantley O’Doherty
Leanne Kirkby (appointed 30 September 2011)
Nick Martin (assumed 23 June 2012)
Stephen Goldsmith

Lower North NRIM Group
Richard Tifsh (Chair)
Ann Huttell (appointed 17 November 2011)
Herbert Bronza
Jillian Wheldon
Kerry Want
Peter Whiteman (term expires 22 June 2012)
Trevor Wicks
PHILIP Jobard (term expires 16 November 2011)
Roger Lang (resigned 30 November 2011)
Kevin Durrant

*Denotes key remuneration

The number of members whose remuneration received or receivable falls within the following bands:

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<th>Remuneration Band</th>
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<td>$0 - $9,999</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>32</td>
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<tr>
<td>$10,000 - $19,999</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$20,000 - $39,999</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total number of members</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>38</td>
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</table>

Remuneration of members refers to all costs of performing board/group/committee member duties including sitting fees, superannuation contributions and travel reimbursements. The total remuneration received or receivable by members was $153,674 (2011: $146,814).

In accordance with the Premier and Cabinet Circular No. 116, government employees did not receive any remuneration for board/group/committee duties during the financial year.

Unless otherwise disclosed, transactions between members are on terms no more favourable than those that it is reasonable to expect the entity would have adopted if dealing with the related party at arm’s length in the same circumstances.
NOTE 27 CASH FLOW RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Board considers cash and cash equivalents to include cash on hand and in banks and those investments that are able to be converted to cash within two working days.

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<th>2011 $000</th>
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<td>Cash at bank</td>
<td>2,670</td>
<td>3,190</td>
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<td>Cash on hand</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>2,670</td>
<td>3,190</td>
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Reconciliation of net result to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities

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<td>Net cash (used in)</td>
<td>(584)</td>
<td>396</td>
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<tr>
<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>(103)</td>
<td>(97)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Loss on disposal or write-off of non-current assets</td>
<td>(79)</td>
<td>(1)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Increase (Decrease) in receivables</td>
<td>691</td>
<td>(25)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Decrease in (Increase) in payables</strong></td>
<td>50</td>
<td>(204)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Decrease in (Increase) in Staff benefits</strong></td>
<td>96</td>
<td>(15)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Increase in provisions</td>
<td>(133)</td>
<td>(3)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Net result</strong></td>
<td>(683)</td>
<td>(133)</td>
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NOTE 28 EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Refer to note 2.3 which discloses the financial effect of the Regional NRM Integration.
CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS
There were no contractual arrangements entered into where the total value of the contract exceeds $4 million (GST inclusive) and extended beyond a single year.

ACCOUNT PAYMENT PERFORMANCE

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<th>Particulars</th>
<th>Number of accounts paid</th>
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<th>Percentage of accounts paid (by value)</th>
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<td>Paid by due date*</td>
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<td>91.49</td>
<td>3 348 219.58</td>
<td>71.61</td>
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<td>Paid late, within 30 days of due date</td>
<td>109</td>
<td>7.25</td>
<td>1 192 249.17</td>
<td>25.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Paid more than 30 days from due date</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>1.26</td>
<td>135 406.42</td>
<td>2.90</td>
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*Note: The due date is defined under section 11.7 of Treasurer’s Instruction 11 Payment of Creditors’ Accounts. Generally, unless there is a discount or a written agreement between the public authority and the creditor, payment should be within thirty days of the date of the invoice or claim. Some agencies receive invoices significantly later than the invoice date, due to supplier invoicing processes. Agencies may choose to report against the date the invoice is first received rather than the date of invoice.

FRAUD
The number of instances of fraud detected in the Board was nil.

It is the policy of the Northern and Yorke NRM Board to ensure that appropriate procedures are in place for the prevention of fraud. The Board has implemented a Fraud and Corruption Management Procedure.

CONSULTANTS
During 2011-12, the Board engaged a number of consultants to undertake a range of services for specific or technical works in resource assessment, development of plans and undertake research to support the activities of the Board.

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<th>Value Range</th>
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<td>Between $10,000 and $50,000</td>
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<td>$ 59</td>
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<td>Above $50,000</td>
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A summary of the services provided for those consultancies of $10,000 or more in value:-

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<td>Australian Water Environment</td>
<td>Review of water affecting activities</td>
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<td>Nature Conservation Society</td>
<td>Bushland condition monitoring data analysis</td>
<td>$30 000</td>
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<td>Rural Solutions</td>
<td>Soils, land and pest management technical advice</td>
<td>$67 350</td>
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COMMUNITY GRANTS

During 2011-12, the Board distributed the following small grants to support NRM projects within the Northern & Yorke Region.

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<td>Blyth-Brinkworth Revegetation Committee Inc.</td>
<td>Regenerating Peppermint Box Grassy Woodland vegetation in the Lower North - Waterloo and Saddleworth Ranges</td>
<td>$10 000</td>
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<td>Wakefield Regional Council</td>
<td>Revitalising the Rocks Reserve, Hundred of Dalkey, Balaklava</td>
<td>$30 000</td>
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<td>Brinkworth Progress Association</td>
<td>Interpretive Sign for Spiny Everlasting Plant at Stockyard Reserve, Brinkworth</td>
<td>$300</td>
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<td>Port Julie Progress Association</td>
<td>Pt Julia Coastal Reserve: Box Thorn and Exotic Plant Removal</td>
<td>$9 999</td>
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<tr>
<td>Crystal Brook Golf Club</td>
<td>Minimal pest weed/plant impact, watercourse and land adjacent to Crystal Brook Golf Club</td>
<td>$7 106</td>
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<td>Wakefield Regional Council</td>
<td>Riverside Project, Light River Hamley Bridge</td>
<td>$20 000</td>
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<td>Mambray Creek Landholder Environment Group (sub group of the Pt Germein Progress Association)</td>
<td>Mambray Creek Restoration Project</td>
<td>$3 000</td>
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<td>Tarcowie Landcare Group</td>
<td>Indigenous Flora of Tarcowie Field Guide</td>
<td>$7 323</td>
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<td>Yacka Moorundie Landcare Group</td>
<td>Reduce and repair water erosion, Yacka Moorundie Landcare Land Owner member sites - Marola &amp; Paddy's</td>
<td>$7 440</td>
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<td>District Council of Barunga West</td>
<td>Interpretative signs and revegetation - Bute Rail Corridor</td>
<td>$11 000</td>
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<td>Native Orchid Society of South Australia</td>
<td>Threatened Orchid Monitoring in the Northern and Yorke Region, Halbury, Mt Remarkable, Peppermint Gully, Mt Bryan, Clare</td>
<td>$3 325</td>
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<tr>
<td>Biodiversity &amp; Endangered Species Team</td>
<td>Biodiversity Blitz, Innes National Park</td>
<td>$9 100</td>
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South Coast Road Environmental Group (a subgroup of the Foul Bay Area Progress Association)  
South Coast Biodiversity Works on Public Lands, Foul Bay Bush Camping Area and Point Yorke Coastal Reserve  
$8,673

Ag Excellence Alliance  
Improved communication of NY NRM outcomes through use of social media in the northern and yorke region  
$9,800

District Council of Yorke Peninsula  
Port Julia Beach Access, northern end of Port Julia  
$9,800

Friends of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden Port Augusta Inc  
Birds of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden Port Augusta  
$10,000

Bowman Park Management Committee  
Improved condition of native habitat and native vegetation at Bowman Park and promotion of improved resource management practices  
$9,600

District Council of Mt Remarkable  
Port Flinders Walking and Bicycle Trail Stage 2  
$29,400

Yacka Moorundie Landcare Group  
Water management for sustainable landscapes, Spalding  
$4,550

West of the Peesey Biodiversity Restoration Group  
The removal of the invasive beach daisy at Formby Bay and Blue Bay  
$9,525

Biodiversity and Endangered Species Team  
Weed control and Fairy Tern Survey Census at Clinton CP and Bird Island CP  
$2,760

District Council of Barunga West  
Bute Rail Corridor Preservation  
$30,000

Beetaloo Valley Association  
Bridal Creeper control on private land, Beetaloo Valley  
$10,000

Mid North Grasslands Workings Group  
Grassland Knowledge Project  
$10,000

**TOTAL**  
$262,701

**OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

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REPORTING AGAINST THE CARERS RECOGNITION ACT

During 2011-12 there were no activities within the provisions of the Carers Recognition Act.

DISABILITY ACTION PLANS

The Board does not have a specific Disability Action Plan, however, it does ensure that its services are accessible to people with disabilities including access to disabled car parks.

The Board is a small organisation and any disability issue that is identified can have immediate measures implemented to address it.


There are six outcome areas outlined in Promoting Independence against which the Board reports:

1. The Board ensures accessibility of its services to people with disabilities, both as customers and employees.
2. The Board ensures information about its services and programs is inclusive of people with disabilities.
3. The Board delivers advice or services to people with disabilities with awareness and understanding of issues affecting people with disabilities.
4. The Board provides opportunities for consultation with people with disabilities in decision making processes regarding service delivery and in the implementation of complaints and grievance mechanisms.

The Regional Manager ensures that the Board has met the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act and the Equal Opportunity Act.

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

The Board does not own any buildings, other than corrugated iron sheds, and as a consequence of this has not undertaken any surveillance or risk reduction programs in regard to asbestos. Regular occupational health and safety checks are maintained in all Board workplaces.

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Definitions:
Category: The site performance score, determined by the lowest item performance score at each site.
Number of Sites in Category: A count of how many sites have the corresponding site performance score, with separate counts done at the start and the end of each year.
Category Description: Indicates the recommended action corresponding to the lowest item performance score (recorded in the asbestos register by a competent person, as per OHS & W Regulations (SA) 1995, 4.2.10).
Interpretation: A brief real-world example of what each category implies for a site.

**URBAN DESIGN CHARTER**

The government adopted the South Australian Urban Design Charter as whole-of-government urban policy. The Charter was publicly released in November 2004.

The Urban Design Charter aims to promote the benefits of good urban design, embed the principles into government processes and record the South Australian Government’s commitment to good urban design.

The Board has not undertaken any activities that are relevant to the Urban Design Charter and its principles.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – INFORMATION STATEMENTS**

**PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION STATEMENT**

It is the responsibility of the Board to ensure it complies with the Freedom of Information Act 1991. The Regional Manager is the designated Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer for the Board.

The following documents are available free of charge by contacting the Board on telephone (08) 8636 2361:
- brochures and fact sheets;
• policy documents;
• management plans;
• newsletters.

**Effect of Board functions on members of the public**
Policy documents related to natural resource management that involve consultation with stakeholders, including the public.

**Information Statement**
The types of documents held by the Board include:
• administration files;
• tender and contract information;
• policy documents and procedure manuals;
• research reports and publications;
• brochures, fact sheets, newsletters, photographs and posters.

**Access Documents**
Access to documents of requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 1991, is via the FOI Officer.

**Contact Officer**
The Regional Manager is the Board’s designated Principal Officer for FOI purposes. FOI requests are addressed to:

Freedom of Information Officer
Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board
PO Box 175
CRYSTAL BROOK SA 5523

**WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION ACT 1993**
The N&Y NRM Board has appointed a responsible officer for the purposes of the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993* (WPA) pursuant to Section 7 of the *Public Sector Act 2009*. There have been Nil of instances of disclosure of public interest information to a responsible officer of the Board under the WPA.
ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACTION PLAN REPORT

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GREENING OF GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS FRAMEWORK

The Board is committed to working towards the Greening of Government Operations Framework (GoGO) Framework approved by Cabinet in February 2006.

The Board currently implements energy and water use efficiency where possible and undertakes recycling of printer and toner cartridges. Vehicles are being leased as diesel as they are replaced.

REGIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STATEMENTS

The Board did not undertake any Regional Impact Assessment Statements during the 2011-12 financial year.
GLOSSARY
Act - Natural Resource Management Act 2004 (SA)
DEH - Department for Environment and Heritage (SA)
DENR – Department for Environment and Natural Resources (SA)
DWLBC - Department of Water, Land & Biodiversity Conservation
LN - Lower North
NAP - National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality
NHT - Natural Heritage Trust
NLP - National Landcare Program
NRM - Natural Resource Management
N&Y NRM - Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management
PIRSA - Department Primary Industries and Resources

RECONCILIATION STATEMENT
In fulfilling its functions, the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board is cognisant of the cultural and natural heritage of traditional owners and strives to achieve positive outcomes wherever these matters are concerned.

In February 2009, the Board adopted the following statement:

"We the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands are where we have responsibilities. We recognise the knowledge and acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal people to country."

STATEMENT OF FACT FOR SIGNIFICANT MINISTERIAL DIRECTIVES
On 1 July 2010, the Minister implemented further stage of NRM reform with the aim to integrate natural resource management across the State. A new Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) was formed as part of a new single regional delivery model, an integrated regional delivery model between boards and government.

The result of this model is to be a more strategic agenda with a single community interface for NRM, a shift to a landscape approach and increased emphasis on collaborating, partnering and engaging local communities.

The implementation of Regional Integration is outlined in the “Improving Natural Resource Management in South Australia: Regional Integration of South Australia’s Environment and Natural Resource Management Delivery” October 2010.
STATEMENT OF FACT FOR SIGNIFICANT FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED BY MINISTER

There were no significant functions assigned by the Minister during 2011-12 in accordance with Section 29 of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004.

STATEMENT OF FACT FOR FUNCTIONS OR POWERS DELEGATED TO THE BOARD

During 2011-12 there were no significant Ministerial directives issued by the Minister.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES LISTING

The Board formed advisory committees to support the Board and provide advice on governance and operational matters:

- Governance & Finance
- Planning & Strategy
- Performance Evaluation
- Aboriginal Engagement

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board would like to thank the Minister and staff of the Department for Environment and Natural Resources for the support and encouragement that it has received over the year as well as the following entities:

- The community of the Northern and Yorke Region.
- Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council
- Department of Primary Industries and Resources South Australia
- Department for Water
- District Council of Barunga West
- District Council of the Copper Coast
- District Council of Mount Remarkable
- District Council of Orroroo Carrieton
- District Council of Peterborough
- District Council of Yorke Peninsula
- Environment Protection Authority
- Flinders Ranges Council
- Industry support groups
- Local Government Central Region
- Northern Areas Council
- Port Augusta City Council
- Port Pirie Regional Council
- Regional Council of Goyder
- Wakefield Regional Council
- Other NRM Boards:
PUBLICATIONS RELEASED OR UPDATED DURING 2011-12

ATTACHMENT 1: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LOWER NORTH REGIONAL NRM GROUP
LOWER NORTH REGIONAL
NATURAL RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT GROUP

ANNUAL REPORT
1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012
LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Hon Caroline Schaefer
Presiding Member
Northern & Yorke Natural Resources Management Board
PO Box 175
CRYSTAL BROOK SA 5523

Dear Caroline

In accordance with the requirements of the Public Sector Management Act 1995 and section 59 of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004, I have pleasure in presenting the annual report of the Lower North Natural Resources Management Group for the year ended 30 June 2012.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

R J R Tilley
Chair
Lower North Regional Natural Resources Management Group
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FOREWORD

The Lower North Regional NRM Group of the Northern and Yorke NRM was able to achieve many positive outcomes during 2011/2012. The annual planning day not only set the program for the Group, but also provided the Group members and staff with a clear direction and encouragement to work together on planning and implementing projects throughout the year. The projects undertaken by the group have successfully supported and aligned with the Northern & Yorke Board’s three year plan.

Thanks must go to the staff and Board members of the Northern & Yorke NRM for the support given to the Lower North Group, enabling them to achieve a busy and successful year. The members of the Group should be extremely proud of their achievements and are looking forward to the next year.
Natural Resource Management Group matters contained in the NRM Board’s report

The following annual reporting requirements are not included in this report as they are reported in the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board’s Annual Report:

- Plans and Objectives
- Links between the Board and the SA Strategic Plan
- Links between the Board and the State NRM Plan.
- Object of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*
- Administration of the Act
- Organisational Structure
- Management of Human Resources
- Equal Employment Opportunity Programs
- Commitment to Customer Service
- Occupational, Health, Safety and Injury Management
- Contractual Arrangements
- Account Payment Performance
- Fraud
- Consultants
- Overseas Travel
- Disability Action Plans
- Asbestos Management in Government Buildings
- Urban Design Charter
- Freedom of Information
- Energy Efficiency Action Plan Report
- Greening of Government Operations Framework
- Regional Impact Assessment Statements
- Reconciliation Statement.
OPERATIONS AND INITIATIVES

Achievements

The Lower North Regional Natural Resources Management Group.

- The Lower North Regional NRM Group conducted six meetings in the 2011/2012 year. Each meeting was held in different communities within the Lower North Group area, to encourage community leaders, especially local government officers, and local residents to attend. One new member was appointed to the group during the year being Ann Hallett to replace Philip Johns.

- The group has achieved a 98% attendance and participation level at all meetings and events.

- Individuals and groups that promote NRM in the community were recognised by the Group through its Quiet Achiever program. During the year the Group and Board endorsed the issuing of awards to the following individuals:
  
  Norm Crowther – for his environmental role at the Clare Showgrounds
  Andrew Wurst – for his environmental role with BEST
  Upper Wakefield Catchment NRM Group – for its environmental role along the River Wakefield.

- As a result of the Group’s planning day the following key projects were identified for funding and delivery for the 2011/2012 year:
  
  o NRM Information Day
    In March of 2012 the group convened an NRM Information Day at Balaklava to promote the activities of the Board and the Lower North Group, and to increase community awareness of natural resource management. The day was successful with some 70 people attending to see presentations regarding a range of natural resources management issues such as climate change, raptors, mouse damage, fox baiting and silver leaf nightshade and water management. The key note speakers for the day were Professor Wayne Meyer from the University of Adelaide and Simon Goodhand from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. Other speakers included Ron Sinclair from Biosecurity SA, Lynton Staples from Animal Control Technologies and Mark Stanley from Ag Excellence Alliance.
  
  o Woody Weed Control to Protect Biodiversity
    o Olive (*Olea europaea*) Control
      The Lower North Group provided further funding of $3 000 in the 2011/12 year for the targeted management of feral olive trees on roadsides within the group area. The scope of works included follow-up of the previous year’s control efforts as well as the treatment of plants at several new locations.
  
  o Allepo pines (*Pinus halepensis*) Management
    The Lower North Group are aware of community concerns in respect to the invasive capacity of Allepo pines when in proximity to areas of
biodiversity. Targeted control of feral Allepo pines was financially supported in the Caltowie area where pines were invading areas of roadside revegetation that were a long term project by the Caltowie Corridors of Green Group.

- **Riverine Management**
  
The Lower North Group identified a significant site on the River Wakefield that was being threatened by the invasion of pines from an adjacent area. In collaboration with the property owner the group supported the removal of pine from an area of approximately 1 hectare in an effort to protect and enhance the biodiversity of the area.

- **Silverleaf nightshade** (*Solanum elaeagnifolium*) **Awareness Program**
  
This declared plant continues to be a concern for the Lower North Group and the farming community due to its continued spread and difficulty to control. The group financially supported the management of a chemical demonstration site and has formed a collaborative relationship with the Nelshaby Agricultural Bureau to promote community awareness of the plant and seek its improved management in the local area.

- **Rivers Project**
  
The Lower North Group financially supported the Board’s river management project to the amount of $3 000 to deliver the project’s community engagement workshops within the Group area.

- The Lower North Group conducted a bus tour of the south-western portion of its area in the Autumn of 2012. This proved to be a very worthwhile exercise as it affords the opportunity for Group and Board members to gain knowledge on the priority and scope of issues in the environment as well as meet members of the community to discuss natural resource management issues.

- The Group again focused on encouraging community baiting for foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*) through its incentive program. This resulted in district groups being formed with key landholders arranging neighbouring landholders to participate. Board staff provided technical expertise and ensured regulatory compliance in the supply of 1080. The group provided bait at a subsidised price to those that participated. In the 12 month period there were 13 310 fox baits supplied to 235 landholders. The group financially supported the responsible use of bait material in the landscape by providing landholders with corflute “Poison Laid on Property” signage at no cost.

- The group assisted the following organisations through sponsorship in the 2011/2012 year:
  - The Caltowie Corridors of Green
  - The Yacka Moorundie Landcare Group
  - The Mid North High Rainfall Trial Site south of Riverton
  - The Hart Field Days
  - Appila Education Field Day
  - Redbanks Education Day
  - Lower North Schools Education Day (held at the Duck Pond, Riverton)
• The Lower North Group endorsed the Auburn Primary School’s applications seeking funding through the Coles Landcare Group Project Funding program.

• The Owen Primary School’s tree planting day at the Stockyard Creek reserve was again supported through participation of Board staff.

• Staff and Group members supported several local events and promoted the activities and programs of the Board. The Jamestown and Clare Agricultural Society Shows were supported individually, with the Burra and Eudunda Shows and the Kapunda Ag Fair being attended in partnership with the staff from the South Australian Murray Darling Natural Resources Management Board (SAMDB) as these events catered for communities that shared the boundaries of both Boards. Staff also attended the Hart Field Day in September 2011. Group members and staff also supported the promotion good of natural resources management in the region at the biennial Yorke Peninsula Field Days at the Paskeville site.

• Staff and Group members have enthusiastically supported and participated in the Mid North Conservation Action Plan process throughout the year.

• Staff of the Lower North Group continued to support the management of Weeds of National Significance (WoNS). Follow-up management of previously controlled areas funded under the Caring for Our Country program was funded internally to address Gorse (*Ulex europeaus* L.), Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus* sp. agg.) Boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera*) and Bridal creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*). Staff continue to arrange treatment and monitor these significant environmental weed species in the landscape.

• Staff continued to support Group and Board projects and programs by contributing to the Board's communications program. Media releases and input into the Board's regional publications were regularly supported.

• During 2011/2012 staff continued to work cooperatively with other agencies and rail operators that are managers of land. Staff arranged for the control of declared plants and animals and managed contractors to provide this service on behalf of the Department of Transport Energy & Infrastructure on controlled access roads, and Transfield Services and Genesee Wyoming for rail corridors under their control and within the Lower North Group area.

• Department of Defence

  Staff have continued to foster the relationship with this Commonwealth department as they are a major landholder within the group area. Staff have continued to support the department’s efforts to protect the biodiversity of the area by assisting with the provision of fox baits and support for the long term fox monitoring program which they have implemented.

• Wild artichoke (*Cynara cardunculus*) Management

  The Lower North Group has initiated a control program for this plant on properties in the Broughton River catchment. Over some time this declared plant has regained a foothold on numerous parcels and the Group are keen to see a rejuvenated effort by landholders to bring this plant under control with a view to removing it from the landscape.
• Khaki weed (*Alternanthera caracasana*)
  This plant persisted and flourished at previously identified sites. Two sites, both located on school amenity areas, are of concern due to the risk of movement by staff and students. Board staff have worked cooperatively with Education Department staff to control the infestations and minimise the risk of spreading the plant to new sites.

• African rue
  This difficult to control plant is now known to be present in the Broughton River catchment in an area reaching from Booborowie to Redhill. Infestations have been identified within close proximity of the watercourse as well as having spread to adjacent farming land. Board staff have continued to gather information of its presences as well as seek landholder experiences with the plant and its potential control options.

• The group continued to support the community in the management of Cape tulip (*Moraea flaccida* and *M. miniata*) through the availability of specialist equipment. The use of the Board’s two blanket wipers has remained at the levels of previous years with staff managing their rostering and delivery timetable.

• Dingos (Canis lupus dingo)
  In early 2012, staff responded to landholder reports of a dingo roaming in the Black Springs district. Staff communicated with SA Murray-Darling Basin NRM Board staff as it was a cross-border issue of concern to both regions. The animal was not sighted by the community or staff after the initial report.

• Domestic Deer Farming
  The annual inspection program for deer fence compliance was conducted in 2011/12 with no new concerns with those inspected highlighted to the Lower North Group. A domestic deer keeping enterprise in the Jamestown district continues to be closely monitored for maintaining an appropriate standard of fencing for the keeping of deer due to a history of escapes.

• Livestock offered for sale at the regular Jamestown market were monitored for the presence of declared plant material by officers of the Board in the 2011/12 period. No notable changes in the incidence or type of plants presenting were noted by staff.

• During the 2011/12 year there were no new Prescribed Notices issued by staff. Two action plans for the management of wild artichoke thistle are currently enforced and monitored. Staff always seek voluntary management of issues by landholders as a first step in a compliance management process and these undertakings by staff form the majority of their efforts in the area of natural resources management in the field with the public.

• The Lower North Group continues to monitor the presence and management of declared plants and animals on road reserves by Board staff through their direct responsibilities under the Natural Resources Management Act, 2004. Road reserves are surveyed and controlled and costs pursued from adjoining landholders where necessary.
• There has been no new potential land management issue brought to the attention of the Group in the 2011/12 year. Two previously noted issues are being monitored by staff on a seasonal basis and supported by expert advice to the Board and Group.

• Staff of the Group area monitored the landscape for issues relating to water affecting activities. Noted activities were referred to the Board’s water officer for further investigation and action where necessary.

• The State review of plant declaration continues to progress with staff liaising with the three group areas of the region to form an agreed position on amendments, removal and the addition of declared plants. The Group was represented at a meeting of the Board’s Technical Advisory Panel on Biodiversity (TAP) in May of 2011 to consider the process and candidates.

• The Group supported the continuing engagement with Balaklava High School in respect to the management of foxes. A staff member assisted the institution with managing its baiting program and provided an in class tutorial on the subject of pest animal management.

• A project from the previous year involving the seeding of native grasses on a section of unoccupied land adjacent to Porter’s Lagoon was provided with ongoing management by staff. An excellent germination of seedlings from last year was assisted by the treatment of broad-leaf and grassy weed species to assist in their survival.
ROLE, LEGISLATION AND STRUCTURE

The Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board was established in December 2004 under the auspices of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*. This report for the 2011-2012 financial year fulfils the requirements of Section 38 of the Act.

ROLE OF THE GROUP

The Board’s role is defined in the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* and includes:

- Taking an active role in the management of natural resources within the region and providing advice on natural resource issues;
- Preparing a regional natural resources management plan;
- Implementing the Board’s three-year business plan;
- Promoting public awareness and understanding of the importance of integrated and sustainable NRM;
- Providing advice on the assessment of activities or proposals referred under legislation or on any matter relevant to the condition or management of natural resources; and
- Undertaking and supporting educational activities and increasing community capacity to undertake sustainable natural resource management.

FUNCTIONS OF THE LOWER NORTH REGIONAL NRM GROUP

Section 52 of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* describes the functions of the Lower North Regional Natural Resources Management Group:

(1) The functions of a regional NRM group are:

(a) to be actively involved in the development and implementation of any relevant regional NRM plan at the local level (to the extent specified or envisaged by that plan or specified by the relevant board or boards); and

(b) to develop, implement or participate in programs associated with natural resources management at the local level; and

(c) to promote public awareness of the importance of integrated and sustainable natural resources management within its area and to undertake or support educational initiatives with respect to natural resources management; and

(d) to provide advice to regional NRM boards, and other bodies and agencies, with respect to the assessment of various activities, proposals, situations or circumstances within its area; and

(f) Such other functions prescribed by the regulations or assigned to the NRM group by a regional NRM board, or by or under this or any other Act.

MEMBERSHIP

Section 48 of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* provides for the appointment of the Lower North Regional Natural Resources Management Group.
The Group consists of up to seven members, appointed by the regional NRM Board, being persons who collectively have, in the opinion of the board, knowledge, skills and experience determined by the board or boards to enable the NRM group to carry out its functions effectively.

The membership of the Group during 2011/2012 was:

- Robert Tilley (Chairperson)
- Philip Johns
- Peter White
- Jillian Wilsdon
- Trevor Wood
- Benedict Browne
- Kerry Ward
- Ann Hallett

**MEETINGS: GENERAL AND SPECIAL**

A total of six general group meetings were held during the 2011-2012 financial year.

A total of one special group meeting was held during the 2011-2012 financial year.

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   - (b) include other information required by or under the regulations.

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**SPECIFIC REPORTS**

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(1) The Minister or a regional NRM board may, by written notice to a regional NRM group, require the group to provide to the Minister or the Regional NRM board, within a period stated in the notice or at stated intervals, any report or reports relating to the performance, exercise or discharge of its functions, powers or responsibilities, as the Minister or the regional NRM board (as the case may be) thinks fit.

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**COMMITTEES LISTING**

Nil

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Caroline Schaefer  
Presiding Member  
Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board  
PO Box 175  
CRYSTAL BROOK SA 5523

Dear Madam

In accordance with the requirements of the Public Sector Management Act 1995 and section 59 of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004, I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Yorke Peninsula Natural Resources Management Group for the year ended 30 June 2012.

The Yorke Peninsula Group has held six meetings and one Planning Day during the period June 2011 to July 2012. The Group commenced the period with five members and following the appointment of two members, the Group finished the year with full membership. Technical and operational support was received from State agencies and Board staff.

Ray Agnew  
Chairperson  
Yorke Peninsula Natural Resources Management Group
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FOREWORD

This is the Annual Report for the Yorke Peninsula Natural Resource Management Group that has provided support to the Yorke Peninsula community over the three local government areas of Barunga West, Copper Coast and Yorke Peninsula.

The NRM Group has met six times during the past financial year.

We are greatly indebted to the staff in our region, who have coordinated extensive operations programs, regularly seeking local knowledge on issues relevant to delivery of these projects from the Group. The enthusiasm, advice and direction they have offered to our Group has been most appreciated.

Developing the capacity of the Group to establish linkages with the community and landholders was facilitated by the completion of a planning day held in August 2011.

The preservation of Yorke Peninsula’s natural environment, particularly sensitive coastal areas, is under increasing pressure from human recreational uses and requires careful management. In addition, primary industries play a crucial role in the social and economic fabric of the region, and the promotion and protection of these activities is a key component of Yorke Peninsula Group endeavours.

The Yorke Peninsula Group faces a continued challenge, but, as is evident from the report, our Group has been actively implementing our plans, goals, and objectives.

The following is a summary of key concerns of the Yorke Peninsula Group:
- management of soil wind erosion - much of the farmed land is susceptible to this form of degradation due to its inherent properties;
- establishing effective strategies for balancing recreation with preservation of environmental integrity in the coastal zone;
- ensuring early intervention that prevents the spread and wider establishment of pest plants and animals;
- the need for increased engagement of landholders in activities that protect and restore remnant native vegetation;
- the Group may need to respond to issues relevant to the future prescribing of groundwater basins within the Group area;
- understanding the way forward in the area of marine natural resource management.

Raymond Agnew
Chairperson
Yorke Peninsula Natural Resources Management Group
NRM GROUP MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE NRM BOARD’S REPORT

The following annual reporting requirements are not included in this report as they are reported in the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board’s Annual Report:

- Plans and Objectives
- Links between the Board and the SA Strategic Plan
- Links between the Board and the State NRM Plan
- Object of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*
- Administration of the Act
- Organisational Structure
- Management of Human Resources
- Equal Employment Opportunity Programs
- Occupational, Health, Safety and Injury Management
- Contractual Arrangements
- Account Payment Performance
- Fraud
- Disability Action Plans
- Asbestos Management in Government Buildings
- Urban Design Charter
- Freedom of Information
- Energy Efficiency Action Plan Report
- Greening of Government Operations Framework
- Regional Impact Assessment Statements
- Reconciliation Statement
OPERATIONS AND INITIATIVES

Achievements and contributions to the Targets of the Northern & Yorke NRM Board Business Plan for 2011-12.

Healthy Terrestrial Ecosystems

- Provided continued support for the Project ‘SYP Fox Baiting for Biodiversity’ in conjunction with the Department of Environment and Heritage / DENR. Officers carried out the seventh and eighth round of baiting for the SYP Biodiversity Project in August 2011 and February 2012. Officers were also responsible for the collection and destruction of any untaken baits.

- The Southern Yorke Peninsula Conservation Action Planning (SYP CAP) program has continued in 2011/12, with another four workshops being held in the region. The SYP CAP program now moves into a more operational mode, especially now that the southern Yorke Peninsula region has received a $2.1M six year Clean Energy Futures Biodiversity grant for on-ground works in the western region of the southern Yorke Peninsula.

- Central Yorke Peninsula and northern Yorke Peninsula regions have been included in the new Mid North Conservation Action Planning (MN CAP) program which commenced in 2011. Yorke Peninsula NRM Group members and staff are heavily involved in both CAP programs.

Minimal Pest Impact

- Pest Animals: Officers coordinated and facilitated the supply and best practice management of baiting programs for reducing the damage caused by foxes to primary production. The emphasis was on coordinated action over local areas with neighbouring properties and on landholder participation and commitment to the program.

- Provided subsidised 1080 fox bait for participating fox baiting groups.

- Technical expertise, bait and baiting equipment to build the capacity of the community to manage rabbit problems are provided by the Officers. Advice is given as to the best practice options for implementing effective rabbit control.

- Conducted a rabbit control program involving community groups and landholders, fully funded by Caring for our Country.

- Officers provided technical advice to landholders experiencing problems with high mouse populations.

- Further control work undertaken of the declared plant and Weed of National Significance; Boneseed (Chrysanthemoides monilifera spp); at infestation sites within the Group area.

- Control work to the value of $50000 of Bridal veil (Asparagus declinatus) implemented across local regions.
• White weeping broom controlled at previously mapped sites across Yorke Peninsula and a further reduction was made to the core infestations in the region, to the value of $16000.

• Program of destruction for the declared plant; Creeping knapweed (*Acroptilon repens*). Inspections have revealed that all but one infested site now appears to have been eradicated.

• Assistance given to landholders to mix and apply Bridal creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*) rust spores.

• Applied funding from the Department for Transport, Energy & Infrastructure for the management of declared plant species on road reserves. The allocated funding was spent and invoices submitted.

• Advice given to landholders wishing to harvest Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*) plants affected by the biological control agent Plume moth.

• Pest animal management and declared plant fact sheets are available on the Board website.

**Community Driven NRM**

• The future project register is being maintained for possible future funding.

• A landholder Information Day held at Yorketown on March 21, was organised by the Group with support from staff and attended by landowners from southern Yorke Peninsula.

• Prepared and submitted press releases and conducted radio interviews advising of services available to the community for management of pest animals and plants.

• Over 25 local community groups have been involved in Community Grant projects during the 2011/12 period. Groups with a focus on Landcare and CoastCare activities have been particularly active, along with Progress Associations who are keen to care for their local environment. A summary of investment is listed below. The majority of these projects are managed by the Natural Resource Management Officer (NRMO) in conjunction with the funding bodies. The NRMO assists the Central Local Government Region (CLGR) CoastCare Officer with facilitation of the CoastCare program where required and also provides technical support. The NRMO represents the Board on the steering committee of the Australian Trust for Conservation Volunteers project, provides technical support where required and assists with the planning and presentation of community workshops.
  o 13 projects in the Yorke Peninsula Region were funded through the State NRM Community Grants to a total value of $150 000.
  o 8 projects were funded through the N&Y NRM Board Community Grants Scheme with a total value of just over $90 000.
  o 34 community group projects were finalised in 2012 through the Central Local Government CoastCare Program funded by the Australian Government Caring for our Country program. The total value of this program to the Yorke Peninsula region was approximately $340 000 over two years.
The three District Councils of the Yorke Peninsula region also received approximately $80,000 in grant funding for environmental projects through the CLGR CoastCare program.

The Australian Trust for Conservation Volunteers project “Increasing Long Term Engagement of SA Rural Coastal Community Environment Groups” provided up to 10 Yorke Peninsula community groups with assistance in the form of managed teams of volunteer labour and materials, along with regional workshops to improve the skills of local volunteers. The value of this program in the Yorke Peninsula region in 2012 would be approximately $150,000.

- Locally based NRM staff participated in regional activities during the year and produced a number of print and radio releases for local media.

- Facilitation and presentation at community/progress associations and agricultural bureau meetings.

- A plant identification service is available to the general public and has been extensively utilised.

- Staff and Group members were involved with the setup and running of the Paskeville Field Days stall in September 2011.

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ROLE, LEGISLATION AND STRUCTURE

The Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board was established in December 2004 under the auspices of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004. This report for the 2011-12 financial year fulfils the requirements of Section 38 of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004.

ROLE OF THE GROUP

The Groups’ role is defined in the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 and includes:

- Taking an active role in the management of natural resources within the region and providing advice on natural resource issues;
- Preparing a regional natural resources management plan;
- Implementing the Board’s three-year business plan;
- Promoting public awareness and understanding of the importance of integrated and sustainable NRM;
- Providing advice on the assessment of activities or proposals referred under legislation or on any matter relevant to the condition or management of natural resources; and
- Undertaking and supporting educational activities and increasing community capacity to undertake sustainable natural resource management.

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MEMBERSHIP

Section 48 of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 provides for the appointment of the Yorke Peninsula Natural Resources Management Group.

The Group consists of up to 7 members, appointed by the regional NRM Board, being persons who collectively have, in the opinion of the Board, knowledge, skills and experience determined by the Board or Boards to enable the NRM Group to carry out its functions effectively.

The membership of the Yorke Peninsula NRM Group during 2011-12 was:

Members
- Raymond Agnew
- Alan Twartz
- Neil Smith
- Stephen Goldsworthy
- Grantley Dodd
- Celia Manning
- Leonie Kerley

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The Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation, Rural Solutions SA, the Department for Environment and Heritage (DENR), SA Water, the Department for Transport,
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There were no significant functions assigned by the Yorke Peninsula NRM Group during the 2011-12 periods.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ANNUAL REPORT

Section 56 – Accounts and Audit of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 requires that:

(3) An NRM Group must cause proper accounts to be kept of its financial affairs and must cause financial statements to be prepared in respect of each financial year.
(4) The Auditor-General may at any time, and must in respect of each financial year, audit the accounts and financial statements required under subsection (1)

Section 57-Annual Reports of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 requires that:

(3) An NRM Group must, on or before 31 October in every year, provide to the regional NRM board or boards that have responsibility for the NRM Group a report on its activities for the financial year ending on the preceding 30 June (and need not provide a report under section 6A of the Public Sector Management Act 1995).
(4) The report must—
   (a) include a copy of the audited accounts and financial statements of the NRM Group, and
   (b) include other information required by or under the regulations.
In regards to Section 57(2)(b) there are no regulations applying.

**SPECIFIC REPORTS**

Section 58 of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* states that:

1. The Minister or a regional NRM Board may, by written notice to a regional NRM Group, require the Group to provide to the Minister or the Regional NRM board, within a period stated in the notice or at stated intervals, any report or reports relating to the performance, exercise or discharge of its functions, powers or responsibilities, as the Minister or the regional NRM board (as the case may be) thinks fit.
2. If a requirement is imposed under subsection (1), the regional NRM Group must cause a statement of the fact of the imposition of the requirement to be published in its next annual report.

There were no specific reports requested and provided to the Minister or the NRM Council under Section 39.

**COMMITTEES LISTING**

Nil

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Group would like to thank the Minister and staff of the following organisations for the support and encouragement that it has received over the year:

- Board and staff of the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board.
- PIRSA Biosecurity
- Department of Primary Industries and Resources
- District Council of Barunga West
- District Council of the Copper Coast
- District Council of Yorke Peninsula; and
- The community of the Northern and Yorke region.
UPPER NORTH
NATURAL RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT GROUP

ANNUAL REPORT

1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012
LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Caroline Schaefer  
Presiding Member  
Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board  
PO Box 175, Crystal Brook  
South Australia 5523

Dear Caroline,

In accordance with the requirements of the Public Sector Management Act 1995 and section 59 of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004, I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Upper North Natural Resources Management Group for the year ended 30 June 2012.

There remains a continuous improvement in sincerity from the Upper North Group and I can now report that members are thinking and working broad enough to supervise a landscape scale project. Indeed, members are working in the community as champions of NRM, most recently noted when members organised numerous landowners to be part of our rabbit warren destruction program.

Members work hard at bimonthly meetings in their evaluation of prioritising and targeting of NRM reparation projects. There is a genuine keenness and desire from members to work with NRM Staff, encouraging and providing local knowledge and advice.

I am pleased to report that the Group remains fully inclusive in NRM matters and that all members are exercising and expanding their role into understanding soil condition and management, pest control, protecting and improving biodiversity, coastal care and water management.

Finally, on behalf of the Upper North NRM Group I wish to thank the Board Members for their attendance at our meetings, their encouragement and their advice. Also, I thank the Regional Manager, NRM Board staff and contracted personnel for their committed support.

Geraldine Davis  
Chairperson  
Upper North Natural Resources Management Group
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FOREWORD

This report is a measure of the significant advancement that members of the Upper North NRM Group have achieved over the twelve month period as individuals and a functioning team to undertake a community leadership role for the protection of our northern natural asset.

Members recognised that teamwork begins with individual effort and that as an individual matures in their knowledge and understanding, their contribution to the team increases which provides for continuous improvement in team work.

Members took their work home and into the community from the meeting rooms, influencing township residents, farmers, bio-hobbyists and indeed any section of the community responsive to bio-security.

While the Group retained its broad focus on multiple stakeholders in NRM throughout the year, it made considerable effort to support industry, in particular primary industry and community groups. Members attended community and industry field trips and ‘working bees’ in their own time and freely provided physical effort and constructive information on NRM operations.

The report shows that members met the challenge set by outgoing Chairman Peter McInnis in 2009; ‘to target landscape protection and reparation of threatened natural systems’.

The Group’s rabbit warren destruction project and its wheel cactus control project is a full testament to targeted landscape protection of biodiversity. In addition, the Group provided funds for the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Coast and Marine Conservation Branch to collect wide scoping information on overabundant pearl oyster in the upper Spencer Gulf, at the request of concerned community members, the Port Augusta Marine Advisory Committee, the Port Augusta City Council and the Shack Owners Association.

We have again formally recognised those community members as quiet achievers, who in their individual effort to help protect our natural biodiversity are assisting and working with the NRM Group to increase its ambassadorship to nature. Quiet achievers accepted an invitation to a Group meeting where they were awarded a special ‘appreciation certificate’, their works discussed and applauded by the Group, and then enjoyed a lunch as the guest.

The Upper North area maintained its staffing level throughout the year with no staff changes. However, our Natural Resources Management Officer had extended periods of leave to nurture a new baby boy.

Group Members remain confident that our biodiversity is receiving the necessary and adequate protection from the impact of introduced pest species and that we are leading the community forward in continuous learning of best practice process for better managed land, sustainable biodiversity, protected coastal areas and sustainable water use.

The Upper North NRM Group will remain focused on empowering and educating the community to recognise the need to protect the natural asset and its natural systems and for the people to voluntarily conduct best practice techniques in protection and reparation of the environment.
The Group is looking forward to the 2011-12 year and the opportunity for Group Members, NRM staff and the community to encourage and support one another in individual effort and team work to give even better service to the public for the protection of our unique natural systems.
NRM GROUP MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE NRM BOARD’S REPORT

The following annual reporting requirements are not included in this report as they are reported in the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board’s Annual Report:

- Plans and Objectives
- Links between the Board and the SA Strategic Plan
- Links between the Board and the State NRM Plan.
- Object of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*
- Administration of the Act
- Organisational Structure
- Management of Human Resources
- Equal Employment Opportunity Programs
- Occupational, Health, Safety and Injury Management
- Contractual Arrangements
- Account Payment Performance
- Fraud
- Disability Action Plans
- Asbestos Management in Government Buildings
- Urban Design Charter
- Freedom of Information
- Energy Efficiency Action Plan Report
- Greening of Government Operations Framework
- Regional Impact Assessment Statements
- Reconciliation Statement
OPERATIONS AND INITIATIVES

Achievements and contributions to the Targets of the Northern & Yorke NRM Board Business Plan for 2011-12.

Minimal pest Impact
- Weeds of National Significance:

  In April 2012, the Australian Weeds Committee announced that it will ‘add 12 plants to the nation’s ‘worst weeds’ hit-list’. The original Weeds of National Significance (WoNS) list of 20 weeds was created in 1999 and has grown to 32 with the latest additions.

  The Upper North Natural Resources Management (UN NRM) Group noted that a particular interest is the inclusion of African boxthorn, brooms, silver leaf nightshade and opuntioid cacti.

  African boxthorn is wide spread and impacting on natural systems especially in riparian areas, brooms in particular Montpellier broom in the Willochra creek and a spreading infestation at the head of the Rocky river catchment needs halting and silver leaf nightshade continues to impact on agricultural productivity in the Appila area.

  Members envisage and are hopeful for a more intense focus on opuntioid species as our climate and soil types match the environments that are suitable for cactus invasion.

  Group members are keen to support the WoNS committee Chairman, Dr Jim Thompson, in his message for partnerships to deliver an efficient and effective response to managing the most serious weeds through coordinated on-the-ground activities.

  The UN NRM Group has requested that NRM staff keep members informed of future developments in planning and funding opportunities.

- Wheel cactus control project at Parnaroo (East of Peterborough).

  **Key points**
  - Hectares of uncontrolled wheel cactus 2009 162 000 Hectares
  - Hectares of wheel cactus controlled over 4 yrs 153 000 Hectares
  - Hectares remaining of major concern core infestation *9 000 Hectares
  - Project expenditure $190 000.00
  - Area cost $1.24 per Hectare

  *The remaining 9 000 hectares of mainly core infestation wheel cactus may cost $39 per hectare to destroy ($351 000) as plant density is very high.

  UN NRM Group members approved the following budget to control wheel cactus.

  Upper North expenditure 2011/12
  
  Contractor ......................... $15 000
  Reimbursements ................. $ 1 764
  Chemical .......................... $ 2 500
  Equipment ........................ $ 736
In-kind work and landowner cash contribution ... $16 764

**Total** $36 764

The UN NRM Group budget provided $20 000 for the hire of a qualified contractor, chemical and equipment to assist landowners in the Peterborough area control wheel cactus plants on their properties.

Landowners contribute a further $16 764 of in-kind work or a 50% cash payment for contractor accounts, to the NRM Board.

A table of the four year wheel cactus control project.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Area in hectares controlled</th>
<th>Number of landowners participating in the project</th>
<th>Wheel cactus plants controlled (or tonnes destroyed)</th>
<th>Value of project</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2009</td>
<td>Estimate 60 000 Hectares</td>
<td>21 Landowners <em>Being all landowners with wheel cactus on their property in the Peterborough region.</em></td>
<td>25 272 <em>(correction from 2010/11 report)</em></td>
<td>$20 000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2010</td>
<td>Estimate 40 000 Hectares</td>
<td>17 Landowners</td>
<td>29 576 <em>(correction from 2010/11 report)</em></td>
<td>$30 000</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>Estimate 28 000 Hectares</td>
<td>13 Landowners</td>
<td>36 384</td>
<td>$20 000</td>
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<tr>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Estimate 2 000 Hectares</td>
<td>Mechanical cactus control</td>
<td>2 000</td>
<td>$100 000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Estimate 23 000 Hectares</td>
<td>9 Landowners</td>
<td>28 647</td>
<td>$20 000</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>153 000 Hectares Controlled.</strong></td>
<td>***<strong>12 landowners are no longer part of this project as wheel cactus is destroyed over their property.</strong></td>
<td><strong>119 879</strong> Wheel cactus plants controlled by pad injection 2 000 tonnes of wheel cactus physically</td>
<td><strong>$190 000</strong></td>
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The wheel cactus control project in the Peterborough area has near completed its initial aim; being to halt the spread and to reduce plant numbers to low density outside the defined core infestation at Parnaroo.

A core infestation of dense wheel cactus at Parnaroo estimated at 8 500Ha and another dense infestation estimated at 500 Ha 15 Km North of Parnaroo remains a concern to the Group.

Wheel cactus control over four years has significantly reduced its threat to biodiversity and agricultural grazing across approximately 153 000 Ha.

** The total area of wheel cactus in this region was mapped at 162 000 Ha in 2009, 9 000 Hectares, being the core infestation remains.

- The Orroroo Carrieton District Council, for the third consecutive year has sprayed herbicide on pepper tree re-growth from cut stumps in the Pekina creek.

This follow-up control work was undertaken on several cut stumps and should be the final stage.

Feral pepper trees, feral olive trees and African boxthorn plants had been mechanically removed from the Pekina creek and mulched into wood chip during 2008.

Biodiversity protected, monitored and follow-up control in seven kilometres of the Pekina Creek.

- Rabbit Warren Destruction Project
  Key points
  1 875 rabbit warrens destroyed
  50 000 Hectares of significant biodiversity protected
  11 landowners participated
  Funding $35 000 exc GST

The Upper North Group secured a further $35 000 for rabbit control to protect areas of significant biodiversity at Arden Vale north of Quorn in the upper north region.

A tracked bulldozer was contracted to deep rip a minimum of 600 mm into the soil through rabbit warrens, effectively causing the collapse of all underground tunnels. The machine is contracted to deep rip the soil at least one bulldozer width past the most outer warren to ensure tunnels leading away from the centre of the warren are also collapsed.

Rabbits searching for protection from predators and from natural exposure are denied refuse from open warrens by rabbit warren destruction and generally die within a few days.
This project to destroy rabbit warrens is targeted to follow the effective seasonal control of rabbits by the biocontrol agent ‘rabbit calicivirus disease’ (RCD).

Rabbit activity in warrens is very low immediately after seasonal RCD, indeed most burrows are empty of rabbits ensuring that our warren destruction is very humane. Some rabbits, in particular young rabbits, have a natural immunity to RCD and must be controlled by other means prior to warren destruction; the most effective best practice means of control is 1080 baiting.

A contractor from Hawker was hired by the NRM Board to carry out control work using a D6 Caterpillar bulldozer. The contract was completed on time and on budget. Start date was 26/4/2012 and work was completed on 27/6/2012.

Members of the Upper North Group are very pleased with the work undertaken, and all landowners in the project have provided positive reports.

Landowners participating in this project offer and undertake a considerable effort of in-kind work. Landowners map every rabbit warren on their property prior to the arrival of the bulldozer and prepare an operational on-ground work-plan to ensure the most efficient use of the machine.

Landowners must also have Occupational Health & Safety and operational ‘fire fighting’ equipment on site at all times, must be available to physically locate each warren and assist the contractor with shifting the machinery to an adjoining property.

‘Land Management Agreements’ are signed by landowners participating in this project where they agree to continue to undertake any minor follow up work to ensure that all warrens in the control area remained relatively rabbit free.
A table of the 5 year rabbit warren destruction project

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Hectares (area) (Ha)</th>
<th>Rabbit Warrens (destroyed)</th>
<th>Landowners</th>
<th>Funding</th>
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<td>2007/08</td>
<td>75 000</td>
<td>1 366</td>
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<td>50 000</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>532 226</td>
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*Exc GST*

- Fox baiting to protect native animals; Arden Vale region north of Quorn.

**Key points**
- 760 pre-prepared 1080 poison baits dispensed
- 6 landowners participated in fox baiting.
- Cost : $1 045.00

Effective removal of rabbits from the Arden Vale region may also remove the main food source for foxes, causing increased predation on native and domestic species.

Members of the UN NRM Group decided to provide free fox baits to landowners in the Arden Vale region as part of the rabbit warren destruction project. Six landowners chose to bait foxes with free baits while five landowners (11 landowners in project) chose to undertake a fox shooting project.
• **Bathurst Burr Control; Johnburg Landcare Group**
  The UN NRM Group could not, for a second consecutive year, financially support landowners in the Johnburg Landcare Group with follow-up control of approximately 500 hectares of Bathurst burr in the Walloway catchment area.

  Group members believed it appropriate to fund the services of Rural Solutions SA to conduct a workshop with local landowners and provide a comprehensive report for the community called the ‘Eastern Plains Management Coordination Action Plan’.

  Members assessed that while the report cost $10 000, the information it provides is expected to enable the Group and local landowners direct resources more appropriately.

  Unfortunately Bathurst burr remained generally uncontrolled in the area this year, however, landowners now feel that they are better equipped from the report’s information to manage further weed encroachment economically.

**Reducing the impact on the natural resource through the management of ‘declared pest plant’ species.**

• Weeds controlled on identified Crown land allotments and road reserves adjacent to Crown land. Skeleton weed was controlled along approximately 12 kilometres of abandoned rail corridor between Black rock and Peterborough, and horehound and wild artichoke controlled near Booleroo and Yandiah.

  The Group is aware that African boxthorn is becoming prevalent on coastal lands, and pleased to be informed that a volunteer group will begin control work shortly.

• Inspections for declared plants was carried out on railway reserves for Transfield Pty Ltd in the Peterborough and Port Germein areas.

  Bathurst burr, Opuntia, African boxthorn, and horehound remain the main weeds of concern for follow-up control.

• Ongoing monitoring and evaluation program for the biocontrol agent *L. echii* ‘flee beetle’ controlling Salvation Jane weed in the Melrose area.

  Evidence of Salvation Jane leaves being attacked by flee beetle was common, however, the beetles could not be found. The impact of the biocontrol agent is low, allowing Salvation Jane to persist.

• 6 000 kilometres of road reserves were inspected and adjacent landowners notified of the presence of introduced declared weeds.

  Inspections of road reserves increased by approximately 30% this year as numerous landowners expressed concerns that ‘declared weeds on road reserves were not adequately controlled’

  The NRM staff reported to the Group that landowners were concerned with only a few roads reserves that needed attention, mainly in the Pekina area.
Seventy five letters to inform landowners of weed presences and means of control were posted to relevant people and 93 three landowners were telephoned personally. All landowners responded positively to the information provided.

- Horehound biocontrol agent ‘Plume Moth’ was again monitored in the Yatina hills and in the Yatina township blocks.

  Plume moth biocontrol agent has established across all sites of release showing moderate to increasing leaf impact on horehound plants.

  NRM staff reports to the Group indicate that Plume moth is now wide spread and common; most easily noticeable on horehound in late spring.

- Five plant identifications for concerned landowners and advice on best practice control or management techniques was provided. This is significantly fewer than the previous year, however, the local suppliers of agricultural merchandise have made numerous requests for plant identification and known control methods as it appears landowners are increasingly using private companies for advice.

  NRM Authorised Officers are continuing to provide this important service to landowners, home owners and more recently, private companies.

- The extensive ‘Cut-leaf mignonette weed control project’ in the Pekina and Wynflette area was scaled down this year mainly due to the increased cropping programs in the area. Landowners were able to effectively control the most heavily infested areas with ‘in crop’ chemicals and minimal spraying on the crop edge.

  While the control program was reduced, a seed source remains in the soil possibly dormant until more favorable seasonal conditions.

  Landowners remain keen to keep plants from spreading outside the main area of infestation and continue to destroy all plants on road reserves.

- Lincoln weed is actively controlled on the Pekina road, Black Rock road and the Booleroo road. While the region experienced an unusually wet summer period, providing ideal conditions for Lincoln weed to actively grow, fewer plants than expected needed to be controlled.

  NRM officers reported to the Group that often single plants are sprayed on roadsides; the seeds thought to be dropped from trucks carrying sheep.

  In areas where the NRM authorities do not actively enforce Lincoln weed control e.g. Peterborough, Lincoln weed flourished and visibly increased its density over entire paddocks.

- One leaf Cape tulip growing adjacent to the Mount Remarkable National Park at Melrose was again sprayed, however, there were fewer plants than the previous year.
This infestation was discovered two years ago by DEH staff and is successfully being controlled by NRM officers. Follow up work will be required for some years as these plants reproduce from seeds and corms.

- A project to control a wild artichoke infestation growing in the Weepowie / Booleroo Springs remains to be developed by the Upper North Group in liaison with the Board’s water officer.

This work was not undertaken as Council was using water from the springs for some months for local road building, there being a high traffic turn around and being unsafe to control weeds.

- Caltrop weed was successfully destroyed in local cemeteries and other amenity areas by the Local Councils.

People with town blocks are being asked to destroy Caltrop on sight and definitely before the burrs form. Unfortunately the NRM Officers receive reports of Caltrop with mature burrs, making control extremely difficult.

- Bathurst burr weed on road reserves, in paddocks and along numerous water ways is becoming a spreading weed of major concern.

Three wet summers in succession across the region has enabled Bathurst burr plants to stagger its germinations over a five month period and undertake a continuous seed setting pattern.

Only the most vigilant landowners committed to an exhaustive control program could reduce Bathurst burr numbers; remaining landowners unfortunately allowed large numbers of seed to mature, fall to the soil and remain viable in the soil for decades.

Landowner comments from the SA Dublin and Jamestown stock sale yards have for the second year indicated a significant increase in numbers of livestock contaminated with Bathurst burr.

- African rue plants were controlled on Minburra, Paratoo and Butterfields and Pekina road to protect the spread into numerous neighbouring properties.

Plants were also destroyed on the Quorn Hawker road and Boolcunda road.

Landowners with land along the Boolcunda Creek have again been contacted by NRM staff with the intention of improving African rue control on creek banks to prevent spread into adjoining property by flood water.

Landowners at Erskine, east of Orroroo, are undertaking chemical and timing trials to effectively destroy the foliage and the deep root system of the plant. An ‘older technology’ chemical known as Amitrol is controlling the plant for up to two years, however, the long term effectiveness is unknown.
• Declared plants inspected for Australian Track and Rail. Minor infestations of Bathurst burr controlled.

• Hudson pear (cactus) on properties west of Port Augusta is a priority weed for destruction. The control work was not undertaken due to the owner of the land with the cactus being in conflict with the Defence Force regarding land acquisition, therefore not being willing to voluntarily undertake the control work.

The UN NRM Group has identified Hudson pear control as a separate project from all other Opuntia management, as eradication of the pest in the Port Augusta region is practically achievable.

Reducing the impact on the natural resource through the management of ‘declared pest animal’ species.

• Two NRM goat traps were hired to landowners in the Quorn, Hawker and Orroroo area.
• Rabbit control was undertaken by ‘rabbit warren destruction’ (see projects).
• Fox control was undertaken by landowners by baiting or shooting.
• Wild dog control was undertaken by landowners by baiting, trapping or shooting. The Group has received numerous reports of multiple dingo sightings and dogs shot on properties or on road reserves. Landowners are reporting the killing and mauling of sheep; up to 300 lamb deaths attributed to dingo pack attack only 20 kilometres north of Orroroo. Reliable sightings are reported south to Tarcowie and Laura.

1080 Poison for feral animal control

• 1080 Powder in stock : NIL
• 1080 Sock solution in stock : 665 mls (3 267 mls used)
• 1080 fox solution in stock : 570 mls (7 900 mls used)
• SA 1080 solution in stock : 10 652 mls (4 148 mls used)
• Vic 1080 solution in stock : 311 mls (nil used)
• 1080 Dingo solution in stock : 13 mls (nil used)

Fox bait sales
Pre-prepared baits (Foxoff)
Baits dispensed to 111 landowners
209 x 40 bait pails (8 360 baits) value of sales $11 495

Value of sales 2010/11 - $5 547.76
* 100% increase in previous years sales.
** 81% of bait sales dispensed from Orroroo NRM office

Injected bait sales (fresh meat)
64 960 baits, value of sales $7 145.60
2010/11 financial year: 51 824 baits, value of sales - $5 160.64

• Dingo bait sales
22 000 baits, value of sales $3 025.00
2010/11 financial year 200 baits, value of sales - $288.70

- **Rabbit bait sales**
  3 Kilograms of 1080 poison oat bait was dispensed for the control of a small rabbit population in the Peterborough region.

- **1080 self audit** – Ensure MSDS updated, equipment safe to use and all safety precautions in place and storage of 1080 adequately locked.

- **Regional Authorised Officers** are certificate accredited to Level 3 in the safe use and storage of 1080 poison.

  This accreditation required a written and a practical assessment examined by Rural Solutions SA contracted by Biosecurity SA

  The Upper North area in now using the SA1080 formulation.

**Compliance action**

- A landowner *Action Plan* for the control of African boxthorn in the Wilmington hills remains active. While a ten year control program was agreed, the Group and the Authorised officer discussed a time extension to the plan as the property burned during a major bushfire over summer.

- The NRM Authorised Officer required that two landowners prepare ‘*Action plans*’, Section 183 *NRM Act 2004*, for the control of Bathurst burr on their land to prevent indiscriminate spread into neighbouring properties. The *action plans* are approved under section 183(8) of the *NRM Act* and registered to the property Certificate Titles.

- Monitoring vegetation cover on property in the Baroota area to prevent further sand drift.

**Healthy Soils**

- Rural Solutions SA provided a full day of intensive training for Regional Authorised Officers in further understanding Chapter 6 – Management and protection of land.
  Group members were keen to hear Authorised Officers’ reports on this training, in particular the assessment of soil erosion by wind and water and the increasing affects of soil acidity.

  A field day to demonstrate the effects of soil acidity on plant growth included open discussions on the costs of reparation, preventative measures and long term management strategies was conducted on property at Pekina. Landowners in the region and group members can observe continuing improvements as best known practices are undertaken into the future.

  Group Members are pleased to report that where in past years the Baroota area near Highway 1 was experiencing extreme periods of dust and soil drift, the situation is now under control and the land is fully restored. The community has commended the UN NRM Group in managing this situation in a professional manner, and has recalled the memories of severe dust causing health issues, reducing visibility on Highway 1 to metres, amenities constantly covered with dust and the land, crops and local vegetation being destroyed through continuing drift of fertile soil.
Landowners in the Baroora region are preparing to organise a ‘thank you’ BBQ and afternoon for the NRM Group and the N&Y NRM Board ‘in recognition of the good work that NRM and the landowners had jointly accomplished is restoring the environment.

**Healthy Coastal Estuarine and Marine Ecosystems**

- Pearl oyster survey in the upper Spencer Gulf.

The UN Group was approached by organisations and individual people in the Port Augusta area with concerns that pearl oysters are attaching to razor fish and affecting their health. The Group approved a $20,000 contract for the DENR Coast and Marine Conservation Branch last financial year to provide a geo-referenced video footage survey on the distribution of pearl oyster in the upper Spencer Gulf for local community groups and the NRM Board.

This report has been received by the UN NRM Group and Members have approved that the report can be made available to the community when approved by the region’s Manager.

- Marine Environment Education Day – Port Augusta
  A Marine Environment Education Day was held on World Oceans Day (8th June) to educate and engage Year 10 students from Caritas College, Port Augusta Secondary School and John Pirie Secondary School in wise management and sustainable use of Coastal, Estuarine and Marine (CEM) environments. A diverse program was delivered focusing on five main themes: Conservation and Management, Research and Development, Art and Recreation, Culture and Heritage, and Sustainable Seafood.

  A knowledgeable and exciting group of presenters were assembled to present on these themes at various venues located on the Port Augusta foreshore. These included Spencer Gulf locals, including Board Member and Narrunga woman Claudia Smith and Adelaide based experts with presenters from DEWNR Marine Parks Section and SARDI Marine Sciences. About 80 students from the three schools were involved in the event and their responses in formal feedback indicate the great enjoyment and insight into CEM management they gained from the day.

**Healthy Terrestrial Ecosystems**

- Through the Upper North Conservation Action Plan (CAP); across significant vegetation types in the Upper North area, including creeks, open plains and treed ecosystems, 26 areas were surveyed as ‘bush condition monitoring’ and ‘biological survey’ sites.

  These sites provide accurate assessments and identification of all plant species and the identification of captured reptiles and mammals.

  For the first time, vertebrate fauna and flora has been surveyed in the Carrieton region over the area known as the Eastern plains.

  The Group is very keen for these surveys to continue and appreciates the work our biodiversity team undertakes. Members already use information from the monitoring
surveys to help in their decision making processes for the security of significant biodiversity.

Information from these intensive surveys is also available in report form to the local landowners and extensive professional consultation is also available for the landowners’ general interest or involvement in future reparation or environmental protection.

The biodiversity team was pleased to report to the Group that ‘nearly all’ surveys were undertaken on private land and that the owners generally viewed the monitoring as a joint stakeholder project. Landowners express a keenness for the survey teams to intermittently return for follow-up assessments to indicate how and if land management practices are impacting on significant natural systems.

**Viable Water Resources.**

- Water pool monitoring data was collected from the Coonatto Creek, Willochra Creek at Simmonston and in the Boolcunda Creek at Wilson as part of an on-going assessment and understanding of permanent water pools.

  Group members have demonstrated their keen interest in maintaining and where possible improving the health of water pools, and has organised a field trip to view pools and look to means of preserving the habitat.

- Surface water monitoring and meteorological monitoring sites occurred at six sites in Spring, Summer then again Autumn.

  Spring Creek Willowie Forest, Spring Creek pluvio, Willochra Partacoona, Kanyaka ruins Kanyaka pluvio the Oaks and Survey road pluvio.

  Work undertaken includes:
  - Spray weeds at the site.
  - Clearing debris/algae from the ‘V’notch at Willowie forest
  - Check bubble depth gauge and the visual depth gauge. Record and clean
  - Check for vandalism
  - Check fence and gate condition.

**Overabundant native species control**

- UN NRM Group members have received numerous individual reports of increasing numbers of Little Corellas causing severe impact to trees and increasing noise from their ‘screeching’.

  A locally formed committee at Quorn is again assessing and researching the communities thoughts on Little Corellas and reports on their findings through the District Manager to the Group is appreciated my all members.

- Group members have also passed community concerns to DENR that grey kangaroos may also become over abundant in the near future.
Managing Board Assets
• Fire equipment fully serviced every six months.
• Board shed at Carrieton audited and maintained.
• Equipment serviced.
• Assets register updated.
• Port Augusta office closed 11 May 2012. Office equipment is in storage at the Carrieton NRM depot.

Occupational Health and Safety
• No incidents
• Three meetings attended by Upper North staff representative.

Group initiatives and actions
• Allocate $35 000 project funding to protect biodiversity from the impact of rabbits by destroying rabbit warrens
• Allocate $2 000 project funding to protect native animals from predation.
• Allocate $20 000 to assist landowners in the Peterborough area control wheel cactus. Landowners will be asked to contribute 50% of the cost for controlling wheel cactus plants on their property. Landowners may contribute their time or a cash payment.
• Hire of goat traps to landowners to complement their goat control programs.
• While the UN Group has not presented ‘Quiet Achievers Awards’ to individuals this year, the Chair has asked members to actively nominate people in the community who are making a significant contribution to NRM.
• The Upper North Group will continue to support the Baroota Water Allocation Planning Committee.

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### Aboriginal Engagement

- The UN NRM Group actively encourages NRM staff to engage with the Aboriginal communities in the region, and members remain keen to receive reports on activities. Group members were very encouraged to hear that staff are talking with Aboriginal communities in Baroota and Hawker, establishing personal and business connections and indeed jointly carrying out bush monitoring condition surveys.

NRM staff also reported that joint learning sessions had occurred where pooled resources identified useful mapping techniques for pest control and followed up at later dates with successful goat trapping and rabbit warren fumigation.

### Group Member Attendances and Activities in the Community

- Landowner visits with Regional Authorised officers
- Assisting local groups with tree planting
- Attend WAP meetings. A group member reports at each meeting on water activities.
- Attend local agricultural field days
- Attend evenings where local people heard about NRM actions in ‘other’ regions.
- Inspect permanent pools with the intention for a field bus tour (within 6 weeks)
- Assist NRM staff with the Group’s rabbit warren destruction program by contacting local landowners, advising on suitable contractors and advising on local terrain. Local knowledge of group members also assisted with the effective and efficiency of the operation.
- Attend National Conservation Society meetings
- Attend Conservation Action plan meetings (CAP)
- Assist community groups with grant applications
- Contributions to ‘Rural Solutions’ climate change workshop.
- Note and report to NRM staff the occurrence of declared species
- Assist at school tree days in Peterborough
- Attend local landcare meetings
- Work with ‘Trees for Life’
- Contribute to working bees at the Wirrabara arboretum jointly with the local progress association.
- Attend and contribute at business plan meetings
- Attend and contribute to funding allocation meetings.
- Assist community with re-vegetation and weed control around the Hawker recreational centre.
- Assist NRM staff with ‘bush-land condition monitoring’ and biological surveys.
- Voluntary work at ‘Powel gardens’ Quorn

| Item | Description | Cost
|------|-------------|------|
| 15000.00 | Roadside vegetation marker pegs | $15 000.00
| 50000.00 | Contractor training Marker pegs across council areas | $50 000.00
| 7000.00 | Marine Environment Day School education | $7 000.00
| Participating Pt Augusta high schools | |
• Attend State NRM planning meetings
• Contribute to ‘Clean up day’ Wirrabara
• Attend Eastern Plains Pest Management Coordination Group meeting at Carrieton to
discuss and provide information to Rural Solutions for a comprehensive report on weed
control.
• Attend NRM information day on rabbit control, buffel grass, and carbon farming at
Balaklava
• Support and attend a field day and Gum Creek to observe the ‘Oratunga strain’ of
cochineal and determine its likely impact in the Parnaroo area.

Groups Role, legislation and structure
The Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board was established in December
2004 under the auspices of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004. This report for the
2011-12 financial year fulfils the requirements of Section 38 of the Act.

ROLE OF THE GROUP

The Groups’ role is defined in the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 and includes:

• Taking an active role in the management of natural resources within the region and
providing advice on natural resource issues;
• Preparing a regional natural resources management plan;
• Implementing the Board’s three-year business plan;
• Promoting public awareness and understanding of the importance of integrated and
sustainable NRM;
• Providing advice on the assessment of activities or proposals referred under legislation
or on any matter relevant to the condition or management of natural resources; and
• Undertaking and supporting educational activities and increasing community capacity to
undertake sustainable natural resource management.

FUNCTIONS OF THE UPPER NORTH GROUP

Section 52 of the Act describes the functions of the Upper North Natural Resources
Management Group:

(1) The functions of a regional NRM group are—
(a) to be actively involved in the development and implementation of any relevant regional
NRM plan at the local level (to the extent specified or envisaged by that plan or specified
by the relevant board or boards); and
(b) to develop, implement or participate in programs associated with natural resources
management at the local level; and
(c) to promote public awareness of the importance of integrated and sustainable natural
resources management within its area and to undertake or support educational initiatives
with respect to natural resources management; and
(d) to provide advice to regional NRM boards, and other bodies and agencies, with respect
to the assessment of various activities, proposals, situations or circumstances within its
area; and
(h) Such other functions prescribed by the regulations or assigned to the NRM group by a
regional NRM board, or by or under this or any other Act.
MEMBERSHIP

Section 48 of the Act provides for the appointment of the Upper North Natural Resources Management Group.

The Group consists of up to 7 members, appointed by the regional NRM Board, being persons who collectively have, in the opinion of the Board, knowledge, skills and experience determined by the Board or boards to enable the NRM Group to carry out its functions effectively.

Members

- Geraldine Davis (Chair)
- Jane Luckraft
- Rosalind Francis
- Paul Kretschmer
- Peter McInnis
- Elsa Ward
- Ronald Daniel.

MEETINGS: GENERAL AND SPECIAL

A total of six Group meetings were held during the 2011-12 financial year.

- Group meeting No. 29 Held 5 July 2011 at Wilmington bowling club
- Group meeting No. 30 Held 6 September 2011 at Wirrabara institute
- Group meeting No. 31 Held 8 November 2011 at Pt Augusta Arid Lands Gardens
- Group meeting No. 32 Held 7 February 2012 at Peterborough DC meeting room
- Group meeting No. 33 Held 6 March 2012 at Port Germein Hotel
- Group meeting No. 34 Held 1 May 2012 at Booleroo Centre hotel

There were no special Group meetings held during the 2011-12 financial year.

Group planning workshop 12 August 2011, facilitated by Rural Solutions at Orroroo Black Smiths Chatter meeting rooms.

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Attendance by appointed NRM Board Members at Group meetings

- Group meeting No. 29 Kathie Bowman, Caroline Schaefer (Presiding Member)
- Group meeting No. 30 Eric Sommerville and Grant Chapman
• Group meeting No. 31 Pam Pilkington
• Group meeting No. 32 Eric Sommerville
• Group meeting No. 33 Pam Pilkington
• Group meeting No 34 Claudia Smith

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES

The UN NRM Group has worked in a continuing good relationship with Local Governments and State Government Departments.

Communication between and within the agencies is effective and efficient in ensuring active natural resource management across the upper north area.

Contributions to the Upper North Group for effective natural resource management, from:

- The Crown
- Transfield Pty Ltd and Adelaide Track and Rail
- Transport SA
- SA Water
- Forestry SA
- Department for Environment and Natural Resources
- Aboriginal Lands
- Greening Australia
- Department of Water, Land & Biodiversity Conservation
- Biosecurity SA
- Weeds of National Significance Group, and CRC
- Rural Solutions SA
- State Education Department

GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Upper North NRM Group of seven (7) members is appointed and resourced by the Northern and Yorke NRM Board.

Geraldine Davis of Quorn is the appointed Chairperson of the Upper North Group and Stacey Shackleford remains 0.5 Administrative Officer located at the Orroroo NRM office.

The Group prepares to meet six times in a year, and it has met with a quorum on all six occasions. Meeting minutes are provided to the NRM Board meetings.

All Group meetings are advertised as ‘open to the public’ and to facilitate public attendance meetings are held across the Upper North area.

Staff Activities (in addition to general duties)
Team leaders meetings conducted with NRM Regional Manager
Contribute at State Opuntia Task force meetings
Contribute at ‘Operation Plan’ meetings
Board member induction presentation (21/7/2010)
Attend Upper North Bus trip to view biodiversity projects
Debriefs with ‘rabbit warren destruction contractors’ (2/7/2010)
Contribute at the ‘Marine Advisory Committee’ meetings at Pt Augusta.
Frequent meetings with Local Council Chief Executive Officer’s.
Work with Greening Australia, Bounceback and Nature links people.
Work with Conservation Action planning groups
Work closely with SA Biodiversity people.
Advice on ‘plant declarations’ 20/7/2010 meeting
Plague locust reference group meetings attended.
Attend ‘fare-well’ to outgoing Presiding Member, M Lewis (Sunday 25 July 2010)
Workplace ergonomics workstation assessments
Project meetings attended
Meeting with PIRSA regarding pearl oyster surveys
Onsite meeting with Mr Dan van Holst Pellekaan regarding pearl oyster surveys in the Upper Spencer Gulf.
Assist the State Herbarium (Mr Chris Brodie) with research projects for weed collection
Attend ‘Climate Change dinner meeting’ (agriculture adapting to climate change) 8/2/2011.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Financial transactions are completed by the Northern & Yorke Natural Resources Management Board.

STATEMENT OF FACT FOR SIGNIFICANT BOARD DIRECTIVES
Nil

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Nil

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#### 53—General powers

(1) An NRM group has the power to do anything necessary, expedient or incidental to—

(a) performing the functions of the NRM group under this or any other Act; or

(b) assisting in the administration of this Act; or

(c) furthering the objects of this Act.

(2) Without limiting the operation of subsection (1) (but subject to subsections (3) and (4)), an NRM group may—

(e) seek expert, technical or other advice on any matter from any person or such terms and conditions as the NRM group thinks fit; and

(f) carry out projects; and

(g) act in conjunction with any other authority or person.

#### 182—Owner of land to take action to destroy or control animals or plants

(7) All NRM groups must carry out proper measures for the destruction of all animals or plants of a class to which subsection (1) applies and for the control of all animals or plants of a class to which subsection (2) applies on road reserves situated within both a control area for that class of animals or plants and the area of the NRM group (and, if there is no such group, the responsibility to take action under this subsection will rest with the relevant regional NRM board).

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REQUIREMENTS FOR ANNUAL REPORT

Section 56 – Accounts and Audit of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 requires that:

(5) An NRM group must cause proper accounts to be kept of its financial affairs and must cause financial statements to be prepared in respect of each financial year.
(6) The Auditor-General may at any time, and must in respect of each financial year, audit the accounts and financial statements required under subsection (1)

Section 57-Annual Reports of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 requires that:

(5) An NRM group must, on or before 31 October in every year, provide to the regional NRM board or boards that have responsibility for the NRM group a report on its activities for the financial year ending on the preceding 30 June (and need not provide a report under section 6A of the Public Sector Management Act 1995).
(6) The report must-
   (a) include a copy of the audited accounts and financial statements of the NRM group, and
   (b) include other information required by or under the regulations.

In regards to Section 57 (2) (b) there are no regulations applying.

SPECIFIC REPORTS

Section 58 of the Act states that:

(1) The Minister or a regional NRM board may, by written notice to a regional NRM group, require the group to provide to the Minister or the Regional NRM board, within a period stated in the notice or at stated intervals, any report or reports relating to the performance, exercise or discharge of its functions, powers or responsibilities, as the Minister or the regional NRM board (as the case may be) thinks fit.
(2) If a requirement is imposed under subsection (1), the regional NRM group must cause a statement of the fact of the imposition of the requirement to be published in its next annual report.

COMMITTEES LISTING

Nil

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Group would like to thank the Minister, CEO’s and staff of the following organisations for the support and encouragement that it has received over the year:

- Board and staff of the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board.
- Department for Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation
- Department for Environment & Heritage
- Department of Primary Industries and Resources
- Greening Australia
- District Council of Orroroo Carrieton
• Flinders Ranges Council
• District Council of Mount Remarkable Council
• Port Augusta City Council
• District Council of Peterborough and
• The community of Northern and Yorke region.
• SA Arid lands NRM Board
• SA Murray Darling Basin NRM Board
• Eyre Peninsula NRM Board