NRM GROUPS

Providing a local voice in natural resource management

Our NRM groups are actively engaged with the delivery of projects and identifying issues for the SAAL NRM Board.

There are six NRM groups in the South Australian Arid Lands region:
- North Flinders
- Marree-Innaminka
- Marla-Oodnadatta
- Kingoonya
- Gawler Ranges
- North East Pastoral

OUR NRM GROUP MEMBERS

The majority of group members live in the district or are involved in NRM in the area. They provide a local perspective on implementing projects and the development of relevant priorities for the region.

Community members involved at this level are a vital, practical link for the communities they represent to ensure projects are relevant to local issues.

Groups are skills-based with members selected on their knowledge of one or more of the following areas:
- Community affairs at a district level
- Primary production or pastoral land management
- Soil conservation and land management
- Water resource management
- Business administration
- Local governance or administration
- Aboriginal interest in the land and water, and Aboriginal heritage
- Pest animal and plant control
- Natural and social science
- Mining and petroleum industries
- Tourism

If you have an interest in the natural resources in your LOCAL area, becoming an NRM group member may be for you.
District-based NRM groups provide an essential link between the community and the SA Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board.

Recent activities driven by the NRM groups across the South Australian Arid Lands

- Field Days including: North West Pastoral Field Day; Marla Oodnadatta Field Days; and Marree-Innaminka Field Day
- Training events including: Stress Free Stockmanship workshops; William Creek Best Practice Bootcamp; Chemcert training; welding course; bore maintenance workshop; snake awareness training; geomorphology workshops; weeds workshops; and feral pig management
- Community events including Gawler Ranges Comedy Night (for drought relief) and Coober Pedy Recycled Art Competition
- NRM Group planning days in Kingoonya and North East Pastoral Districts

Top 10 Travel Tips poster and promotion for tourists to reduce their impact on the region’s environment
- Maintaining relationships with mining and defence industries, including Arrium Mining, Alinta Energy, Oz Minerals, BHP Billiton, Santos
- Engaging schools to participate in NRM activities
- Connecting the wider community to NRM Board decision making

Identified District Action Plan priorities for the future across South Australian Arid Lands

- Managing pest plants and animals
- Erosion control
- Wild dog management and control
- Tourism impacts
- Access to information
- Water management
- Over abundant native species
- Education and opportunities for development

GET INVOLVED – BECOME AN NRM GROUP MEMBER

If you are interested in becoming a member of one of our six NRM Groups please call Natural Resources SA Arid Lands 8648 5300.

If you are not sure which NRM district you belong to refer to the map (page 1) or visit www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/aridlands and download a map of the region and its six districts.

DON’T HAVE TIME TO BE A GROUP MEMBER BUT STILL WANT TO BE HEARD?

If you would like to discuss any NRM activities please contact one of the existing members of your local NRM Group. If you’re not sure who your existing local NRM Group members are contact Natural Resources SA Arid Lands 8648 5300.

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OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS

Each NRM group has a dedicated Community Engagement Officer whose role is to provide the administrative and governance support to the group and foster the development of vital links between the group, the board, the community, volunteer groups, Traditional Owner groups and other community partners. The Community Engagement Officers work with other Natural Resources SA Arid Lands staff to deliver on the board’s priorities, projects and plans.

For further information or to chat to your local group’s Community Engagement Officer contact Natural Resources SA Arid Lands 8648 5300.