



Cultural Connections

Linking Landcare and caring for Country



Project Overview

Project Manager

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Project Duration

2015 to 2018

Key Partners

Aboriginal Employment Organisations

Key Achievements

- 3 trainees employed
- 16 events attended/supported
- 392 people engaged

We continue to build the capacity of Noongar people to be actively involved in Natural Resource Management (NRM).

In working towards an equal partnership for NRM delivery in the South West, we work directly with the Noongar community and implement best practice Aboriginal engagement.

We facilitated formal training and employment for local Noongar people in Conservation and Land Management to build their skills and knowledge in contemporary land management.

We also delivered cross-cultural awareness activities and provided advice, assistance and support to facilitate Noongar people working on Country.



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Building the capacity of Aboriginal people in NRM

Employment

One of the most rewarding developments has been the appointment of our Cultural Connections trainees. Naydeene Edwards and Summer Bennell worked with us for a year over 2016-17 and Lance McGuire has just come on board to benefit from on-the-job skills in NRM.

Events

Sixteen cross-cultural awareness events, delivered by or in partnership with Noongar people, have been held to improve engagement between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. More than 40 meetings, school incursions and consultation sessions have also been facilitated as part of the project.

Linking Landcare and culture

Landcare and other community groups are now working more with Aboriginal people to build the profile of traditional ecological knowledge and culture locally. We provide advice and support to facilitate this collaboration and have developed [Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines](#).

Enterprise support

We have invested in 13 local Aboriginal businesses, engaging their professional services in cross-cultural education, workshop facilitation, on-ground works delivery, welcome to Country services and expert advice on cultural heritage protection.

Training

Twenty-one Aboriginal people have participated in Conservation and Land Management (Certificate II and III level) and Horticulture (Certificate III level) training since 2015.

Employment

One of the most rewarding and exciting developments so far has been the discovery of the first of our SWCC employed Cultural Connections trainees.

"I'm keen to learn as much about the NRM sector as possible and am looking forward to meeting and working with lots of well-respected industry professionals and dedicated volunteers.", Lance McGuire, June 2017.

