

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

The new financial year will bring in a significant organisational change for the South West Catchments Council as Peel-Harvey Catchment Council moves to become a NRM regional body in its own right.

The change to our regional boundary brings with it some organisational change including the resignation of one of our board directors who no longer resides within in our region.

Some of the projects that have been operating in the Peel-Harvey region will also need to be altered to reflect the new arrangements.

Within our region, SWCC will continue working in partnership in delivering on-ground projects and providing funding and support, where needed, to groups and individuals undertaking NRM activities.

We will also continue working closely with Peel-Harvey Catchment Council, particularly on those projects currently underway, and working towards a sustainable South West.



THANK YOU

Environmental management in the South West is a collaborative effort and we would like to acknowledge the NRM community for the care and commitment they give to the South West environment.

Support from our landholders, industry partners, local governments and government agencies is also what makes it possible to do the work we do and we would like to thank them for their support and contribution to the NRM achievements over the last year.

We also thank members of the SWCC Association, Regional Coordination Team and other working groups and steering committees for their guidance, assistance and support to deliver NRM.

Thank you to the Australian Government and Government of Western Australian for their continued support of the NRM community and the South West environment. Thank you also to private organisations for their financial support for our NRM projects.



SOUTH WEST CATCHMENTS COUNCIL THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2013-14



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CARING FOR COUNTRY

The South West community recognises the value of involving Nyungar people at all levels of natural resource management, from policy development to on-ground action. The greatest opportunity we have to better care for our country is to work together so that our country may in turn care for us and for future generations

As the traditional inhabitants of this land, the Nyungar people have used the land, the sea, the waters and the plants and animals for tens of thousands of years.

The need to care for Country is a powerful lesson for all. It is a lesson that has taken the descendants of those first European settlers over 150 years to begin to come to terms with but the lesson has now begun.

Working together, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people can make a difference today and develop a sustainable environment for tomorrow.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE

DAVID GARDNER Chairman

David's video message in the online report outlines the challenges facing SWCC and the NRM industry moving forward and how SWCC will continue to work within our NRM community to continue to provide support for NRM initiatives.

David has been the independent Chair of SWCC since 2008. A tree farmer in Balingup, David moved to the South West after a long and distinguished career as an engineer and high-level public servant in the Main Roads Department and in the Department of Resources Development, overseeing the development of major state initiatives. David has a particular interest in engaging children with the environment and providing opportunities for urban kids to experience the wonders of the natural environment and rural Australia.

DAMIEN POSTMA Chief Executive Officer

Damien's video message in the online report provides a brief overview of some of the projects that commenced in 2013-14, the partnerships that form a key part of how SWCC does business and the importance of alternative business development for SWCC and the NRM industry.

As the SWCC CEO since 2009, Damien has a strong focus on collaboration, governance and strategy and developing an organization that allows people to succeed and achieve their potential. Damien has worked for more a decade in Natural Resource Management in the South West region in a variety of project and management roles, primarily with a water focus. Damien grew up in the South West and is passionate about science communication and engaging people with the importance of the natural environment.

PROJECTS

