

Rangeland NRM Alliance Update

January to April 2017



First Quarter 2017

The Rangeland NRM Alliance has been active for 10 years. The members cover 80% of Australia.

Turning plans into action 2017:

The Alliance has been working to achieve its 2017 aims to improve rangeland NRM delivery undertaking work in the areas of policy, program, projects and partnerships. This year started with:

National Landcare Program (NLP)

Alliance members met with Australian Government staff and representative Members of Parliament to promote the work of rangeland NRM and the outcomes it delivers. Discussions highlighted the need for rangeland investment to be appropriate for remote areas. The Alliance is developing a rangeland investment program for priority in next iteration of NLP. We will take this to Canberra in May.

Monitoring NRM outcomes

The Alliance met with Australian Government staff from the MERIT team. The aim is to improve data collection to allow coherent information on the outputs and outcomes of regional NRM work for rangeland areas. The starting point is the Alliance developing a working group to partner with the Australian Government staff to improve data collection and analysis. The long term aim is to improve the system to provide more useful information on project success and impact on land management.

The NRM Spatial Hub

Work on the NRM Spatial Hub has been focussed on securing a funding model, supporting current clients and developing



new tools for new clients. The MLA, AWI and CRC- SI have determined a business model for the Hub to remain operational. It allows the Hub to expand its client base for land holders and other potential users. This includes the NRM regions, government agencies and private businesses. This is great news, providing a framework for this project to develop into a not-for-profit business model.

Total Grazing Pressure Review

MLA is investing in a review for the southern rangelands. The **Addressing feed supply and demand through total grazing pressure management** project is funded by MLA and is being delivered through a partnership of state government agencies, regional NRM bodies and research organizations.

The Alliance is providing the chair for the





steering committee and NRM regions are providing links to land managers for grazier input to the project. The project will review current TGP activity and science to provide a report on research needs and recommend land manager support systems.

Outback Alliance

This cross sector network is in its infancy. The first meeting was held in Alice Springs in April. The Alliance is a founding member working with representatives from Pew Charitable Trusts, RFDS, NintiOne, Desert Knowledge Australia, CSIRO, Regional Development Australia, Kimberley Land Council, pastoral industry, 10 Deserts and Indigenous Desert Alliance. Members are excited to work together to promote, and provide guidance, on policy needs for rangeland communities and environment. The principles and statement of intent for the network will be signed off in the next quarter. Short term aims are to find funds for a coordinator and provide cross sector support for individual member groups to achieve outcomes for remote areas.

Snippets:

Ninti One/CRC Remote Economic Participation closure celebration

The Alliance was invited to help celebrate the work of CRC Remote Economic Participation which is closing in July 2017. The Alliance worked with the CRC and its predecessor CRC Desert Knowledge on a number of projects.

It was great to be there to celebrate the achievements and be reminded of the range and depth of work that NintiOne has achieved through these CRCs www.nintione.com.au
http://www.nintione.com.au/resource/CRC-REP_ExitReport.pdf

NRM Spatial Hub – Spatial Excellence Award Winner



The NRM Spatial Hub is the **2016 Northern Territory Spatial Excellence Award WINNER** in the Innovation and Commercialisation category.

This award qualifies the NRM Spatial Hub for the national awards held during the LOCATE17 conference in June 2017. <http://locateconference.com/>

Congratulations to all the team!



Sponsorship for Australian Rangeland Society Conference

The Rangeland NRM Alliance is a proud participant and sponsor of the ARS Conference. The conference is in Port Augusta, September 25-28 2017. More information is available here www.austrangesoc.com.au/pages/19th-biennial-conference.html

If you want more information please contact us via

Kate Forrest on 0499 367 077
kate.forrest@dcq.org.au

You can also spot us on-line at
www.rangelandNRMalliance.org.au

Twitter: @nrmalliance

The Rangeland NRM Alliance

