

Rangeland NRM Alliance Update

July 2018



It is the mid-winter update!

The Rangeland NRM Alliance has been active for 10 years. The 15 members cover 80% of Australia.

It is mid-year, time for a report on the Alliance progress on our plans for 2018.

The Alliance has continued its work in policy, program, process and partnerships to improve NRM delivery for rangeland managers. Specific areas of work highlighted for 2018 are:

Undertaking an evaluation of Alliance performance and review of the strategic plan

This has been completed. Thank you to all members and partners who participated. The evaluation recommendations are being integrated with the updated strategic directions that the group worked on at their June meeting. Stay tuned, there will be more detail out about this in the next quarter.

Working with the Australian Government to improve the National Landcare Program MERI Framework to better suit rangeland activities

The Alliance has been participating in the development of the MERI framework for RLP Environmental Outcome monitoring being undertaken by Griffith University.

Western LLS has also been working on spatial tools to monitor project sites and regional groundcover thresholds using satellite data.

Working with partners and Australian Government to improve applicability of investment for the rangelands

These discussions have been interrupted due to the probity surrounding the regional land partnerships tender process. This has given the Alliance time to consider how we might be able to be more effective in raising Rangeland natural resource management with Australian Government agencies. We will be developing these over the next 6 months.

Total Grazing Pressure (TGP) – Finalise project with State agencies, industry bodies and regional NRM bodies mapping current TGP activity, research needs and land manager support systems

This project is in its final stages with reports due to Meat and Livestock Australia in September. The Alliance is involved with



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conversations with stakeholders to capitalise on the recommendations for greater investment in southern rangelands TGP management research and application.

Application for funding for TGP Network to improve links between landholders, NRM and industry programs

Unfortunately this SmartFarms Partnership project was not successful. However the group responsible are already working at strengthening partnerships and working up Plan B for improving access to TGP services for rangeland land managers. This is closely aligned and will be informed by the report being submitted to MLA in September. If you are interested please give me a call.

Outback Alliance – Formalise partnerships and participate in Canberra forums aimed at promoting and providing guidance on policy needs for rangeland communities and environment.

Partnering with Pew Charitable Trusts, RFDS, NintiOne, RDA, Desert Knowledge Australia and others in a cross sector alliance

The Outback Alliance has employed a part time secretariat (Amber Carvan). This has meant leaps forward in designing strategy, actions and administration of the Alliance.

The Outback Alliance is planning to launch its range of policy papers around 5 themes in Canberra later this year. To begin the journey of taking rangeland issues to the politician and decision makers.

The Alliance continues to provide a peer support network for NRM regions, a contact for policy and program information, support for rangeland agencies and communities, and partnering to deliver rangeland focussed projects

Snippets:

The **Australian Landcare Conference** is being held in Brisbane 10-12th October.

<http://www.nationallandcareconference.org.au/>

Nominations for **The Australian Farmer of the Year Awards** are open. Nominate some of the great land managers from the rangelands

<http://www.farmeroftheyear.com.au/>

The next **Rangeland NRM Alliance** meeting will be in Canberra in September 2018.

Got something happening in the rangelands and want the regional NRM bodies to get involved then please give me a call.

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