

WHAT IS CO-MANAGEMENT?

Co-management:

- recognises and respects the connection between Indigenous Australians, their cultural heritage and connection with place and country; and
- enables DEWNR to work in partnership with Indigenous communities to cooperatively manage parks and biodiversity and to support the management of their land.

A co-management agreement is based on four principles, to:

- ensure the continued enjoyment of the park by the traditional owners for cultural, spiritual and traditional uses;
- ensure the continued enjoyment of the park by members of the public;
- ensure the preservation and protection of Aboriginal sites, features, objects and structures of spiritual or cultural significance within the park; and
- provide protection for the natural resources, wildlife, vegetation and other features of the park.

The National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (SA) (NPW Act) provides for the joint management of national parks and conservation parks in South Australia with Aboriginal groups that have a traditional association with the land through entry into co-management agreements.

CO-MANAGEMENT AND THE FAR WEST COAST ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Co-management Agreements (CMA) were signed on 5 December 2013 between FWCAC and the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Natural Resources for parks in the Far West Coast Native Title Area.

The Nullarbor Wilderness Protection Area CMA sets the requirements for the **Nullarbor Advisory Committee** which provides advice to the Minister and Director of National Parks on the management of the Nullarbor Wilderness Protection Area and Nullarbor Regional Reserve.

The Yumbarra Conservation Park CMA sets the requirements for the **Yumbarra Co-management Board** which has control and management of the Yumbarra Conservation Park and advises on the management of Yellabinna Regional Reserve, Yellabinna Wilderness Protection Area, Wittelbee Conservation Park, Wahgunyah Conservation Park, part of Pureba Conservation Park, Point Bell Conservation Park, Laura Bay Conservation Park, Fowlers Bay Conservation Park, Chadinga Conservation Park and part of Boondina Conservation Park.

In 2014 co-management has meant a closer working relationship with government departments and agencies involved in land management. It has allowed a deeper insight for FWCAC members into “work on country”; now, when land management events, trips, projects and work are planned FWCAC are notified of the details including the FWCAC members who will be involved. A register of this information is kept.

This level of involvement provides for greater sharing of information and resources. As time progresses and these arrangements are formalised it is expected to produce some great outcomes for the co-management of parks and land in our determination area.

Nullarbor Advisory Committee			Yumbarra Co-management Board		
Rep	Representative	Deputy	Rep	Representative	Deputy
Mirning	Clem Lawrie	James Peel	FWCAC	Leonard Miller Snr.	Hayden Coleman
Mirning	Ben Reynolds	Trevor Scott	FWCAC	Edward Roberts	William Newchurch
Mirning	Kaylene Kerdel	April Lawrie-Smith	FWCAC	Wanda Miller	Wendy Ware
Mirning	Dorcas Miller	Millicent Taylor	FWCAC	Sue Haseldine	Mima Smart
Minister	Mathew Ward	Bruce McPherson	Minister	Mathew Ward	Bruce McPherson
Minister	Mark Anderson	Robbie Sleep	Minister	Mark Anderson	Robbie Sleep
Minister	Justine Graham	Ollanta Lipcer	Minister	Justine Graham	Ollanta Lipcer
Minister	Sophie Keen	Liz McTaggart	Minister	Sophie Keen	Liz McTaggart



Looking after country – Googs Lake 2014; activities like this are acknowledged and recorded by the Corporation.

Back L-R Tammy Cox, Robert Sleep, Joe Cox, Leann Haseldine, Timmy Brown, Johnny Haseldine, Wayne John Haseldine, Michelle Naylon, Wayne Haseldine, Billy Haseldine, Simon Prideaux, Charlie Binell, Aaron Binell, Keithy Saunders, Sue Haseldine, Brian Doughty, Josie Rohl, Lisa Binell, Catalia Hocking, Willy Rohl, Dennis Hocking, Garry Hamaguchi, Bessy-May Taylor, Breony Carbines, Paul Gregory

Front L-R: Jazia Binell, Junior Hoicking, Latrell Binell, Shanea Haseldine, Coby Binell, Charli Cox, Lara Haseldine, Neeka Pridaeux, Jameilia Haseldine, Zac Prideaux. Photo courtesy of Natural Resources Alinytjara - Wilurara

Nullarbor Advisory Committee: Clem Lawrie, Robbie Sleep (DEWNR), Saras Kumar, Trevor Scott, Dorcas Miller, Mark Anderson (Natural Resources Eyre Peninsula), Verna Lawrie and Belinda Lawrie (DEWNR volunteer)

