

Capability statement

Ngarrindjeri Ruwe Contracting Pty Ltd

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Ngarrindjeri Ruwe Contracting Pty Ltd (NRC)

NRC exists to improve the lands and waters of SA, in particular the Lower River Murray, Lakes and Coorong region, to provide employment and training opportunities for Ngarrindjeri men and women, and to ensure Ngarrindjeri culture is carried on through regeneration of native plants and foods, and protection of heritage assets.

**Caring for our
lands, waters
people and all
living things**

History and culture

Established in 2009, NRC operates on the foundation of Ngarrindjeri cultural values. At our heart is a deep knowledge and commitment to the land and sea, drawing on the wisdom and lore of the Ngarrindjeri, the traditional owners and custodians, within a contemporary setting.

Through harnessing our cultural values, and developing deep relationships with key government and commercial partners, we can create a successful, sustainable future for our customers, the land, and our community.

Business overview

We are a holistic provider of environmental management services, across four key divisions:

- » Conservation and land management
- » Native nursery operations
- » Technical consulting
- » Trade and labour hire

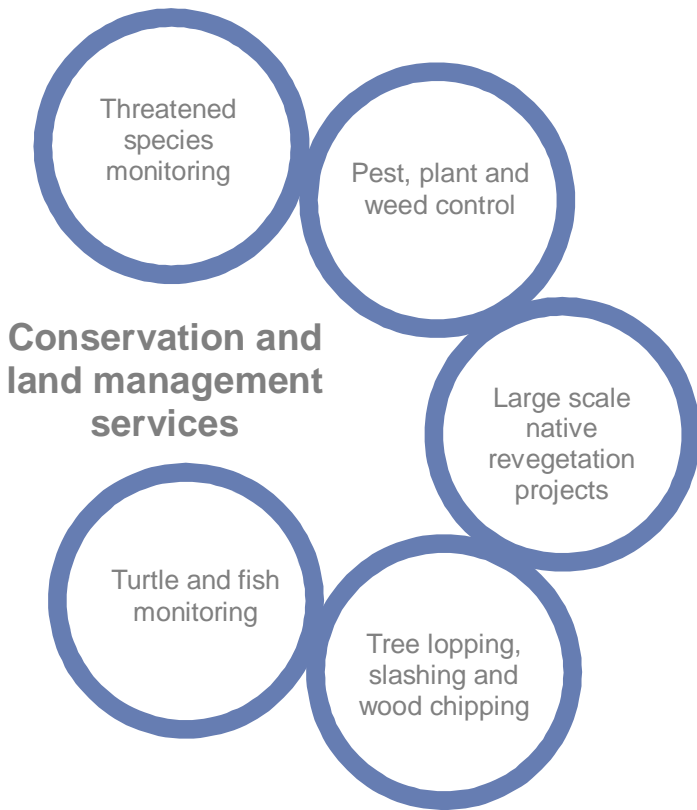
We have a purpose built nursery facility, with capacity to hold up to 150,000 tube stock. We also have access to a wide range of high quality vehicles and equipment, including, but not limited to tractors, tipper trucks, a tree planter, augers, wood chipping equipment, chainsaws, GPS and surveying equipment and hand tools, to deliver a variety of services.

Our native nursery staff have in-house capability to identify, collect, store and propagate native seeds or cuttings from a variety of plants and bush tucker, producing tube stock seedlings, or larger, mature plants. Revegetation staff are experienced with broad acre revegetation projects, including management of pest and plant infestations, site preparation, and large scale plantings. Importantly, all our staff have cultural and heritage expertise to manage issues on the ground as they arise. For complex or sensitive issues, we can call on our in house team of heritage specialists to provide advice. Each project is undertaken within a sound project management framework, meeting schedule, cost, and quality requirements.

Our large, multi-disciplined workforce provides the ability and flexibility to accept and execute a diverse range of complex activities and deliver quality outcomes. Continuing investment in education, combined with cultural knowledge, means the right people with the right knowledge are available to meet the needs of our customers.

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NRC's diversified service offering



Personnel

The NRC team offers a diverse skillset, gained through formal qualifications and training, as well as extensive experience working with government and corporate customers and partners on large scale projects.

The team consists of both support and field staff, with 100% of the field staff of Ngarrindjeri descent, ensuring meaningful employment opportunities for indigenous community members.

Our field staff hold the following qualifications/certifications, to ensure they deliver the highest quality services:

- » Diploma or Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management
- » Certificate III in Civil Construction
- » Traffic management
- » Pest management (technical)
- » Chainsaw operation
- » Dry stone walling and free stone walling
- » Machinery operation, including skid steer, excavator, backhoe, 4-wheel drive vehicles, field vehicles and light vehicles
- » Safety, Health and Environment

Relevant industry experience

NRC's parent entity was recipient of the 2015 Australian Riverprize award as a direct result of NRC's work in protecting the Murray River, Lower Lakes, and Coorong

Fulton Hogan	Labour hire agreement for the provision of staff to support the NBN rollout across South Australia
Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources	Extensive bioremediation, fencing, pest control, and revegetation work under the CLLMM Murray Futures program over the period FY12 – FY16, including propagation and planting of approximately 500,000 native plants
SA Water	Cultural heritage surveys and clearances in support of major pipeline projects
Murray Darling Basin Authority	Cultural heritage work undertake in support of the dredging of the Murray Mouth
Natural Resource Management Board – various regions	Consulting services, environmental management plans and revegetation services
Coorong Regional L.A.P groups	Revegetation projects on behalf of or in conjunction with a number of Coorong regional L.A.P groups
Indigenous Land Corporation	Tree lopping and chipping of Aleppo Pines
Awards and accreditations	NRC's parent entity, NRA, was the recipient of the 2015 Australian Riverprize award, as a result of work undertaken by NRC and related Ngarrindjeri entities in the protection of the Murray River, Lower Lakes and Coorong region

NRC has established deep, trusted relationships with a range of state and local government agencies, and commercial partners, to whom they provide repeat services

Structure

The Ngarrindjeri Nation is governed by the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority (NRA). NRA is an incorporated association comprising Ngarrindjeri Nation community members, organisations, and native title holders.

As well as a number of Ngarrindjeri member organisations, NRA has a wholly owned subsidiary (Ngarrindjeri Enterprises Pty Ltd or NEPL), which owns 100% of NRC.

NRC is the operating arm of the NRA, employing support and field staff, and delivering on contracts secured by NRA or its subsidiary entity NEPL.

Commercial partnerships

Delivering successful environmental management projects requires mutual trust and respect. NRC approaches its customers as partners, rather than the traditional customer/supplier relationship.

NRC's ultimate parent entity, NRA, has entered into a number of Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnan (KNY) Agreements. These agreements promote parties "listen to Ngarrindjeri when they speak", encouraging a consultative process to ensure the best outcome for Ngarrindjeri lands and waters.

Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnan Agreements

NRC is able to draw on the formal KNY partnership agreements entered into by NRA, to maintain strong, respectful relationships with key South Australian organisations when delivering environmental management services. KNY Agreements exist with the following regular NRC customers:

- » South Australian Government
- » Rural City of Murray Bridge
- » Coorong District Council
- » Alexandrina Council
- » Fulton Hogan Pty Ltd

Ngarrindjeri Nursery Alliance

NRC is a member of the Ngarrindjeri Nursery Alliance, a powerful alliance which leverages three native nurseries located across Meningie, Raukkan and the NRC facility at Murray Bridge. The nurseries are operated by associated Ngarrindjeri organisations, and collaborate to deliver on native plant production and revegetation projects, ensuring we never fail to deliver on our contracts

The combined capability within the nursery alliance includes production of over 300,000 tube stock, across 140 different varieties of native plant, bush tucker and medicinal species. Staff across the alliance organisations share similar cultural knowledge and qualifications to ensure consistency in products and service delivery. The nursery alliance ensures NRC can tap into additional resources to deliver on customer contracts, while upholding service quality and delivery efficiency.

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