

The Woorndoo Chatsworth Landcare Group (formerly Woorndoo Land Protection Group)

Online seminar

Friday 29th October 2021

10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Online from 10:15 am (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87306654521?pwd=Si95ekdFa0VLCGNHcHBxNlpwUjZzO9>

Purpose

This free online event is focussed on the urgent need to develop professional enterprises capable of undertaking large scale and long term landscape restoration and management. Such enterprises will have the resources, knowledge and technical capacity to undertake complex on-ground ecological restorations, while providing lifelong career opportunities for the many Australians committed to the nation's natural environments. One such enterprise is Nature Glenelg Trust.

The Nature Glenelg Trust story



From little more than an idea and a passion to make a difference just 10 years ago, NGT has evolved to now employ over 30 staff and has restored dozens of sites across all land tenures, as well as establishing several Restoration Reserves (demonstration sites) owned by NGT in Victoria and SA. The organisation has become a major player in environmental restoration and ecological research in south-eastern Australia.

Our speakers

Mark Bachmann gathered a group of like-minded individuals to create NGT in late 2011. Mark will explain the background philosophy and history of NGT, the unconventional thinking and approaches that have underpinned NGT's success, and how the organisation has created a career pathway for on-ground restoration practitioners. He will touch on the future challenges facing NGT as the organisation transitions from its 'start-up phase' and also describe the development of a few high profile restoration projects championed by NGT. These projects have followed a similar trajectory to the wider organisation – starting small and growing in scale and impact over time to have a much wider positive influence.

Title: Starting a new kind of environmental NGO from scratch and turning ecosystem restoration theory into practice.

Dr. Greg Kerr is in his fourth year as a senior ecologist with NGT. He has undertaken a major restoration project managing the monitoring and restoration of the NGT Walker Swamp Restoration Reserve. He has consulted on a wide range of environmental projects including monitoring programs, fauna monitoring and habitat requirements, environmental policy, environmental impacts, citizen science programs, landscape modelling, design of experimental protocol, statistical analysis, and reviewing scientific literature.

Title: Working the environmental, social and economic interface – ecological work with NGT.



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