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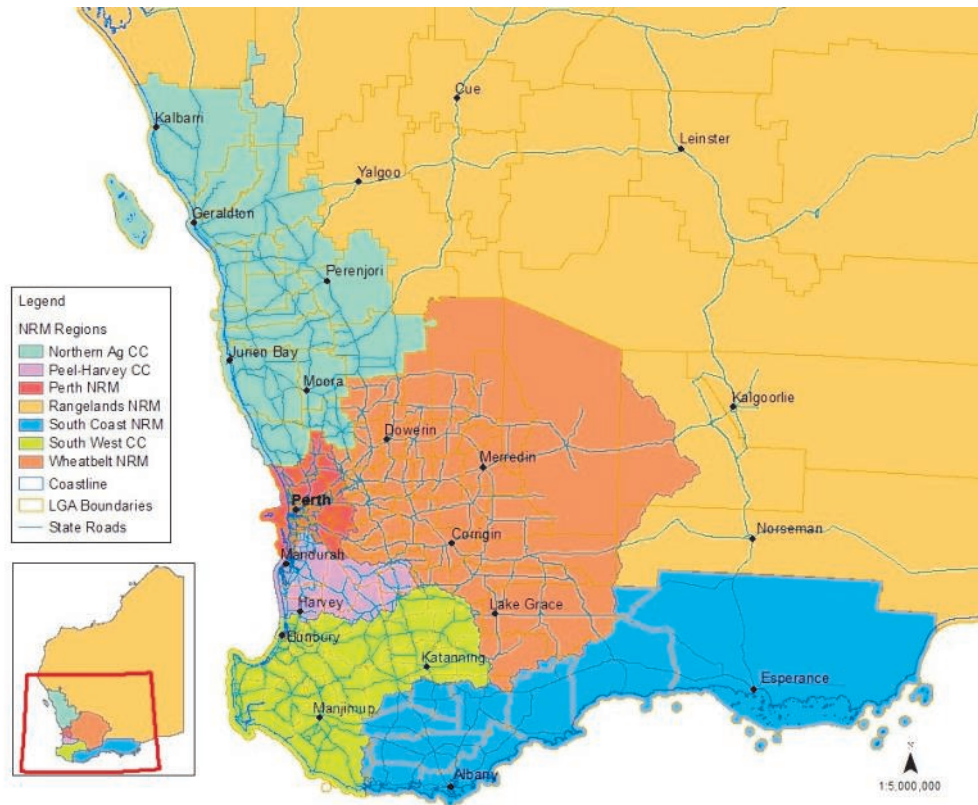
LAND FOR WILDLIFE & NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT WA PARTNERSHIP

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As many readers would be aware, in May 2016 the then Department of Parks and Wildlife entered a Partnership Agreement with Natural Resource Management Western Australia to work together to provide biodiversity conservation support to *Land for Wildlife* members.

First question — what is natural resource management? Usually shortened to NRM, it is about managing nature-based resources, such as water, soil, plants and animals, to ensure quality of life for both present and future generations. It looks at the sustainable use of these environmental resources and their long-term profitable management, as well as maintaining strength and resilience in the communities using those resources. Conservation of natural ecosystems is a goal of NRM.

Many threats to biodiversity conservation occur on a landscape scale, including habitat clearing, rising salinity, weeds and feral animals. NRM groups address these by acting on a landscape-scale as well as site-based works. Depending on local issues and priorities, they may coordinate feral predator control across an area to maximise effectiveness, or prioritise high conservation value areas for fencing, weed control or revegetation projects.



Regional NRM group boundaries, framed to show detail of smaller regions. The full extent of Rangelands NRM region is shown in inset and on page 9.

- There are seven regional NRM groups in Western Australia:
- Northern Agricultural Catchments Council;
 - Peel-Harvey Catchment Council;
 - Perth Natural Resource Management;
 - Rangelands Natural Resource Management;
 - South Coast Natural Resource Management;
 - South West Catchments Council;
 - and
 - Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management.

An introduction to each of these NRM groups and the ways we're all working together is a feature of this issue of *Western Wildlife*.

All groups are a source of advice on local land management issues, and will have opportunities defined by each group's focus and capacity. Each will be happy to hear directly from members as need arises. *If you are near a border and would like to know which region your property lies within, please contact the Editor (details on the back cover).*