

Our Story

Independent NFP.

- Began 1994 designated a regional group 2004
- Led by a community, skills based Board
- Community org with 51 members and 1750 + associate members

WNRM Strategy: By 2018 **25%** (11,000) of the Wheatbelt community will be actively improving the **environment** of the Wheatbelt through our multi- disciplinary



Our Story

- 27 staff
- Regional base and competitive funding
- Three programs
 - Biodiversity
 - Sustainable Agriculture (3.6 FTE)
 - Sustainable Communities
 - Administration/support staff



Our Story

- Wheatbelt NRM Marketing & Comms team started 2009
 - 2 FTE & program manager.
- Technology was drastically changing
 - Facebook, Twitter and YouTube were established (facebook 2005, twitter 2006, YouTube 2005).
- Video production started 2011
 - Was 1.0 FTE, now 0.8 FTE
- Progressively integrating digital and traditional communication activity (~60/40 split).



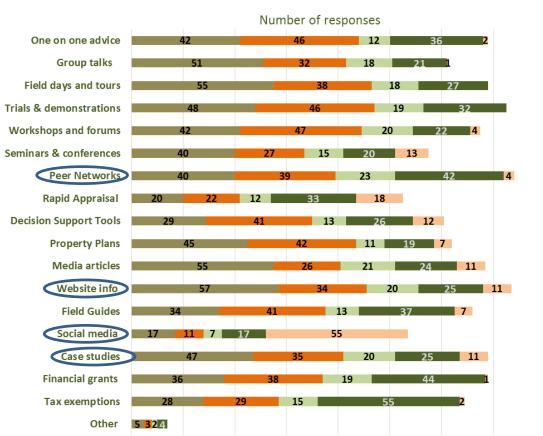






Sustainable Agriculture Tools

Practice stages where method of support is most beneficial



- When you are first thinking about doing
- When trialling or planning how you will do the practice
- When interested but currently unable to do
- When you are doing the practice
- Would not find useful

85 respondants

Braddick, 2016 in latest APEN journal www.apen.org.au

Key Messages

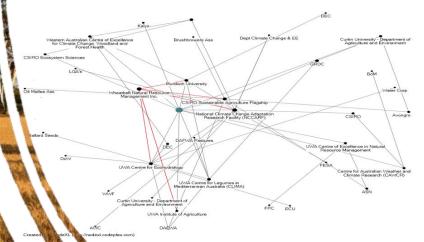
- Be clear from the beginning
- Our goal:
 - adoption of farm practices that are profitable and sustainable
- Key background messages for WNRM Sus Ag:
 - NRM is more than just Trees
 - Wheatbelt NRM is not a government organisation
 - We represent an area from Lake King to Dalwallinu, from Northam to past Southern Cross (12 Million ha)

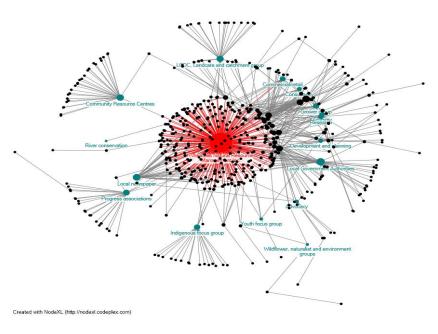
Deep ripping and organic matter inclusion on morrel soils

Controlled Traffic Systems

Networks

- Digital tools allow rapid interaction with your network
 - do you know who that is?
- Agricultural Innovation networks
 - farmers, community groups, researchers, ag consultants, extension professionals, members of value chain
- Know who they are and how they interact with digital media
- Promote two way information flow



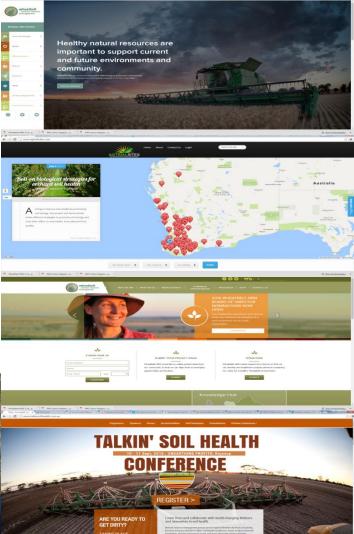


Website

Wheatbelt NRM Central Site

- Knowledge Hub/Project Info/Comms/Us
- Wheatbelt NRM supported sites:
 - NRM Strategy; Agtrialsites.com; Mooditjboodja;
 NRM WA; Talkin Soil Health
- Website vital landing point
 - Other tools should direct people here.
- Virtual tours using maps & graphics





Social Media

- Most effective content is EMOTIVE
 - 80% of content should add value/build community/boost credibility/ build trust
 - 20% should be marketing/fundraising/promos



- inspirational quotes
- unbranded content
- educational content
- community building content
- ask them questions











Use MEMEs & INFOGRAPHICs!

"...memes are a worldwide social phenomenon, and behave like a mass of infectious flu and cold viruses, traveling from person to person quickly through social media.







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In celebration of National Cat Day, share your favorite cat memes with me!

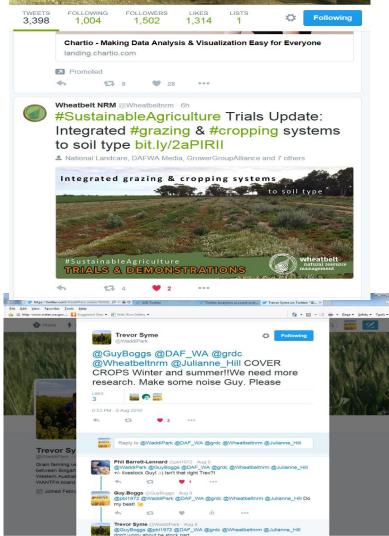


Twitter

- **Industry oriented**
- Organisational account
 - "Safe space"
 - Broad/consistent messaging
 - Organisation profile
 - Choose WHO can Tweet
 - Staff/Board members accounts
 - Allow individual personality
 - Build relationships
 - Recognise association with organisation
 - Live interaction

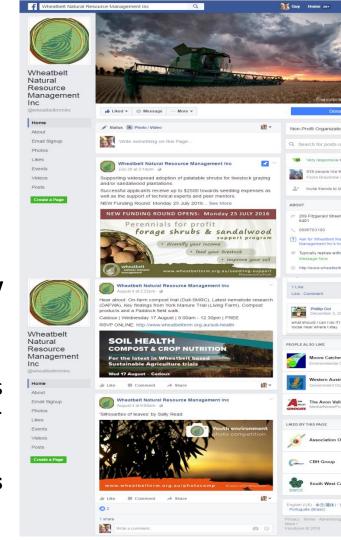
Stalkers, Retweeters, Posters & Chatters

WNRM increased from 879 to >1500 followers in 12 months



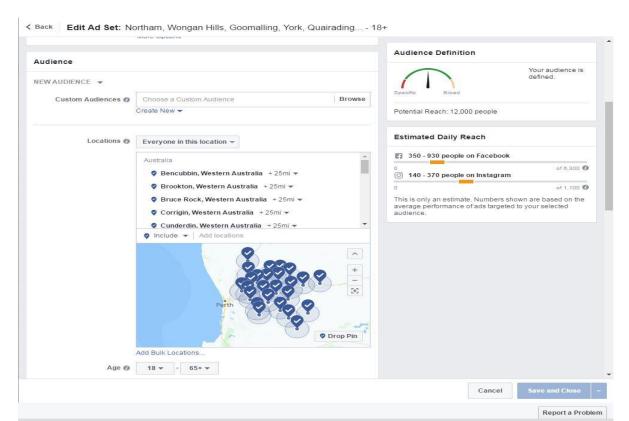
Facebook

- Community oriented
- Post at least once per day
- eNews major source of our content
- Tag people/organisations in the post
 - if they are on facebook
- Reply to comments and messages in a timely manner
- Monitor regularly
 - if people post defamatory or false claims on our page then WE are responsible for the content being there.
- WNRM has grown from 376 likes to 936 likes 12 months.



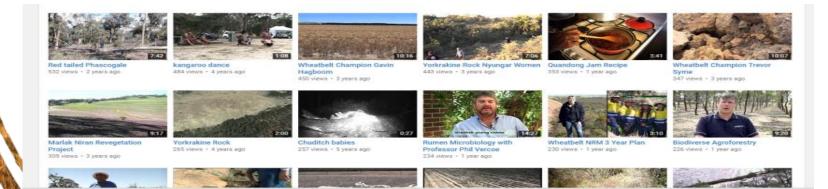
Facebook

- Ads are a great way to more directly reach your audience
- Cost based on number of hits (~90c per hit)



YouTube

- Simple to complex video production
- Internal, Outsource or Both
- Videos take time and energy plan your video:
 - Audience, Purpose, Over-arching theme/message, Length, Delivery Media,
 Budget, Dates.
- Get value from your events and trials for longer
- Doesn't have to be perfect!





- **All** staff have some role in communication activity
- **Be efficient** adjust one story for multiple media
- Contribute consistently
- Know and work with networks
- **Be real** value relationships & behave as if you're directly talking with a person & get over yourself!



Thank you



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