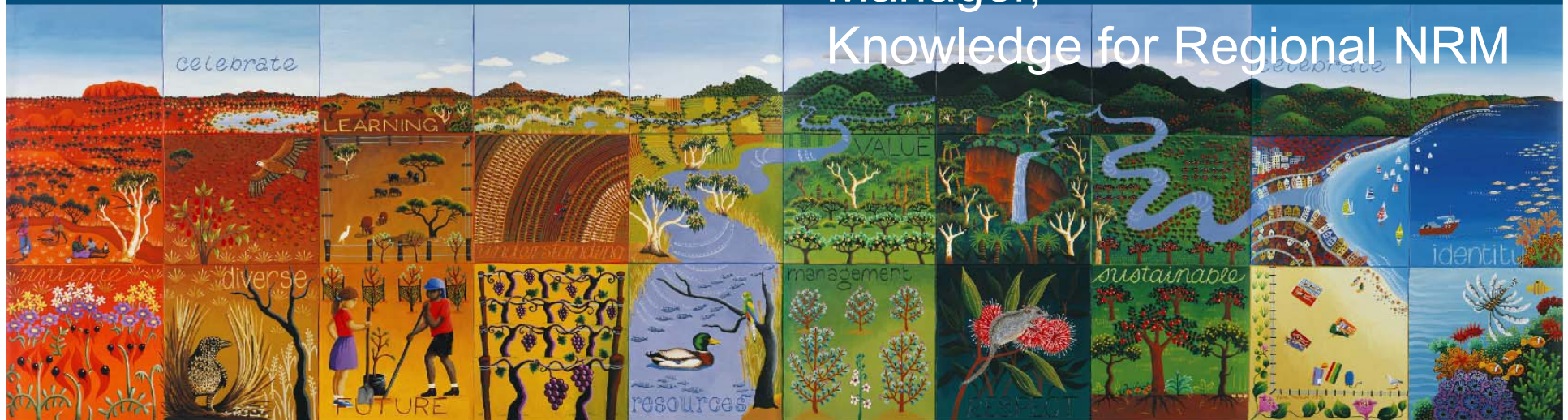




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# Knowledge for Regional NRM Program

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# Knowledge for Regional NRM Program

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- What difference has it made to improving NRM in Australia?
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## Purpose of the Program

The main objectives of the Program were to increase:

- access to information for regional planning and decision-making;
- information exchange between regional bodies; and
- two way flow of information between regional bodies and R&D/information providers

Outcomes: The ‘Knowledge for Regional NRM’ Program will provide:

- 1: Improved capacity of regional organisations to locate, access and use NRM information and knowledge.
- 2: Improved capacity of regional organisations and associated stakeholders to define their science and information needs.
- 3: Improved capacity of regional organisations to share knowledge.
- 4: Greater understanding by research organisations of regional information and knowledge needs.
- 5: Stronger communities of practice in NRM and greater knowledge sharing among practitioners.



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## Three key areas of work

- [www.rkrk.net.au](http://www.rkrk.net.au)  
Regional Knowledge Resource Kit
- [www.nrmnavigator.net.au](http://www.nrmnavigator.net.au) including the NRM Search Engine
- Knowledge brokering services:
  - Gotta question? Service
  - Decision Support Advice Service
  - Systematic Review trials





## Achievements

- Staff from 40 of 56 regional NRM bodies participated in training to facilitate a Regional Knowledge Strategy and use the resources of the Regional Knowledge Resource Kit.
- Five pilot regions and 9 additional regions have developed and implemented a Regional Knowledge Strategy.
- A wide range of NRM information sources (such as national databases) now accessible through NRM Navigator.
- Development of an NRM-specific search engine providing access to the vast majority of publicly-available NRM research.





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## Achievements continued...

- 18 regional NRM bodies have established Evidence Bases (collections of regionally-relevant information); another 7 have shown interest. There are also 6 non-regional Evidence Bases set up, including Bush Heritage Australia.
- Evidence Bases are linked to the NRM Navigator and fulfil Program Logic requirements for regional NRM bodies c1
- Some regions have catalogued entire libraries of reports etc. numbering in excess of 2000 items.



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Is this the conceptual diagram stuff? Might be useful to say this  
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# Making a difference to improving NRM

We have:

- Empowered the regional NRM sector by building capacity in managing information and knowledge.
- Provided an online resource (RKRK) for regional NRM bodies to develop a regional knowledge strategy.
- Provided Regional NRM staff with opportunities to learn methods and techniques to better manage information and knowledge.
- Provided regions with fast access to evidence for decision making through the NRM Navigator.





## Making a difference to improving NRM continued...

- Made inroads into the difficult issue of getting regional knowledge needs onto the national research agenda. c2
- Provided a facility, through the Evidence Base software for NRM regions and others to collect, store and access information sources, and provide an evidence trail for decision making.
- Linked the Evidence Bases to Program Logic that has been rolled out across all regions by the Australian Government. This will add significantly to the benefits of the software.



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# Highlights

- Wide geographic engagement with overwhelmingly positive feedback (documented and available). c3
- Improved awareness and understanding of information and knowledge in a regional NRM context.
- Improved access to publicly-funded science and research.
- Products that are durable and effective. Consistent use of open source, licence free software—saving public money.
- Built Program legacy through initiating a Community of Practice in NRM (Friends of RKRK).
- Systematic reviews: funded 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Systematic Reviews ever done in Australian NRM (Native Veg Program & CSIRO collaboration).



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# Future

- Legacy arrangements in place for existing products and services
- High level of interest across multiple layers of government and NRM sector. Continuing the momentum with the strong engagement would likely lead to future collaboration.
- Still seeking future funding but no secure funding as yet





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## Access to more information

- [www.lwa.gov.au/regionalknowledge](http://www.lwa.gov.au/regionalknowledge)
-  **RKRK** [www.rkrk.net.au](http://www.rkrk.net.au)  
Regional Knowledge Resource Kit
- [www.nrmnavigator.net.au](http://www.nrmnavigator.net.au) (including the NRM Search Engine)



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