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Community Comes Out for Cockatoo Walk & Talk



7 April 2016... More than 20 community members keen to protect and create environments for the iconic Black Cockatoos attended a free workshop at Marlee Reserve, Mandurah, delivered by the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC) in partnership with City of Mandurah and Birdlife WA.

PHCC's project manager Thelma Crook said the workshop linked to the *Rivers 2 Ramsar* project's objectives of connecting river corridors for healthier landscapes.

"Our workshop covered the need for wildlife corridors, stepping stones such as reserves and remnant bushland, and linkages that provide the cockatoos with habitat, breeding areas and food sources," she said.

“We also looked at the significance of urban habitats such as backyards, watering points and local reserves and touched on the impacts of climate change on these iconic birds,” she said.

Participant Charlotte Jones said she attended to learn more about her favourite bird species.

“Birdlife WA, PHCC and City of Mandurah staff taught us about the differences between the three species of Black Cockatoos, their calls, feeding habits and behaviours, as well as about artificial nesting boxes. I really enjoyed the event. It was great to get out into the bush, explore a reserve I hadn't visited before and meet some lovely, like-minded people. And as a bonus, we managed to see a group of cockies coming to their roosts as we headed back to ours for the night!” she said.

Jack and Marlene Williams said they found the event very informative.

“We were interested in learning a bit more about the Black Cockatoos. We enjoyed meeting like-minded citizens who care about our wildlife and are prepared to commit to saving the Black Cockatoos.”

This project is supported by the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council through funding from the Australian Government and City of Mandurah. W.A.'s endemic Black Cockatoos – Carnaby's, Baudin's and Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo – all live and rely on breeding sites, food and shelter across the whole Peel-Harvey Catchment. All three are listed as threatened species under state and federal legislation.

For more information on how you can be involved, visit www.birdlife.org.au

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