



REGIONAL GOALS

People P2, P4

Biophysical B4

Farmers for Fauna

Protecting the threatened Numbat and Woylie around Dryandra Woodlands

Feral cats endanger at least 142 native Australian species, more than one third of our threatened mammals, reptiles, frogs and birds. Foxes have had a similarly devastating impact nationwide. In the Farmers for Fauna Project, the PHCC assists the 49 farmers around one of south west Australia's most important public conservation areas, Dryandra Woodlands, to increase the effectiveness of their efforts to control feral cats and foxes and protect the threatened Numbat and Woylie from extinction.

The Project supports farmers to undertake feral animal control on their own land to complement the State Government's control program in Dryandra and reduce the farm biosecurity risks posed by cats and foxes.

Farmers are encouraged to increase feral animal control efforts through community workshops which have been attended by over 70 farmers and their families. Workshops

raise awareness of the importance of feral cat and fox control and provide an opportunity for neighbouring farmers to obtain expert advice and build links with government officers, the community-based Project Numbat team and PHCC.

Practical support to farmers includes training on the safety and legal aspects of feral animal control, baiting and trapping techniques, and support to obtain regulatory permits. Free loan traps are made available to trained landholders at each of the four local governments surrounding the Woodlands.

The project is an important PHCC/Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions collaboration and builds on earlier work of the Department with farmers.

FUNDING PROGRAM

Australian Government's National Landcare Program

PHCC PROGRAM

NLP Sustainable Agriculture

PHCC PROJECT

Farmers for Fauna

FUNDING

Australian Government's National Landcare Program	\$5,000
State NRM Capacity Grant	

REGIONAL COVERAGE

Hotham-Williams



• Dryandra Woodland

STAKEHOLDERS

Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (Parks & Wildlife Service), Project Numbat, Dryandra Woodland Farmers, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Shire of Wandering, Shire of Williams, Shire of Cuballing, Shire of Narrogin

BENEFICIARIES

Farmers surrounding Dryandra

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Managing feral predators effectively in a fragmented landscape requires all land managers to participate. Foxes and cats don't take a lot of notice of fences and without projects like the Farmers for Fauna Project the ability to save remaining populations of wildlife, in areas which have already suffered significant local extinctions would be extremely difficult. Farmers for Fauna fills a critical gap in controlling feral predators in the broader landscape and the results can be seen by the reduction of predators detected and the recovery of threatened species like the Numbat and Woylie.

~ Peter Lacey, Nature Conservation Coordinator, Fauna, Wheatbelt Region
Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions ~

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Increased collaboration between farmers, state government agencies and community organisations to coordinate feral cat and fox control in and around Dryandra Woodlands
- Two community workshops attended by over 70 farmers and their families (April 2017 & April 2018), including a launch of the Project by the former Threatened Species Commissioner, Gregory Andrews
- Increased farmer knowledge on impact of feral animals and their control, and compliance with legal and animal welfare requirements of feral animal control; increased skills in control techniques
- Development of Animal Welfare Management Plan in conjunction with DBCA to support project activities and ongoing feral animal control by landholders
- Development of Feral Animal Site Control Plan and Cage Trap Agreement in conjunction with DBCA. These documents are completed by landholders with assistance from PHCC to support loan of cage traps, 1080 accreditation and use of baits
- Six (6) farmers supported to receive free loan cage traps and two (2) landholders completed 1080 accreditation training

