

Landcare matters

Lake Clifton Sub-catchment



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Lake Clifton Landcare Matters - a bi-monthly update on Natural Resource Management (NRM) in the Lake Clifton subcatchment. NRM refers to the management of natural resources such as land, water, soils, plants and animals. It brings together landuse planning, water management, biodiversity conservation and the future sustainability of industries such as agriculture, mining, tourism, fisheries and forestry.

Carnaby's Cockatoo chooses Lake Clifton Cockatube

Lake Clifton local and Land for Wildlife member, Wayne Goring has several Cockatubes© (artificial nesting hollows) installed on his property, one of which has had a lot of attention over the last few months. Noticing that a female Carnaby's Cockatoo had been visiting a Cockatube placed in a tree overlooking his equipment shed, Wayne investigated and was delighted to discover that the cockatoo had indeed chosen the tube for her nest!



Carnaby's Black Cockatoos, one of three threatened southwest Australian Black Cockatoo species, mate for life and return to the same hollow to nest each year, laying one or two eggs for the season. These iconic birds need suitably large hollows in which to nest, usually found in trees over 100 years old. Continued land clearing, including the loss of old trees, is making it increasingly hard for Black Cockatoos to find suitable hollows. On top of this, natural hollows are sought after by a range of other species including European Bees, who are competing for the same woody real estate.

Suitably designed and strategically placed artificial hollows can be a great way of creating and enhancing habitat for our black feathered friends, increasing the chance of the survival of this iconic species.

Want to find out more about Cockatubes? Check out Landcare SJ's website - <https://landcaresj.com.au/landcare-sj/cockatubes-saving-black-cockatoos/>

What plant is that?



Hibbertia

Cut-leaf Hibbertia (*Hibbertia cuneiformis*) is a medium sized shrub found growing in coastal areas of the South-West, including the Lake Clifton catchment. There are over 150 species of Hibbertia (a large number of which are found in WA), the plants having five petal flowers that are almost always yellow. Another species found in the area is Yellow Buttercups (*Hibbertia hypericoides*), a small shrub that grows in a variety of conditions.

Land for Wildlife

Another property has joined the Land for Wildlife family, with Herron landholders Tracey and Michael inviting us to take a look at their beautiful patch of the Lake Clifton sub-catchment!

The majority of their two and a half hectare property is host to natural bushland with a range of native plants including several orchid species such as the Pink Fairy (*caladenia latifolia*).

Tracey and Michael are keen to keep the bushland on their property in its natural condition to provide habitat for local wildlife including the many bird species that frequent the area.



We would like to wish our Community, project partners and volunteers a safe and Merry Christmas. We look forward to continuing to work with you all in 2019.

Please note: Our office will be closed from 21st December and will re-open on 7th January.



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