Welcome to the first edition of Lake Clifton Landcare Matters - a by-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.



Your NRM Team

Our recently appointed Land Conservation Officer, Jordon Garbellini will be a point of contact in the Lake Clifton Community for NRM activities. Jordon is based in PHCC's Mandurah Office and will be overseeing the Lake Clifton Catchment Conservation Stewardship Project with support from Natural Assets Coordinator Jo Garvey. The position is supported by the City of Mandurah and Shire of Waroona. If you wish to be on our mailing list, please contact Jordon at jordon.garbellini@peel-harvey.org.au

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Lake Clifton home to Ramsar Wetlands and ancient, critically endangered, Thrombolites

Did you know Lake Clifton is an internationally important wetland? The lands and lakes of Yalgorup National Park are all part of the Ramsar-listed Peel-Yalgorup Wetlands. The Park's lakes are particularly good examples of coastal saline lakes. Lake Clifton is 'extra' special as it is also home to the critically endangered, Thrombolites. These ancient 'living rocks' (microorganisms that photosynthesise) thought to be a few thousand years old, connect us to the start of life on earth. Other parts of

the Peel-Yalgorup System include the Peel-Harvey Estuary, Lake Mealup, Lake McLarty and Robert Bay swamp, these wetlands form a chain of diverse habitat that supports an array of important species and communities. The Peel-Yalgorup System's wetlands were listed as Wetlands of International Importance under the Convention of Wetlands (Ramsar Convention) in 1990. For more information visit www.environment.gov.au/water/wetlands/ramsar

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Land for Wildlife

In 2016 State Natural Resource Management Western Australia (State NRM) entered a partnership agreement with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservations and Attractions (DBCA) to provide support to new and existing Land for Wildlife members. As a result, the seven NRM regional bodies of Western Australia are now involved in the program.

As the NRM body for the Peel-Harvey region, PHCC will be supporting DBCA with Land for Wildlife within the Lake Clifton catchment.

What this means for you?

Jordon Garbellini is available to support local landholders interested in the program. There is information and advice available on a range of topics including wildlife habitat on private land, the ecological role of native flora and fauna, managing bushland and future grant and funding opportunities.

Jordon's also available to visit, provide advice and assess your property for LFW listing. If you are interested in the Land for Wildlife program contact Jordon Garbellini at Jordon.garbellini@peel-harvey.org.au

For more information on the Land for Wildlife program visit <u>www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/management/off-reserve-conservation/land-for-wildlife</u>

Coming Up...

April 14 Wetlands from Above

Cape Bouvard Winery

June 10 Seedling Giveaway

Lake Clifton Community Centre

more details on our website...

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