

Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



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Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

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NRM is the management of natural resources such as land, water, soils, plants and animals. It brings together land use planning, water management, biodiversity conservation and sustainability of industries such as agriculture, mining, tourism, fisheries and forestry.



Tunbridge Gully Planting Underway



The Tunbridge Gully reed planting day was held with Boddington District High School students, the Friends of the Reserves – Boddington (Inc.), South32 and Newmont Boddington Gold at the end of October.

Over 7000 seedlings were planted on the day with the aim to restore native vegetation and increase biodiversity in the creekline which is currently being controlled for the invasive weed *Juncus*

acutus (Spiny Rush). It was a very warm day and we thank everyone for their efforts.

We are also pleased to advise the Tunbridge Gully project will continue for an additional 2.5 years thanks to South32 funding.

We look forward to continuing to work with all of our amazing volunteers at future planting days.

Interest in Grants Exceeds Expectations

Our officers have been busy getting around to visit landholders as part of the 2018 Community Environmental Grants. We had great interest in the grant round with 23 expressions of interests in the Hotham-Williams out of a total 67 across the entire Peel-Harvey Catchment. Where possible our officers made a visit to each landholder to help them plan their projects and assist with applications. Applications will now be assessed by our Steering Committees against project criteria and we plan to notify applicants of the results early December.



Rabbit Virus Released

Thank you to all the landholders and Shire staff who have assisted us with the release of the RHDV-K1 virus to control feral rabbits. Over two weeks in November, the virus was released at 31 sites across the sub-catchment. The project involved pre-feeding of virus free pellets for 3 days prior to the virus release. Landholders have been recording rabbit numbers during this time as well as after the release (to determine effectiveness) which will be included in a centralised national database. Areas in the Eastern States are showing great results since the 2017 release.

If you would like to be involved in future releases please contact us on 0455166780 or nrm.support@peel-harvey.org.au



Farmers for Fauna

We are still working closely with our landholders who live near Dryandra Woodland to provide them with feral animal control assistance. Please get in touch with us if you would like to discuss how we can help on 0455 166 780 or christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au

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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