

Hotham-Williams Rivers and Tributaries' Natural Resource Management and Conservation Project



REGIONAL GOALS

People

Biophysical

Knowledge

To assist the PHCC with the leveraging and commitment of the financial resources that will enable the effective planning, management, delivery and administration of the Project whilst delivering specific NRM objectives.

Project Objectives:

- To commission a study of Hotham River & Williams Rivers and tributaries that will inform the development of a River Action Plan (RAP) to address existing natural, conservation and cultural resource management knowledge base gaps
- To deliver biosecurity projects and activities including building the capacity of local community groups and landholders through education programs.
- To build community capacity for future land management including the delivery of priority species conservation workshops, accredited skill development training courses with a focus on NBG's neighbouring landholders and local Aboriginal community stakeholders, and the organisation and delivery of local community planting events that are focussed on priority catchment areas
- To undertake a specified number of restoration projects relating to the Hotham and Williams Rivers and tributaries, informed by priorities identified in the RAP including invasive weed control; riparian vegetation and community planting days across the catchment
- To develop and deliver a landowner grants program that supports sustainable agricultural and biodiversity activities across the catchment.

FUNDING

Newmont Australia, including
\$75,000 for on-ground river studies \$500,000

PARTNERS

Australian Government
Shires of Boddington, Cuballing, Wandering & Williams
Landholders, local community groups & schools
Dept. of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions
Project Numbat
Local Noongar community

PROJECT TEAM

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REGIONAL COVERAGE





OUTCOMES

- Protection and rehabilitation of local water catchments.
- Enhancement of local and regional biodiversity protection.
- To proactively identify, communicate and facilitate collaborative opportunities to leverage NBG technical, human and physical resource support including the involvement of employees in volunteer planting, restoration and other land management opportunities for specific project activities.
- To effectively manage, monitor, administer and report on the activities and outcomes of the Project.

PROJECT ACTIONS

- Assessment of Hotham & Williams river and tributaries' to ID management assets, threats and management options, literature review within year 1, RAP in year 2, Research project/River Health Studies year 2, Implementation year 3-5.
- Deliver a minimum of 10 biosecurity focus events/projects across 5 years, including an education component.
- Deliver minimum of 6 Priority species conservation focussed workshops/events across 5 years. With a focus on federally listed species i.e. Cockatube and other construction workshops.

- Deliver two Chemsafe training courses across 5 years.
- Organise 1-2 planting day events with local community (8 events total over 5 years)
- Deliver 3 projects based on the outcome of the RAP to undertake weed control activities, riparian plantings etc.
- Support community restoration project activities (weed control, planting days etc); 3 community based restoration projects across 5 year period
- Grants for sustainable agriculture activities (feral animal control, weed control, soil testing etc.); 2 grant rounds across life of project (5 years).
- Grants for NRM activities on landholdings (revegetation, weed control, fencing off areas of bushland etc.); 2 grant rounds across life of project (5 years)
- Partnership project reporting requirements include regular project communications; quarterly meetings, annual progress report and final report and acquittal.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://peel-harvey.org.au/what-we-do/projects/>

EVENTS

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