

Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



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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.



Black-Cockatoos

Black-cockatoos often feed on the side of the road and they rise so slowly into full flight that they are readily hit by vehicles. Even small numbers of birds hit and killed or injured can make a difference to the long-term survival of the species.

There are a number of things you can do to help.

- If you know of local black spots, encourage your local council to install warning signs for motorists.
- Slow down if you see flocks of cockatoos on the road or road verge so that they have time to move away.
- If you find an injured cockatoo, only attempt to rescue it if it's safe to do so. Injured cockatoos are in shock and may be aggressive and capable of

giving a severe bite or scratch. Cover the injured bird using a large towel, making sure the head is covered. Carefully pick the bird up and place it gently in a secure cardboard box or pet carrier with a second towel lining the bottom. Close the lid or cover the box with a towel and move it to a quiet, dark location.

- Do not attempt to feed an injured bird. Call the Wildcare Helpline on (08) 9474 9055. The Wildcare Helpline also have an informative smartphone App.

Keep an eye out for new Cockatoo signs the Shire of Boddington have installed cautioning road users to slow down to prevent any deaths of these iconic threatened species.



PHOTO: New caution signs installed in the Shire of Boddington

Rabbit Virus: We are looking for expressions of interest from people who are keen to participate in the release of the Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus RHDV1-K5 to control wild rabbits. Please email helen.parsons@peel-harvey.org.au or call (08) 63698801 or 0455 166 780 if you would like to be involved.

FeralScan App

FeralScan is a free pest animal mapping program for farmers, community groups, local governments, NRM groups and the general public. Users are able to record feral animal sightings, evidence, damage and control actions. FeralScan allows you to print a map of pest animals in your area, use maps to seek funding, work with neighbours to target problem hotspots and keep local authorities informed about pest problems.

To register or receive FeralScan information, please visit the website feralscan.org.au or download the free Smart Phone App through your Android or Apple App Store.

Farmers for Fauna landholders please keep an eye out for more FeralScan information coming your way soon.

We NEED your feedback on Regenerative Agriculture

Should you Adopt it? What's Missing?

We would appreciate our Hotham-Williams landholders conducting an important survey to find out what the key barriers are that might stop farmers and others from actually taking up regenerative agriculture. The results will be provided to DPIRD to help guide their future priority research. The survey is anonymous (no personal or financial information) and should not take more than 10 minutes to complete.

Thank you in advance for your input into the survey, which will help inform State investment into the sector. Please see this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q2G5VP9>

Coming Up...

7 – 8 **Southern Dirt Techspo**
AUG www.techspo.com.au

AUG **PHCC Landcare Funding Opportunity** (see flyer)

SEP **Sub-surface Water Management Info Session & Field Day in Williams**
Date TBC

SEP/OCT **Rabbit virus release**
EOIs wanted

Do you have an NRM event you would like us to promote? Please contact Mel Durack at melanie.durack@peel-harvey.org.au or 0455 166 780 or 6369 8801

We have a new office number for the Hotham-Williams office - 6369 8801. The mobile 0455166780 is still available



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