

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.



Farmers 4 Fauna

A new partnership between Peel Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC), the Department of Parks and Wildlife and Project Numbat will focus on the recovery of numbat (*Myrmecobius fasciatus*) and woylie (*Bettongia penicillata ogilbyi*) populations within the Dryandra Woodland. The focus of the Farmers for Fauna project will be on one of the biggest threats, feral cats.

On 6th April the Threatened Species Commissioner, Gregory Andrews along with approximately 40 of Dryandra's

neighbours, Shire representatives and guest speakers from the Department of Agriculture and Food joined PHCC at Dryandra Woodland's Barna Mia Wildlife Sanctuary to launch the project. The Farmers for Fauna project is part of PHCC's commitment to support the community on key biosecurity issues across the Hotham-Williams. One interesting fact we learnt from Mr Andrews is that the numbat is twice as rare and more endangered than China's Giant Panda!



Tunbridge Gully Weed Spraying

The first round of spraying invasive weed *Juncus acutus* along Tunbridge Gully and the Hotham River foreshore in Boddington is complete. The project managed by Peel Harvey Catchment Council and funded through Worsley Alumina South32. South32

is focusing on weed control, rehabilitation, cross cultural knowledge, education opportunities and improving aesthetics and recreational opportunities. A second community planting day will occur during winter 2017.

On-Farm Weed Workshop

Local landholders joined PHCC on 11th April at the Treasure Family "Fernhill" Shearing Shed in Wandering for an on-farm weed management workshop. Agronomist, Andrew Storrie from AGRONOMO presented information on herbicide resistance, environmental weeds affecting agriculture, factors affecting spraying, effective spray quality and the importance of water quality. A practical session included boom spray

calibration and understanding nozzle selection. Workshop participants were offered the opportunity to receive funding of up to \$1000 towards weed control.



Partnership at Popanyinning



Feral cats in Australia have been identified as the main predator for small native mammal species and birds. PHCC, have partnered with the Shire of Cuballing and WA Feral Animal Management (WAFAM) to control feral cats at the Popanyinning Waste Disposal Site.

Funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme will assist with fencing around the site, monitoring feral cat numbers as well as strategic trapping. WAFAM will also work with the Shire on feral cat management procedures and protocols and with the community on responsible cat ownership to minimise impact on the surrounding biodiversity. Popanyinning is only a few kilometres away from the Dryandra Woodland, home to the endangered numbat and woylie among other iconic native fauna.

An information session on the Popanyinning project will be held on Saturday 6th May from 3pm to 4:30 pm at the Popanyinning Town Hall.

Small Grants Still Available

Grants of \$100 to \$1,000 are available through the PHCC Small Local Action Grants, please visit:

www.peel-harvey.org.au

Coming Up...

May 6 Information Session -
Popanyinning Feral Cat Project

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