

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.



Boddington Battles a Sharp Opponent

Photo monitoring points and an ecological monitoring transect have been set up by Peel-Harvey Catchment Council officers to track the success of the Tunbridge Gully Restoration Project.

The project aims to improve the health of the Tunbridge Gully and the Hotham River near Boddington by removing *Juncus acutus*, an invasive weed and a significant threat to wetlands and estuaries of south-west Australia.

Removal of *Juncus acutus* will improve water quality and ecosystem function, minimise the downstream impact on the Hotham River and ultimately restore a viable population of freshwater mussels to the area.

This project is funded through a partnership with PHCC and South32 Worsley Alumina.



Using Dogs to Reign in Cats!

PHCC congratulates the Numbat Taskforce on securing funds through the Threatened Species Commissioner and the Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species (FAME), enabling the purchase of two feral cat detection dogs for two years.

PHCC, the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) and landholders neighbouring Dryandra are also working hard to restore and maintain healthy populations of threatened fauna species. In partnership with PHCC, adjacent landholders undertake feral animal control on their properties while DPaW continues to monitor and protect threatened species within Dryandra.

PHCC Visits Local Shires

Jane O'Malley, CEO of PHCC and Mel Durack, the Hotham-Williams NRM Officer presented to Local Governments acknowledging the great work in the upper catchment and the success of collaborative projects between PHCC, local shires and community members in meeting NRM goals.

Jane and Mel gave special mention to the Hotham-Williams Rivers 2 Ramsar project, where 28 private land owners have taken up grants to implement weed control, fencing and revegetation projects.

Environment-1, Pigs-0

Community Scores High in the Fight Against Ferals

The Wandering Hotham Declared Species Group recently completed a successful feral pig trapping program with significant numbers removed from the catchment in both the Wandering and Boddington Shires. The program has been successful in reducing feral pig numbers due to the joint effort and ongoing commitment by the local landholders.

The timely removal of feral pigs from the area prevents the establishment of permanent populations of pigs before they threaten flora, displace fauna and degrade water quality.

This is one of the great projects funded by State NRM & Royalties for Regions through the State NRM Community Action Grants.

Grants Still Available

PHCC: Grants of \$100 to \$1,000 please visit: www.peel-harvey.org.au

State NRM: Grants of \$5,000 to \$55,000 please visit: www.nrm.wa.gov.au/ Closing 10th July

Coming Up...

Jul 30 National Tree Day Sunday (schools planting day 28th July)

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



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