

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.

Community comes together for planting morning

Recently 70 volunteers, including staff, students and parents from Boddington District High School, South32 Worsley Alumina, Newmont Boddington Gold, Friends of the Reserves – Boddington (Inc.) and the Shire of Boddington joined Mel and Kate from PHCC in a tree planting event in Blue Gum Park (Boddington). Tunbridge Gully flows through Blue Gum park and is very degraded and infested with the invasive weed *Juncus acutus* (Spiny Rush) in this area.

The morning event saw 400 local native seedlings planted along the creekline to assist with soil stabilisation and weed control. It was a great morning which finished off with a sausage sizzle catered by the Boddington Lions Club. This project is part of the larger Tunbridge Gully Restoration project which is supported by PHCC through funding from South32 Worsley Alumina and the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.



Funding Opportunity

Funding is available through the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme to maintain and improve:

- Ecosystem services through sustainable management of local and regional landscapes
- National TEC's (Threatened Ecological Communities) of the western wheatbelt
- Threatened Species habitats and/or communities

Applications close 25 September 2017

Priority for funding will be given to individuals and groups to undertake activities to protect these areas through:

- Access control (including fencing)
- Weed control
- Feral animal control

Interested? For more information and to discuss your ideas and eligibility please call 0455 166 780 or email hotham-williams@peel-harvey.org.au

Great Outcomes from Community Environment Grants

A PHCC Community Environment Grant has enabled Trish and Robert Bowden of "Warren Hill" to fence off part of their farm's creek system to restrict stock access and protect the creek area.

Planning is also underway for the eradication of the invasive weed *Juncus acutus* from the creekline, revegetation with plants endemic to the area and control of pest animals on the 25ha property.

Having owned "Warren Hill" for twelve months, the Bowdens say "Long term our aim is to do more fencing in order to build up native bird and animal friendly laneways leading to established vegetation."

Well done Trish and Robert. A great NRM outcome!



PHOTO: Trish and Robert Bowden

Grants Still Available

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

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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