

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.



Meet our NEW Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator

Paula Pownall is the PHCC's newly appointed Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator (RALF) for the Peel-Harvey, helping farmers and grower groups to adopt more sustainable land management practices and grow cleaner and greener food and produce.

Paula has a diverse agribusiness and NRM background including working in the areas of drought resilience, sustainable equine management, sustainable food, and entomology. Paula has lived in the Catchment for many years and is involved in landcare in her local area.

Paula along with Andrew Delmarco made the trip to Wandering in September to meet with the PHCC's Board Upper Catchment Representatives, Darralyn Ebsary and Eliza Dowling and farmer Max Watts. Paula will be spending as much time as she can in the Hotham-Williams to meet with our farmers to discuss opportunities and where assistance is required.

Welcome Paula!

Photo: L-R – Eliza Dowling, Mel Durack, Darralyn Ebsary, Andrew DelMarco, Paula Pownall and Max Watts



Funding Opportunity

PHCC is excited to announce we are seeking Expressions of Interest from landholders for a funding opportunity for landcare / natural resource management (NRM) projects.

Potential project ideas or assistance which may be available:

- Fencing of native vegetation, creeklines and wetlands
- Native vegetation seeding
- Native forage shrub or perennial pasture seeding
- Feral animal/pest control (baiting etc)
- Weed control
- Threatened species protection/ habitat restoration
- Dieback treatment

To discuss your idea please contact Mel Durack ASAP on 0455 166 780 or via melanie.durack@peel-harvey.org.au **no later than 19th October.**

Please note:

- Specific project criteria applies to the funding opportunity which will be discussed with each EOI.
- Projects must be completed by 31st May 2019

Happy Travels Kate

This month we said Goodbye to Kate Barr, our Hotham-Williams NRM Support Officer. Kate has left to travel around Australia for 5 months or so with her husband and 3 daughters.

We thank Kate for all her hard work in the upper catchment and wish her safe travels. Mel will be joined by Christine Townsend and Helen Parsons, both locals to the area, to continue to support the Hotham-Williams Community. Watch this space next month when we introduce Helen and Christine.



Coming Up...

Feral Rabbit Information: We are hoping to work with local groups on the release of the calicivirus, a biological control option to assist the community with Australia's most widespread and destructive agricultural and environmental vertebrate pest, the European Rabbit. If you are interested in being part of the release, planned for **November 2018**, please register your interest so we can discuss requirements.



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