

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.



River Action Plan Site Assessments



We have had a busy week completing the Hotham-Williams River Action Plan site assessments where we identified the assets, attributes and threats to the health of 7 sites along the Hotham and Williams River at Ranford Pool in Boddington, Pumphreys Bridge, Hotham River Nature Reserve, Popanyinning, Williams, Boraning, and Quindanning.

The purpose of the River Action Plan is to identify priority actions and projects to help protect the ecosystem health and function of the Hotham and Williams Rivers and their abutting Riparian zone.

Over the week we had a total of 16 helpers including PHCC (staff and volunteers), Urbaqua, Newmont Gold Corp and local landholders.

A big thank you to all the landholders who allowed us to gain access to the river through their properties, it was very helpful and saved us a lot of walking. The river health assessments will occur later in October.



Narrogin Agricultural Show

PHCC had a great day at the Narrogin Show where we shared a stall with Project Numbat and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (Parks and Wildlife Services).

We spent the day speaking with landholders and interested community members about our current projects. We also held a Numbat colouring in competition which was a hit with the kids - congratulations to all the winners.



Photo: Kiarcia with her winning entry

WANTED....Do you have any historic photos of the Hotham and Williams Rivers or any local stories you would like to share (such as what you used to catch in the rivers)? We'd love to hear to hear from you! Contact Kate Barr on 6369 8801 / 0455 166 780 or email nrm.support@peel-harvey.org.au

On Farm Surface and Sub Surface Water Workshop

A successful workshop was held on 20th September in Williams to provide farmers with different strategies for on-farm surface and subsurface water management to improve crop productivity.

The workshop included a farm visit to the Fowler family "Crossman Farm" to view their water management practices which include a combination of interceptor banks, conservation fencing on hilltops and planting (and fencing) the valley floor with native vegetation.

This event was funded through PHCC's Greening Farms project.



Coming Up...

EARLY NOV Rabbit virus release

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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