

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.



New Nest Boxes for Phascogales in Dryandra



We recently enjoyed a lovely day out in Dryandra Woodland with Wandering Primary School students installing student made red-tailed phascogale nesting boxes.

Thank you to Peter Lacey from Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions for teaching us about the native animals of Dryandra, choosing the trees for our nest boxes and for answering all the tricky questions. Thanks also to Clarkeys Carpentry and Ian Price for securing the nest boxes to the trees.

Tarryn Basden, Project Numbat's Education Officer did an interesting and entertaining presentation about numbats. Unfortunately, we didn't see a numbat running around in Dryandra on the day but thankfully Tarryn had brought along one of her own.

We hope the phascogales like their new homes and look forward to visiting them in the future to see if the boxes are being utilised.



Out and About

We have been out and about visiting the great work our landholders have completed as part of their Community Environmental Grants. Through the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, we have been able to deliver the grants under our Numbat Neighbourhood and Greening Farms projects in the Hotham-Williams.

Williams Farmers, Heather and Steve Hyde, have fenced a creekline and woodlands area (1.9 km), creating linkages with the iconic Dryandra Woodland.

Wandering Farmer, Brendon Hardie, has fenced 4.5 km to protect the Hotham River and create wildlife corridors as well as tackling invasive weed *Juncus acutus*.

We are working with more farmers and look forward to letting you know more about their projects in our next Landcare Matters.



Williams Farmer Heather Hyde with Kate Barr



Wandering Farmer Brendon Hardie with Christine Townsend

Coming Up...

MAY/ JUNE Completion visits for the 2018/2019 landholder grants

JULY Community Planting Days – Tunbridge Gully and Ranford Pool (dates to be confirmed)

SEP/ OCT River Action Plan field work and health assessments for the Hotham and Williams Rivers

Watch this space for the 2019/2020 potential grant opportunities

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**

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