

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.



Numbat Release in Dryandra Woodland

Nine numbats were released into Dryandra Woodland on the ninth of December and PHCC, Project Numbat and local farmers were fortunate to be invited to be involved in the release of 4 of these.

These nine numbats will be a great for genetic diversity and help to boost the population of numbats in Dryandra Woodland.

The numbats came from the Perth Zoo breeding facility which PHCC supports through the Numbat Neighbourhood project which is funded by the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.



H - W Snippets

1. Mel and Christine recently met the new Project Numbat president, Adam Cross, at the Farmers for Fauna Project update, with Peter Lacey from Parks and Wildlife Services also in attendance. We look forward to continuing to deliver the Farmers for Fauna Project with Parks and Wildlife Services and Project Numbat into the future.
2. The RHDV1-K5 rabbit virus was recently released into the Shires of Boddington, Williams, Cuballing and Wandering. We will keep you informed as to when the next release will occur. Please send through expressions of interest.
3. The Hotham Williams River Action Plan report is currently being finalised following the fieldwork component. We look forward to sharing the recommendations from this report.

1080 Accreditation

We are seeking expressions of interest from landholders who would like to participate in a free 1080 baiting accreditation workshop in February 2020. Please contact Christine Townsend on 6369 8801 or 0455 166 780 or email christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au

Wandering Productivity Group

There will be a Wandering Productivity Group meeting in early March to discuss the group's future.

If you would like input into the future of the Wandering Productivity Group please contact Max Watts on 0428 841 069 or maxwatts@skymesh.com.au by 27 February.

Champion Farmer

Are you the 2020 Peel-Harvey Champion Farmer? Would you like to attend the 2020 Talkin' Soil Health Conference in York on the 11th-13th March?

We are calling for nominations for Peel-Harvey Champion Farmer to represent our region at the 2020 Talkin' Soil Health conference. A Soil Health Champion is a farmer who is an inspiration to those around them. They embody the principals of sustainable agriculture and natural resource management.

This year's conference has the theme 'Building Natural Capital' and will include

presentations from WA farmers Rob Grylls, Brad Jones, Stuart McAlpine and Nick Kelly, as they share their stories on soil health. Well known industry professionals will talk about the latest research and practices that will lead us on the next wave of agricultural innovation.

To nominate yourself or others to be Peel-Harvey's 2020 Champion Farmer, and be in the running for a conference attendance package, see: <https://peel-harvey.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Soil-Health-Champion-application-form.pdf>

Coming Up...

- FEB 1080 accreditation**
contact christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au
 - EARLY MAR Wandering Productivity Group**
contact Max Watts 0428 841 069 or maxwatts@skymesh.com.au
 - 5 Pigs, Pests and Biosecurity**
in Cuballing contact paula.
pownall@peel-harvey.org.au
 - 10 Fodder/pasture workshop**
in Williams contact paula.
pownall@peel-harvey.org.au
 - 11-13 Talkin' Soil Health Conference**
MAR contact paula.pownall@peel-harvey.org.au
 - MID S.H.A.R.E. Numbats**
MAR contact christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au
- 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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