

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.



Numbats in the Neighbourhood

PHCC's latest SHARE event was out and about in Dryandra Woodland presenting Numbats in the Neighbourhood.

The 71 attendees were treated to interesting presentations on all things numbats from guest speakers Tony Friend (DBCA), Peter Lacey (DBCA), Peter Mawson (Perth Zoo) and PHCC's own Mel Durack. Guest speakers in the 'speed dating' session spoke on a range of topics including a farmers perspective, how Numbat Taskforce is raising numbat awareness, what Project Numbat is up to and why we should all visit Barna Mia animal sanctuary. Dr Sally Box, the Threatened Species Commissioner sent through a video presentation which you can find on the event page of our website.

After supper the rain that had been falling most of the afternoon cleared for the visit to Barna Mia animal sanctuary. Guests saw boobies, bilbies, woylies, mala and quenda in their natural environment. Thank you to all the guest speakers and for everyone who attended the first SHARE out and About.



Photo: Peter Mawson, Tony Friend, Rob Harris (local farmer), Peter Lacey, John Lawson (Numbat Taskforce), Jock Abraham (Local Noongar Elder), Christine Townsend and Mel Durack.



Covid-19 We value the health and safety of our whole community and PHCC has made the decision to temporarily close our office to visitors. We are still working and you can reach us via phone on 6369 8801 or 0455 166 780 or via email.

Soil Health Champion: Shaun Wittwer



Congratulations to Cuballing farmer Shaun Wittwer on being awarded the 2020 PHCC Soil Health Champion at the recent Talking Soil Health #TSH2020 conference in York, hosted by Wheatbelt NRM.

PHCC nominated Shaun for the work he and his family are doing to increase production and profitability by improving soil health and the landscape from the ground up. The Wittwer family have been involved in Landcare activities for more than 30 years and have planted over 200,000 salt bush shrubs.

Pigs, Pest & Biosecurity

The Cuballing Recreation Centre was buzzing on Thursday 5th of March when over 20 landholders and community members attended a three hour intensive Pigs, Pests and Biosecurity event.

Four guest speakers including Graeme Dent, President of the Western Australia Pork Producers Association, and Jo Wills from the Lake Muir Denbarker Community Feral Pig Eradication Group sparked lively discussion on a range of issues, including feral pigs, African Swine Fever, roadside weeds, PHCC projects and support.

The event was part of PHCC's Greening Farms project which supports farmers with management of on-farm vegetation, revegetation, fodder and soil health.

If you missed out and would like further information, please email our Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator, Paula on paula.pownall@peel-harvey.org.au

Coming Up...

- If you have received a Community Environment Grant we will be in touch soon to see how you are going with your projects.
- Christine Townsend our Farmers for Fauna Coordinator will be in touch with landholders surrounding Dryandra soon to see if you need any help with feral cat management and to provide some information on how to use Feralscan. If you have recently trapped a cat or if you would like to loan a cage trap please email christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au

Do you have an NRM event or information you would like us to promote? Please contact Mel Durack at melanie.durack@peel-harvey.org.au or 0455 166 780 or 6369 8801