

# 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.



## Hotham-Williams Rivers Health

The autumn river health assessment sampling has been completed for the Hotham and Williams Rivers by Wetland Research and Management and our Hotham-Williams Team. The field work follows the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER's) South West Index of River Condition (SWIRC) which is an integrated assessment of river health.

Six sites were surveyed across the catchment and the results from the spring 2019 and recent autumn surveys will not only provide a snapshot of the rivers health now, but also provide a baseline for future potential restoration work leading from the recommendations of the recently completed Hotham-Williams River Action Plan (RAP) produced by Urbaqua.

We will be discussing the results of the RAP and potential restoration works which could occur to improve the health of our wonderful waterways with our local Shires and the community in the coming months.

This project is made possible through funding from Newmont Boddington with additional funding from DWER (towards the river health assessments) and the Shire of Cuballing (towards the RAP).



## Land for Wildlife



PHOTO: Dwarda landholders Bill and Marnie receiving their Land for Wildlife Sign

We are supporting the Land for Wildlife program which is coordinated by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. This program seeks to recognise and support landholders who have natural habitat and revegetation on their property which is able to be used by native wildlife.

If you would like to register for Land for Wildlife please contact PHCC or go directly to <https://lfw.gaiareources.com.au/lfw/>. Having a Land for Wildlife property gets you free advice on managing wildlife habitat, and makes you part of a state-wide community of private landholders conserving Australia's wildlife for the future.

**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.

## Community Environment Grants (CEG)



Mel and Christine have been out and about visiting landholders who have completed their 2019/2020 CEG Projects.

There are 14 projects funded in the Hotham-Williams Sub-catchment through our Numbat Neighbourhood Project and an additional 16 through the Greening Farms Project. We have been following the Government regulations regarding Covid-19, including strict hygiene requirements and social distancing during all visits. Projects visited so far include fencing part of the Fourteen Mile Brook, replacement fencing of a linkage to Dryandra Woodland and remnant vegetation fencing.

We hope to announce another grant round in the coming months.

### What's happening...

- Launch of WA Feral Cat Working Group <https://peel-harvey.org.au/wa-feral-cat-working-group/>
- Looking for activities to do with kids? Project Numbat has got you covered. Visit <http://www.numbat.org.au/kids>

*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](mailto:melanie.durack@peel-harvey.org.au) or 0455 166 780 or*

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