

Landcare matters

Lake Clifton Sub-catchment



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Lake Clifton Landcare Matters - a bi-monthly update on Natural Resource Management (NRM) in the Lake Clifton subcatchment. NRM refers to the management of natural resources such as land, water, soils, plants and animals. It brings together landuse planning, water management, biodiversity conservation and the future sustainability of industries such as agriculture, mining, tourism, fisheries and forestry.

Take Away Seedling Giveaway!

We are pleased to announce that the Lake Clifton Seedling Giveaway will be going ahead, though not quite as planned. The restrictions in place due to COVID-19 prevent us from inviting the Lake Clifton community to join us for our popular morning workshop, morning tea and seedlings. So instead, we'll be holding a local Seedling Drive-through event in early June. For those who have not participated before, the Seedling Giveaway provides free native seedlings to residents of the Lake Clifton-Herron Community.

To register for the Seedling Drive-through, landholders are required to complete the

'Lake Clifton Landholder' survey (linked below) before Tuesday 2nd of June. The survey will provide PHCC with information to evaluate the program and improve its effectiveness in future. Once you submit your survey, you will be provided with the details of the Seedling Drive-through and instructions on how to collect your seedlings at the local drive-through location in early June. If you would like to have the survey sent to you by traditional post or email, please contact our Land Conservation Officer Jordon Garbellini at Jordon.garbellini@peel-harvey.org.au or call 6369 8800.

Lake Clifton Landholder Survey and Seedling Giveaway registration: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3QNJBGM>



Heavenly Hectares



PHCC recently hosted a Heavenly Hectares Workshop for 27 members of the Lake Clifton Community in partnership with the team from the award winning Forever Project. The workshop helped residents address some tricky land management issues including water repellent soil, fire management, and native animal grazing. While providing many useful tips and tricks for effective, sustainable property management, the event highlighted the link between activities undertaken (or not undertaken) on properties and their effects on the internationally significant Lake Clifton Catchment.

For example, weed infestations or weedy garden plants left unchecked on private properties can easily spread into natural bushland areas, and outcompete

native plants. This reduces food, shelter including essential host plants that local fauna requires for feeding and breeding. Herbicides and fertilisers applied incorrectly or too frequently can run off into waterways in high rainfall events or seep into groundwater, affecting the quality of one of our most valued and highly depended upon natural assets, water.

Workshop attendees found the event gave them the encouragement and knowledge to tackle problem areas on their property and modify their current management techniques to better benefit the vision for their property. All this fresh understanding and determination should create many more heavenly hectares around Lake Clifton for humans and wildlife alike.

Lake Clifton Stewardship Grants

Need some assistance with your next Landcare project? PHCC can provide small grants of \$250.00 to \$1000.00 to eligible Lake Clifton landholders registered with Land for Wildlife. Contact our Land Conservation Officer, Jordon Garbellini at Jordon.garbellini@peel-harvey.org.au or 6369 8800, or visit our website for details <https://peel-harvey.org.au/grants/lake-clifton-stewardship-grants/>

Coming Up...

JUN Lake Clifton Seedling Drive Through – Complete survey to register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3QNJBGM>

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