

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.



Williams River sites earmarked for action!

It was great to have Kate Barr back with the Hotham-Williams team recently to show Kristy Gregory the Williams River sites earmarked for potential on-ground projects as part of the Hotham-Williams River Action Plan.

Lovely sites like this one near Williams are already used by the community. The potential to restore the banks, control the weeds and re-introduce native species will be realised through future potential projects.

Rivers hold such an important place in our landscape and in our history, and through the restoration of habitat the PHCC wants to facilitate a renewed connection of people to the Rivers. Through the planning of potential projects, our aim will be to create areas that are ecologically restored as well as being easily accessible to the public. This will have the threefold result of environmental restoration, demonstration of healthy

ecosystems and a genuine connection of people to natural areas, whether it be in their 'backyard', a destination, or a stop-off on a long-drive!

Note: PHCC is in the process of applying for funding for future on-ground community projects across the Hotham-Williams sub-catchment.



Grant Updates...

- The Hotham-Williams team has been out and about visiting the completed Numbat Neighbourhood 2019/20 Community Environment Grant Projects and checking out all the seedlings that have been planted. For example, a Cuballing farmer has completed fencing and revegetation to increase habitat for threatened species and create a linkage to the East Yornaning Nature Reserve.
- The Numbat Neighbourhood, Black Cockatoo, Greening Farms and Banksia Woodland (Swan Coastal Plain area only) 2020/21 Community Environment Grant (CEG) applications were assessed across three different steering committee meetings during the week of 14th September.

The CEG program is a competitive grants process, and each application is assessed on its merits against criteria to meet Australian Government outcomes, for access to a limited pool of funds.

There were 45 applications in total across the Peel-Harvey catchment with 22 of these being for projects within the Hotham-Williams sub-catchment.

Applicants will soon be notified if their project has been successful.

COVID-19 We value the health and safety of our whole community and PHCC is now accepting visitors on an appointment basis only. Please contact us to make a booking via phone on 6369 8801 or 0455 166 780 or via email.

Cape Tulip...pretty flower or toxic weed?



Cape tulip (*Moraea flaccida* & *Moraea miniata*) originates from South Africa and was introduced to Australia as a garden plant and is now widespread in the south west of Western Australia and other states.

One leaf and two leaf Cape tulips are serious weeds of pasture. The branched flowering stem has short lived pink to

orange flowers which occur in late winter and spring. Animals will selectively graze clovers and other more palatable species, and this allows Cape tulips to flourish. The plants contain toxic chemicals called glycosides which affect the heart and most deaths occur in hungry animals that have recently been introduced.

When choosing plants for your garden, avoid buying species that are toxic and/or have weed potential.

Please see <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/declared-plants/cape-tulip-what-you-should-know> for more information on what you should know about Cape tulips and control methods.

Coming Up...

- Spring - Rabbit virus release (RHDV1-K5) - if you are involved in this please keep an eye out for an email from Helen Parsons
- November – Numbat Dig Workshop in Dryandra Woodland. Stay tuned for more information.
- Late 2020/early 2021 Pest control & bushland management
- Early 2021 - Spiny Rush (*Juncus acutus*) control demonstration site



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