

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.

Those Wascally Wabbits



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The Peel-Harvey Biosecurity Group are gearing up for their fourth annual release of the RHDV1 K5 Calicivirus. Landholders have until the 9th of October to sign up for the control program to gain assistance with feral rabbit management on their property.

This annual Rabbit Control Program is a great way to get involved in proactively

managing this environmental and agricultural pest. The free program offers support to landholders as they move through four steps of rabbit control using the RHDV1 K5 virus: 1. pre feeding, 2. pre monitoring, 3. inoculating of pellets; and 4. post monitoring.

The fifth step in successful rabbit control comes from follow up efforts to maintain control of rabbit populations as their numbers start to grow after the initial knock down caused by the virus. Further steps for rabbit control can include baiting, trapping and warren destruction. Combining these methods with the release of the Calicivirus can prove to be a very effective management strategy for controlling rabbit populations.

Lake Clifton Landholders registered with the voluntary Land for Wildlife Program currently have the opportunity to seek

funding from \$200 up to \$1,000 through the Lake Clifton Stewardship Grants, to assist in efforts to protect and enhance natural bushland on their properties. Activities targeting pest species such as rabbits are eligible through this grant program along with a number of other Landcare activities including revegetation and installation of artificial habitat structures.

To register for this year's release of RHDV1 K5 Calicivirus follow this link to the Peel-Harvey Biosecurity Group's website: <https://www.phbg.org/services/rabbit-control-program>

For more information on the Lake Clifton Stewardship Grants check out our website's grants page – <https://peel-harvey.org.au/grants/lake-clifton-stewardship-grants/>

Wetlands Weekender



The Wetlands Weekender is on again over the weekend of the **10th and 11th of October** and we have a program packed full of fun activities for the whole family. This year is a special year as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the listing of the Peel-Yalgrope Wetlands System as a Ramsar Wetland of international importance. There will be arts markets, birdwatching activities, cultural storytelling, a citizen science clean-

up, a movie night, music and entertainment and various wetland tours.

There is something for everyone to enjoy, so book out your calendar and browse the online program to find out more details about the great line up of events we have planned

- <https://peel-harvey.org.au/wetlands-weekender/>

Lake Clifton Stewardship Grants

Need 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...

OCT 9 & 10 Wetlands Weekender – <https://peel-harvey.org.au/events/>

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