

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.

Flinders Range Wattle

The Flinders Range Wattle (*Acacia iteaphylla*) was once a popular inclusion in WA gardens as an ornamental shrub, with their iconic yellow flowers and silvery foliage capturing the attention of onlookers. The plants invasive weedy nature, however has changed their status from popular garden plant to weedy eyesore.

This South Australian native has become a high priority for control, as it spreads quickly through bushland and competes with our local native species for space, reducing biodiversity in our bushland areas.

If you have Flinders Range Wattle on your property, control can be achieved through: cut and paste methods (cutting down tree and painting cut surface of remaining

stump with herbicide); or basal bark treatment (applying a mixture of herbicide and diesel to the lower 50 cm of trunk) for larger established plants; and hand pulling for smaller plants and seedlings. Seedlings may continue to germinate after initial control as the seeds can persist in soil for over 5 years, so follow up monitoring is essential to ensure the infestation does not take hold again.

For more information on controlling Flinders Range Wattle see the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Florabase site - <https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/browse/profile/18217>



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Great News for Cockatoos!



PHCC's Healthy Farms Officer Megan LeRoy has recorded multiple nesting hollows 'in use' by Carnaby Cockatoos in the Lake Clifton area!

Armed with our new 'Cocky Cam', a small camera mounted on a telescopic pole reaching 12m, Megan has been able to take a peep inside several natural and

artificial (Cockatubes) tree hollows. Some hollows have had female Carnaby's inside, perhaps sitting on an egg, sheltering an unseen chick or just prospecting a potential nest site. Other hollows are definitely being used for nesting, with our Cocky cam capturing some adorable photos of fluffy Carnaby's Chicks as well as glimpses of an egg under a protective mother. Megan will continue to work with landholders to monitor these known nesting sites to follow the journey of egg, to chick, to fledgling.

If think that Carnaby's or Red-tailed Black Cockatoos are using a hollow on your property for nesting and you would like a site visit to confirm, please contact Megan LeRoy at megan.leroy@peel-harvey.org.au or phone 6369 8800.

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/>

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