

# 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.



## Black Cockatoo Surveys and Funding Assistance for Fencing

We have been busy surveying Black Cockatoo nests across the catchment to record breeding numbers this season.

Our surveys found 6 breeding pairs of Black Cockatoos across the Peel-Harvey catchment. In the Hotham-Williams sub-catchment a pair of Forest Red-tail Black Cockatoo bred in a natural hollow in Boddington. All pairs successfully produced one fledgling each.

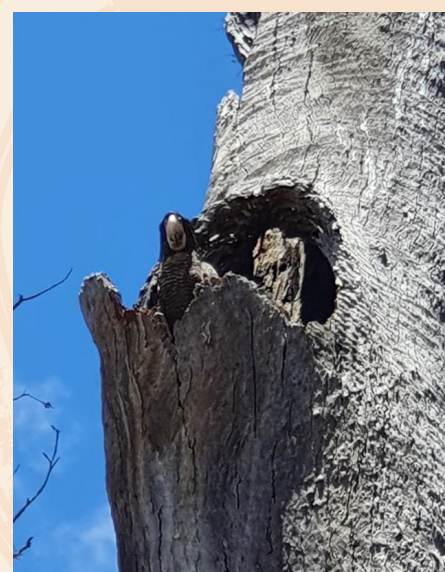
Breeding typically takes place during Spring, although Forest Red-tail Black Cockatoos have been known to breed all year round. We rely on our community to notify us - if you see any Black Cockatoos entering or exiting tree hollows or artificial nests please contact Megan at [megan.leroy@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:megan.leroy@peel-harvey.org.au) or on 6369 8800. Megan can

confirm breeding by examining the hollow with a telescopic camera.

We are currently looking for private landholders, who have valuable Black Cockatoo habitat (food trees/shrubs & roosting/nesting trees) on their properties, that are interested in fencing to protect it. Suitable nesting trees include old or dead wandoo or marri trees with natural hollows, or food plants such as marri, jarrah, wandoo, sheoak, banksia, hakea, grevillea and jacksonia. We can provide financial assistance for the fencing costs.

**If you have a fencing project in mind please get in touch.**

*This project is supported by PHCC through funding from the Australian Government's Environmental Restoration Fund.*



Female Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo on nest

## Numbats Released in Dryandra Woodland



Mel with numbat "Te Fiti"

**PHCC was thrilled to be involved in the release of 11 numbats into Dryandra Woodland in December, a great boost for the local numbat population.**

These numbats came from the Perth Zoo and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction's Numbat



Christine with numbat "Hey Hey"

Breed for Release Program that is supported by PHCC through our Numbat Neighbourhood Project. Several lucky landholders who are involved in the Numbat Neighbourhood project attended the release.

We hope the new numbats are settling into life in Dryandra Woodland.

## Upcoming Bushland Management Workshop

**A Bushland Management Workshop will be held on Friday the 19th of March at 12pm in Dryandra Woodland.**

We will learn about how to control common weeds and pest animals, fire management and revegetation techniques.

If you would like to attend please contact Christine at [christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au) or call our Hotham-Williams office on 63698801.





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## Opening of Ranford (Darminning) Pool



**An official opening and sign unveiling of Ranford (Darminning) Pool recently took place along the picturesque Hotham River.**

With ongoing erosion issues along the riverbank and feedback from the community over a number of years, local community group, Friends of the Reserves - Boddington (Inc.), with the assistance of PHCC and Shire of Boddington, was successful with a funding application from South 32. This funding enabled the design work, approval coordination, earthworks and restoration of this popular area.

PHCC assisted with project coordination, the local Shire with earthworks coordination and Newmont Australia donated geofabric, as well as supporting the project through an existing community partnership.

Once approvals were received from all relevant agencies, work commenced with rock pitching to protect the river bank, installation of canoe access steps, a conversation pit (in consultation with our Local Noongar Elder) and designated walking areas. Planting of native vegetation was conducted by many hardworking volunteers to increase biodiversity and bring the area back to its former glory.

Today this beautiful location boasts areas for picnics, river front access and a relaxing location for families to enjoy time out while canoeing, settling in for a lazy lunch, early morning bird watching and walking.

## Coming Up...

- Stay tuned for an educational video all about **numbats** and how to identify their traces that we are creating with the help of Tangents TV.
- If you would like assistance to complete your **1080 accreditation** please contact [christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au) or call 63698801.
- A '**Bushland Management Workshop**' will be held on Friday the **19th of March** at 12pm in Dryandra Woodland where we will learn about how to control common weeds and pest animals, fire management and revegetation techniques. If you would like to attend please email or call Christine.
- Are you interested in completing an **Auschem Course**? Auschem, (formally known as Chemcert WA) is a chemical use course designed to raise the skills, knowledge and competence of agricultural chemical users in WA. Call our Hotham-Williams office on 6369 8801 or email Christine if you would like to attend an Auschem course.

*Do you have an NRM event or information you would like us to promote?*

*Please contact Christine Townsend at [christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au) or 0455 166 780 or 6369 8801*

**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.