

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.



Introducing Nicole

Please join us in welcoming Nicole Ramsay who has joined the PHCC team as the Administration Officer (Hotham-Williams).

Nicole has a background in administration and lives in Boddington with her husband Nick and three young children.

Nicole is very much looking forward to joining the PHCC team and we are excited to welcome her on board.



RAP Road Trip



PHOTO: Helen from Urbaqua and Kristy from PHCC at the Popanyinning site

Community Environment Grants (CEG)

On Ground Works due 30th May 2021

39 Projects were awarded to land holders during 2020-21 Community Environment Grants (CEG) round across the Peel-Harvey catchment, with 22 of these projects being in the Hotham-Williams subcatchment. In the Hotham-Williams these projects are being funded under our Greening Farms, Black Cockatoo and Numbat Neighbourhood projects.

This is a friendly reminder that all on-ground works (other than plantings) are due to be completed before the 30th May 2021.

We are currently determining which projects will be included under a proposed grant round for 2021/22 and

will communicate this over the coming months. In the meantime if you have an environmental project in mind, please register an expression of interest to the following project officers:

Greening Farms: paula.pownall@peel-harvey.org.au

Black Cockatoos: megan.leroy@peel-harvey.org.au

Numbat Neighbourhood: christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au

PHCC's Black Cockatoo project is supported by PHCC through funding from the Australian Government's Environmental Restoration Fund

Eight site visits and 230km in two days!

Kristy from PHCC's Hotham-Williams Team and Helen from Urbaqua Land and Water Solutions toured the Hotham-Williams River Action Plan priority sites last week.

Urbaqua will be producing site restoration plans over the next few months, which will include consultation sessions in each community where the sites are located.

The Shires of Boddington, Williams, Wandering and Cuballing joined Kristy and Helen at some of the sites, providing early valuable input to the proposed on-ground works. Kristy and Helen ensured all Covid-19 precautions were in place travelling from the Peel Region into the Wheatbelt!

As Principal Hydrologist, Helen's expertise will ensure the site restoration plans include technical aspects of river restoration, such as rock pitching and controlled access.



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How you can help black-cockatoos?

You can support breeding black cockatoos in your area by supplying birds with a fresh water source, planting food species, installing artificial nesting hollows, protecting cockatoo habitat (especially old trees, including dead trees) by fencing it off from stock, and by controlling pests and predators (such as rabbits, bees, galahs and cats!).

We are still looking for properties with valuable cockatoo habitat to protect

with fencing. It could be some existing bush you have on your property or some new revegetation you wish to protect. Funding is available to cover fencing costs. Contact Megan on megan.leroy@peel-harvey.org.au or call 63698800.

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Peel Growers Hub, Soils Workshop

The Peel Growers Hub of Southern Dirt are presenting a workshop on Soil Health on Wednesday, 31st March 2021.

The workshop will include topics such as soil testing, carbon farming, compost, dung beetles and more.

If you are unable to make it to the North Dandalup Hall, but are interested we may be able to arrange for a live stream of the workshop.

For further information please follow the link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOVNC>



Southern Dirt

PEEL GROWERS HUB PRESENTS:

SOIL HEALTH WORKSHOP

31ST MARCH 2021
2.30PM - 7PM

NORTH DANDALUP MEMORIAL HALL
4209 SOUTH WESTERN HIGHWAY, NORTH DANDALUP

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Register for this free event at:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BOVNC>

Labels in collage: SOIL TESTING, CARBON FARMING, COMPOST, DUNG BEETLES, BIOCHAR

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** or would like to borrow a feral cat trap please contact Christine on 6369 8801 or christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au
- 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 the Hotham-Williams office on 6369 8801 or email Christine if you would like to attend an Auschem course.

Up coming workshops

- 18 **S.H.A.R.E in the Shed:**
March **Black-Cockatoos | mandurah.**
More info: <https://peel-harvey.org.au/events/>
- 26 **Bushland Management**
March **Workshop | Dryandra**
How to control common weeds and pest animals, fire management and revegetation techniques
If you would like to attend please email or call Christine
- 31 **Soil Health Workshop | North**
March **Dandalup** presented by the Southern Dirt Peel Growers Hub. More info: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOVNC>

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

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