

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.



Numbat sighted in Boddington

We have some amazing (and unexpected!) news to share...there has been a confirmed numbat sighting in the Boddington area! A Boddington local spotted what they thought to be a numbat and reported this to PHCC and South 32 Worsley Alumina for follow up.

Worsley Alumina then set up monitoring cameras which captured these amazing images and there was no doubt at all that it was a numbat. Worsley Alumina have advised the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and they will now work together to carry out monitoring in the Boddington area to further confirm the presence of numbats and the dynamics of the individuals/population.

This numbat sighting in Boddington is significant because currently there are only two natural populations of numbats remaining in Australia, one at Dryandra Woodland and another at Perup Nature Reserve near Manjimup. Work will be done to try and determine if the numbat

sighted is from the natural Dryandra population or a previous translocation site.

PHCC will work with the Boddington community to protect the numbats sighted by raising awareness of the impacts of feral and domestic predators on threatened species, as well as potential support which can be provided to the community to support conservation efforts, including support to landholders to control feral cats and foxes.

DBCA, PHCC and Worsley Alumina are working together, as well as with the Shire of Boddington and the local community, to further assess the situation and plan accordingly. Keep an eye out for details on a future workshop to help raise awareness of this endangered species and to find out how you can help protect it.

If you do see a numbat or any other threatened species please call in the Hotham-Williams office on 63698801 and we will help you to fill out a DBCA fauna report form.



Numbat captured on South32 monitoring cameras.
Photo credit: South32 Worsley Alumina

Spiny Rush (*Juncus acutus*) Workshop



We recently held an informative workshop on Spiny Rush (*Juncus acutus*) at Tunbridge Gully in Boddington to showcase the weed control and restoration works which has been completed since the project started in 2016.

An overview of the project was provided by PHCC's Mel Durack and it was great to have Mike Clark from DPIRD join us and share his knowledge about weeds such as *Juncus acutus*, *Dittrichia graveolens* (Stinkwort), *Dysphania pumilio* (Goosefoot/Mintweed), *Chrysanthemoides monilifera* (Boneseed), *Moraea flaccida* & *Moraea miniata* (Cape Tulip) and *Gomphocarpus fruticosus* (Swan

plant/Cotton bush) and various control methods.

Weed control and revegetation commenced at the site in 2016 and this has been conducted annually through funding from South32 Worsley Alumina and with the help of many dedicated volunteers including Friends of the Reserves – Boddington (Inc.), Boddington District High School, Newmont Australia and the Shire of Boddington.

We have now produced a Case Study explaining all of the works which have occurred during the project, visit our website for more information www.peel-harvey.org.au/phcc-publications/flora-fauna

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PHCC receives new funding and... we want your comments on proposed river restoration projects

As a result of the Hotham-Williams River Action Plan prepared by the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC) in 2019-2020, eight priority sites across the Hotham and Williams Rivers will benefit from concept plans for proposed on-ground projects.

A new five-year partnership with South32 Worsley Alumina and existing partnership with Newmont Australia will enable the implementation of actions within the plans focused on environmental restoration, at four of the eight sites.

Across 19th to 21st May, 4 community information sessions were held in Williams, Popanyinning, Boddington and at Pumphreys Bridge to present these conceptual site plans for proposed restoration works. We also presented the proposed plans at the Boddington, Wandering, Williams and Cuballing Shire Council meetings.

Comments were received from Council and the community, and over the next few weeks there will be further opportunity for feedback. Direct involvement with local Shires and community will be essential if additional outcomes are to be implemented that are focused on community access and amenity at the sites.

The community can view the site concept plans through the local Shire websites or through the PHCC by visiting www.peel-harvey.org.au/publications

If you have any specific questions or comments please contact the PHCC Hotham-Williams office on 6369 8801 or email nicole.ramsay@peel-harvey.org.au prior to 18th June 2021.

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.

Coming Up...

Up coming:

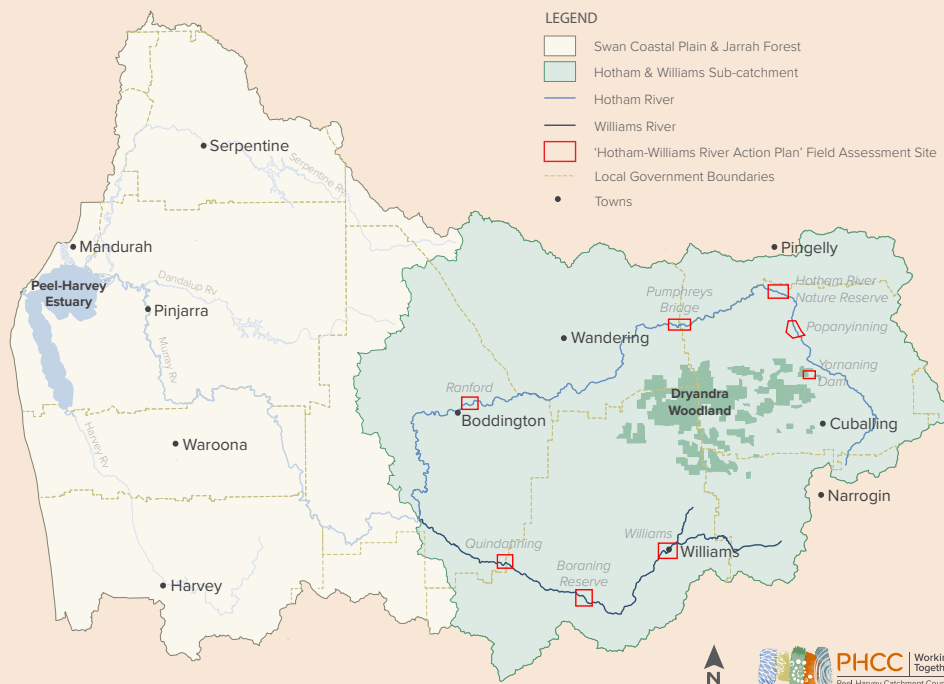
- Tunbridge Gully Planting Day with the Boddington District High School
- Numbat Workshop in Boddington – date TBA
- Numbat Incursion at the Boddington District High School
- Registrations Open! Farm Planning in a Fire Prone Landscape - Train the Trainer: Farm Planning Extension Program for NRM Professionals and Farmers/Land Managers. Program commences August 3rd. More here: <https://peel-harvey.org.au/events/train-the-trainer-farm-planning-extension-program-including-fire-planning-and-recovery-and-water-management/> Register your interest with Nicole on 6369 8801 or nicole.ramsay@peel-harvey.org.au

What's happening:

- We will be visiting landholders who have received Community Environment Grants to have a look at their completed fences and weed control efforts.
- The Hotham-Williams River Concept Plans are available for review if you would like to see them please contact us on 63698801.

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

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