

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.



New Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator for Peel-Harvey region



We have recently appointed Mick Davis as our new Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator (RALF). Mick has nearly 20 years of experience supporting agricultural communities across Western Australia to create productive and resilient landscapes.

As part of a network of over 60 RALFs active across Australia, Mick's keen to work with our farming community. Understanding your needs, he will look to build productive partnerships to address common issues, and link you in to emerging ideas and innovative practices and policies. All with the aim of helping to improve the productivity, profitability and sustainability of agriculture in our catchment.

Whether it's tackling erosion, managing nutrients on the farm, working to make the most of remnant vegetation, controlling invasive species or planning an on-farm revegetation project, Mick can provide support, information and advice.

"Everyone in the Catchment can contribute to a healthier, more productive landscape and improving the health of your property makes a big difference to

overall returns from your own land, as well as the wider landscape" says Mick.

"For example, fencing remnant vegetation is good for managing stock movements and access to water" Mick says "But it also helps grow a thicker wind break, provides habitat for native wildlife like Cockatoos and Numbats; as well as providing options for seed collection, crash grazing or increasing carbon stores on a whole-farm level".

No matter what your farm business looks like – grazing, cropping, mixed enterprise, intensive agriculture or something else – Mick can be contacted at mick.davis@peel-harvey.org.au or on 6393 8800 to discuss ways of tackling tricky Landcare issues and/or to connect you with others dealing with common issues.

Landcare Funding Opportunity

Expressions of Interest Open 1 July for Community Environmental Grants.

Funding is available for eligible landholders and community groups in the Hotham and Williams Rivers Catchment for landcare and bushcare works including:

- Fencing to protect bushland and waterways
- Weed control
- Feral animal control
- Dieback disease management

- Restoration and revegetation (seedlings and seed)
- Wildlife habitat enhancement
- Flora/fauna surveys
- On farm fodder/forage plantings
- Innovative native pasture plantings
- Black Cockatoo habitat projects

Interested? Contact us to discuss your project ideas and eligibility against funding priorities
P: 6369 8801 / 0455 166 780 or
E: grants@peel-harvey.org.au



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The numbat is the Pingelly Primary School's emblem and students were eager to learn more about this endangered species. Students learnt about numbat behaviour, diet, former and current distribution and how lucky students are to live so close to where numbats live.

Many of the students have seen numbats in Dryandra Woodland.

The students also learnt about threats to numbats and what they can do to help such as reducing, reusing and recycling and keeping their cats inside.

Local Noongar elder, Jock Abraham welcomed us to Country and reminisced about how the Pingelly school has changed since he was a student there in the 1950's and 60's.

The students asked great questions and listened beautifully to Jock, Jo and Christine.

Thank you to the Pingelly Primary School for welcoming us and helping us raise awareness about numbats.



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:

- Boddington District High School Numbat Incursion – 1st July 2021
- Numbats in the Boddington Neighbourhood Workshop 5pm, 22nd July 2021 – Venue TBA
- 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 Registrations close 5 July 2021

What's happening:

- Expressions of interest for Landcare Funding Opportunity – contact us now to discuss a potential project.

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

Please contact us on 6369 8801



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