

# 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.



## Numbats in the Boddington Neighbourhood

**A 'Numbats in the Boddington Neighbourhood' event was held in Boddington on the 22nd of July, with 45 attendees hearing from a range of guest speakers informing the community about the discovery of a numbat near Boddington.**

Dr Tony Friend has been working with numbats since 1981 and spoke about numbat biology, population distribution past and present, their threats and that the numbat captured on the monitoring camera has most likely dispersed from Dryandra Woodland. Paul Bullock (South32 Worsley Alumina) gave an overview of how the numbat was discovered and what South32 are doing to protect it including monitoring, protecting habitat and feral animal control.

Christine Townsend (PHCC) spoke about the Numbat Neighbourhood Project and how with seeing this

numbat she can now work with the Boddington Community to support landholders with feral animal control and raise awareness through this workshop and a Numbat Incursion with the Boddington District High School.

Dr Judy Dunlop is the inaugural Executive Officer for the WA Feral Cat Working Group, she discussed the impacts that cats have on threatened species, including the fact that 27 of the 34 mammal extinctions in Australia are linked to predation by feral cats. Judy also discussed the methods for controlling feral cats including new technology such as the Felixer.

Josh Potts, the Shire of Boddington Ranger discussed the additional work he's been doing to control feral cats around Boddington after the sighting of the numbat. He also discussed how cat owners

need to have their cats sterilised, microchipped and registered.

Thank you to our guest speakers and to the community of Boddington for helping us raise numbat awareness.



*Dr Tony Friend, Jo Drew (Project Numbat), Dr Judy Dunlop (WA Feral Cat Working Group), Christine Townsend (PHCC), Paul Bullock (South32 Worsley Alumina), Mel Durack (PHCC) and Joshua Potts (Shire of Boddington)*

## Landcare Funding Opportunity

**Expressions of Interest from eligible landholders and community groups are open from 1st to 30th July 2021. Successful EOIs will then be invited to complete a full application during 2nd to 31st August 2021.**

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](mailto:grants@peel-harvey.org.au)





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## Tunbridge Gully 2021 Planting

**Another great planting season has been completed at Tunbridge Gully in Boddington!**

A total of 3,300 seedlings were planted by over 70 volunteers rolling up their sleeves enjoying the muddy terrain and sunshine. A huge thankyou to the Boddington District High School, South32 Worsley Alumina, Newmont Australia, Friends of the Reserves – Boddington (Inc.), Shire of Boddington and PHCC staff and volunteers. There were smiles all round to finish the day with a scrumptious BBQ catered for by the Boddington P&C.

It was a great delight by all to see the growth of previous plantings, with some species standing taller

than many of our volunteers. As the tree species gain height they are starting to shadow the understorey and the Spiny rush (*Juncus acutus*) has continued to decline, thus improving the health of the waterway.

This year, a total of 14 different species were planted in Tunbridge Gully; *Callistemon phoeniceus*, *Casuarina obesa*, *Eucalyptus patens* & *E. rudis*, *Ficinia nodosa*, *Hakea undulata* & *H. varia*, *Juncus subsecundus*, *Kunzea recurva*, *Melaleuca incana*, *M. lateritia*, *M. raphiophylla*, *M. teretifolia* & *M. viminea*.



**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 Events:

- Boddington District High School Numbat Incursion – Date to be confirmed

### What's happening:

- Expressions of interest for PHCC's Landcare Funding Opportunity are open from the 1st to the 31st of July. Successful EOIs will then be invited to complete a full application during 2nd to 31st August 2021.

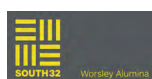
**Completed applications are due 31st August 2021** – contact us now to discuss your potential project.

**Do you need assistance with feral animal control? Contact us regarding:**

- Loaning cage traps
- 1080 training and assistance with baits

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

*Please contact us on 6369 8801 or 0455 166 780*



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