

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.



Boddington DHS Numbat Incursion

Students from the Boddington District High School recently learnt all about numbats when they attended a Numbat Incursion delivered by Project Numbat's education officer Jo Drew and PHCC's Christine Townsend.

There have been multiple numbat sightings near Boddington and the students were excited to learn all about this unique threatened species.

Students learnt about numbat behaviour, diet, former and current distribution and how lucky students are to live so close to where numbats live.

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

Thank you to local Noongar elder, Greg Thorne who welcomed us to Country.

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

Thank you to the Boddington District High School for welcoming us and helping us raise awareness about numbats.



Wesley Boyce, Lewis Durack, Jack Townsend, Christine Townsend and Jo Drew at the Numbat Incursion



Recently spotted in Dryandra...

This is a western brush wallaby or black gloved wallaby, endemic to southwest WA. They were once very common in the early days of settlement but are now on the priority species fauna list. They have a distinct pale to mid grey with distinct white facial stripe, black and white ears, black hands and feet, long tail with crest of black hair towards extremity. They are often hard to spot as they are usually very shy and moves fast with head low and tail extended.

This one was spotted late in the afternoon in Dryandra, but unfortunately they are most often

seen as road kill especially between Boddington and Dwellingup. They still can be found in some larger urban reserves but are at risk from foxes, habitat change and road strike. If you're lucky enough to see one, recording observations are important for this wallaby species as it's suffered decline and to intervene if necessary before it needs to be added to threatened species lists.

More information can be found here: <https://library.dbca.wa.gov.au/static/FullTextFiles/925291.pdf>

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Another Numbat Sighting in Boddington

We have some amazing numbat news to share! There has been another confirmed numbat sighting in the Boddington area, in a new location!

A local landholder has captured a video of a numbat visiting a hollow log at the start of December on their property. PHCC has worked with the landholder to report the sighting to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. We are working with the numbat experts to determine if this is the same individual as the confirmed sighting from earlier this year.

We will be working with the landholder to assist with monitoring as well as continuing to work with wider community to support fox and feral cat control. PHCC is planning numbat dig and scat surveys in the Boddington area to further confirm the presence of numbats and the dynamics of the individual or the population.

A big thankyou to the landholder for protecting and enhancing habitat on their property and also for monitoring and reporting threatened fauna.

What can you do?

- This sighting is close to the Boddington townsite so if you live in or around Boddington you can help by keeping your pet cats indoors or in a cat run, controlling feral cats and foxes on farmland and driving carefully during the day in case the numbat crosses roads.
- If you are lucky enough to spot this or any other numbat please call 6369 8800 or email christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au



The numbat capture on a monitoring camera near Boddington.

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:

Great Cocky Count Workshop - Boddington CRC, 28th February from 5pm to 6pm
Email megan.leroy@peel-harvey.org.au to register your interest.

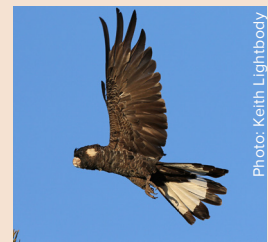


Photo: Keith Lightbody

What's happening:

- Mel and Christine were lucky enough to assist with the annual Dryandra Numbat Dig Survey at the end of November.
- PHCC are pleased to have recently signed a 12 month lease agreement with the Boddington CRC enabling us to continue to support the Hotham-Williams community.

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

- 1080 training and assistance with baiting cage traps

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

Please contact us on 6369 8801 or 0455 166 780