

# 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 fencing about to hit the ground

It's great to see our Greening Farms projects beginning to hit the ground, with pallets of fencing material being delivered across the Hotham-Williams catchment in support of revegetation and saltbush fodder grazing projects.

One project about to get going is with Anne Kennedy from Quindanning, who is removing Spiny Rush along a drainage line and replacing it with saltbush fodder and native species. This project will see productivity returned to the site, as for many years the area has been infested with the Spiny Rush. It will also increase the native biodiversity and reduce salinity risk further down the catchment.

Anne has been tackling this problem directly herself for the last few years, but this year PHCC is supporting her project with funding for new fencing, to help manage stock access into the planting zone. We are looking forward to seeing the transformation in this site and continuing to support Anne in her efforts to remove Spiny Rush from her property.



Anne Kennedy (Quindanning) and Mick Davis (PHCC) with some of the new fencing planned to protect a saltbush and native species planting project in Quindanning

## Carbon Farming Workshop - how to get started

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, in collaboration with Peel-Harvey Catchment Council, is hosting a workshop for farmers and landowners on carbon farming.

Bring your laptop or other device for interactive "how to" sessions, learn about planning a carbon farming project and prepare for round 2 of the WA Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program.

For more information contact Carla Swift from DPIRD by phone on (08) 9690 2178 or by email at: [Carla.Swift@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:Carla.Swift@dpird.wa.gov.au)

*Please note: Current Covid restrictions at the time of the event will be mandatory. This workshop may be converted to a webinar if required by health regulations. Event details are subject to change.*



**Thursday, 24 March 2022**

**DPIRD Narrogin Office**

**10 Doney St, Narrogin**

**Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm**

**Registration details to follow.**

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## Foxes and Cat Searching For Prey

Hollow logs and fallen tree limbs are a great place to put remote cameras to detect native fauna, unfortunately foxes and cats also frequent these to search for prey. In Australia feral cats and foxes have been implicated in extinctions and decline of a wide range of native fauna species. Across Australia it is estimated that feral cats kill 815 million mammals every year and millions more reptiles, birds and insects!

However there is hope, where feral cats and foxes have been effectively controlled and there is suitable habitat there can be noticeable benefits to native fauna including threatened species such as numbats and woylies.

Retaining hollow logs and fallen branches on your property is a great way to provide habitat for native fauna. PHCC is investigating adding these structures to project sites as a refuge to help native fauna alongside feral animal control.

If you need help controlling foxes and feral cats on your property please contact PHCC's Farmers for Fauna Coordinator via email: [christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au) or phone 6369 8801.



Foxes and a cat captured on a monitoring camera near a hollow log

**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:

- **Clean Up Crossman Road**  
Please join the Friends of Reserves Boddington to clean up rubbish along the Road  
Date: Saturday 5th March  
Location: 12km length of Crossman Rd, Boddington  
Time: 8am to 10am  
Please contact Greg for more information 9883 9309
- **DPIRD: Carbon Farming - how to get started workshop**  
Date: Thursday, 24 March 2022  
Location: DPIRD Narrogin  
10 Doney St, Narrogin  
Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

### What's happening:

- Dryandra Woodland is now a National park, the first national park in the Wheatbelt region! The conversion from State Forest to National Park will help ensure the future protection of native animals.

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

- 1080 training and assistance with baiting and 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