

# Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



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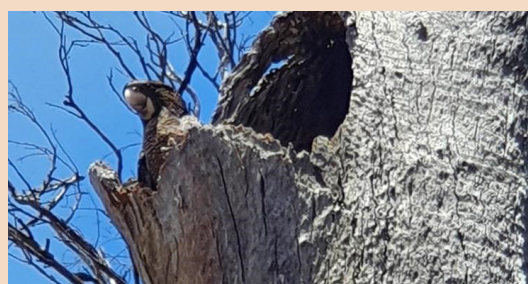


## Black Cockatoo Exploration Surveys happening in the Hotham-Williams

Our team and Birdlife are currently exploring bush areas in the Hotham-Williams looking for elusive black cockatoo nesting hollows.

If you think you may have seen a black cockatoo nest hollow on your property, or elsewhere, please let Megan LeRoy, our Black Cockatoo project officer know. She can come and survey the area and check any hollows found.

Megan's details: [megan.leroy@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:megan.leroy@peel-harvey.org.au)  
Ph: 6369 8800



*A Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo in a hollow in Boddington*

## Hotham-Williams Meet and Greet Morning Tea

Recently PHCC had 31 people attend the 'Hotham-Williams Meet and Greet' morning tea which allowed the local community to meet the team working out of the PHCC Boddington Office.

Community members enjoyed a cuppa and morning tea while learning more about the projects being delivered in the Hotham-Williams sub-catchment.

There were plenty of colouring sheets and other activity sheets for the children to do while learning about all the amazing critters in our area. These activities will also assist the student attendees with their Children's University project participation.

We would like to thank those who were able to attend for a lovely morning discussing all things PHCC.



*Community Members and PHCC Staff*

## Hollow Log Relocation...



*Christine Townsend with a relocated hollow log*

Hollow logs provide incredibly important habitat and food sources for ground dwelling wildlife including numbats. Through PHCC's Numbat Neighbourhood Project we have relocated unwanted hollow logs from an on farm fence line to help establish a wildlife corridor on private property on the outskirts of Boddington.

The logs will enhance habitat, assist seedling regeneration and provide refuge for native fauna, particularly

against foxes and feral cats.

These logs will also provide a source of food for invertebrate decomposers, like termites, who then themselves provide food for numbats, skinks and echidnas.

There is already natural regeneration occurring within the new corridor and there is also revegetation planned by the landowners to further enhance the habitat.



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## Do you own a patch of Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) that supports Black Cockatoos?

If you own a good quality patch of Eucalypt Woodland in the Wheatbelt and have Black Cockatoos that reside or feed there, we'd love to support you to protect it.

Historical wide-scale clearing of native vegetation for agriculture and infrastructure in the Wheatbelt has resulted in major loss and decline of Eucalypt Woodlands with only small fragmented good quality patches now remaining. These patches are vital for endangered species such as Black Cockatoos that depend on these vegetation communities for food and to breed in.

Whilst some of these woodland areas are protected in nature reserves managed by State government departments, there are small parcels that still exist privately. If you own a patch of Eucalypt Woodland in the Wheatbelt and you see Black Cockatoos regularly using the vegetation, please get in contact with us. The priority areas in the Wheatbelt are Wandering, Pingelly, Narrogin, Boddington, Cuballing, and Williams.

We would like to support you through funding to protect and/or restore your patch of bush so you can ensure its longevity as a food or nesting source well into the future. We can assist with funding for fencing off your bush, removing weed species and pest animals, installing artificial nests and water sources, and planting black cockatoo foods.

Ideally we are looking for bush patches that are greater than 2ha or above in good condition that qualify as threatened ecological communities. Eucalypt Woodlands of the Wheatbelt generally contain single-stemmed eucalypts such as wandoo, river gums, flooded gum and York gum. Some of these very old eucalypts (>150 years) have hollows large enough to support breeding cockatoos. If you think the Black Cockatoos are nesting in tree hollows in your patch, we can monitor these with a telescopic camera.

Please get in touch with Megan LeRoy at [megan.leroy@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:megan.leroy@peel-harvey.org.au) or 6369 8800.



Searching for Black Cockatoo nests in Wandoo Woodland in the Hotham Williams

**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.

## We are Hiring...

PHCC is looking for a special someone, with fantastic administration skills, to join the Hotham-Williams Team in our Boddington office.

If you think you will enjoy supporting a team of professional, highly effective NRM practitioners hell-bent on protecting natural assets and supporting their farming and general community, this is the job for you.

This 15 month contract position to 1 August 2023, with the possibility of extension, has the option for part time (30 hours) or full time (38 hours).

Applicants will need demonstrated experience in administration support, as detailed in the job description.

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Applicants need to provide a cover letter, resume and statement of suitability against each of the key selection criteria as shown in the job description form here.

Applications will remain open until a suitable pool of applicants has been received at [recruitment@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:recruitment@peel-harvey.org.au)



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