

## Hotham-Williams Warlang Boodja Project



REGIONAL GOALS

People

Biophysical

Knowledge

By 2025, key restoration priorities will be progressed at four river restoration sites on the Hotham and Williams Rivers to restore habitat and ecological function.

Warlang Boodja means 'Healthy Country' in the local Noongar language. Restoration of our rivers is intricately linked to their Noongar history because the cultural significance of natural assets in the Hotham-Williams Catchment is strongly linked to our rivers and creeks.

During 2019-2020 the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council\* (PHCC) carried out foreshore condition assessments at eight sites on the Hotham and Williams Rivers. Along with desktop assessment of the remainder of the catchment, this resulted in the Hotham-Williams River Action Plan (RAP). A copy of this can be found on the PHCC website <https://peel-harvey.org.au/publications/22149/>

The Hotham-Williams Warlang Boodja project will deliver on recommendations within the Hotham-Williams RAP to improve the health of the rivers at the eight sites that were assessed for foreshore condition. These recommendations are different for each site, and broadly include:

- Targeted and careful weed control to enable natural regeneration of the riparian plant communities;
- Strategic revegetation within the foreshore areas to supplement the weed control efforts;
- Strategic bank stabilisation to mitigate and control erosion;
- Installation of safe and controlled access points for humans to interact with the rivers, particularly in areas where this has historically been the case e.g. Williams River running through the Williams town site;

### FUNDING

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### PARTNERS

Newmont Boddington Gold,  
Shires of Boddington, Williams, Cuballing and Wandering  
The Local Community

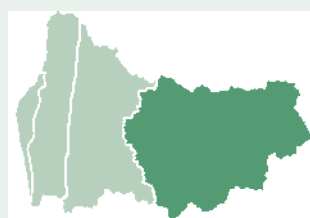
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### REGIONAL COVERAGE





- Working with neighbouring landholders to look after the rivers, for example with fencing to control stock access and;
- Acknowledgement of Noongar Cultural Heritage sites and other historical locations and develop partnerships to enhance them and educate the users of the publicly accessible areas e.g. Koompkinning (Pumphreys Bridge) camp ground.

After extensive community consultation during 2021, a restoration plan has been produced for all of the sites and these can also be found on the PHCC website [https://peel-harvey.org.au/phcc\\_publications/management-plan/](https://peel-harvey.org.au/phcc_publications/management-plan/)

#### OUTCOMES

1. Improved level of biodiversity and conservation management practices.
2. Improved level of community understanding of environment values.

#### PROJECT ACTIONS

- 8 river restoration site plans developed
- 4 priority restoration projects progressed
- 10 volunteers involved per year
- 4 workshops/training events per year
- 2 grant rounds provided to the community
- 10 communications per year
- 1 restoration event per year i.e. planting, weed control, surveys
- 2 presentations per year

#### HOTHAM-WILLIAMS RIVER ACTION PLAN SITES:

- Yornaning Dam
- Popanyinning
- Hotham River Nature Reserve
- Pumphreys Bridge (Koompkinning)
- Ranford Pool (Darminning)
- Williams
- Boraning
- Quindanning



#### MORE INFORMATION

<https://peel-harvey.org.au/what-we-do/projects/>

#### EVENTS

<https://peel-harvey.org.au/events/>