

Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



PHCC Working Together
Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

Edition 70
November 2022



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.



Thank you Darralyn Ebsary

At the PHCC AGM on 20 October our wonderful Darralyn Ebsary stepped down as PHCC's Deputy Chair and Board member.

Darralyn has been a long-time advocate for Landcare in Hotham-Williams, in her early role as a Natural Resource Manager, as a landowner and more recently as a member of the PHCC Board.

Her on-going commitment to the Upper Catchment, her support for the team and her hands-on approach to restoring and protecting the area's natural assets is highly valued. Darralyn is a true champion for the environment and has been an important member of the PHCC Board.

With new upper catchment members of the Board Amanda Batt, Veronica Metcalf and Cr Rob Harris up and running, Darralyn felt confident that the upper catchment was in good hands and she could step back – but just a little.

We know Darralyn will keep in touch with the team in the Boddington office and they look forward to her continued support and guidance along the way.

Thank you so much for all your hard work Darralyn – you're fabulous and you have made a difference.



L-R: Board Members Paddi Creevey, Caroline Knight, Darralyn Ebsary, Bob Pond and Marilyn Gray

Weed ID Workshop

What a fantastic event!

Local Landowners from the Hotham- Williams Catchment recently enjoyed a very informative and valuable information session on identifying local weeds, with the help of plant experts Bronwen & Greg Keighery.

There were 20 participants with over 30 weed samples that were identified and discussed.

All participants received a copy of "Southern Weeds and their control".

Just two of the species identified on the day were:

Watsonia

Tufted herb that propagates from underground corms. Grazing provides effective control, as does cultivation to 100mm, if done after the old corm is exhausted and before the new corms form or the flower stem emerges.



Spear thistle

Herbaceous biennial with narrowly winged spiny stems. Mowing is only effective if done closely and multiple times throughout the year to prevent seed production. Manual removal is effective for small areas but make sure you wear gloves!



Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update

Woodlands for Wildlife

Recently we held a Woodlands for Wildlife Workshop in Dryandra Woodland National Park where Simon Cherriman presented to 29 interested local landholders and community members. Simon spoke about tree hollows, habitat loss and how nest-boxes can help wildlife in south-west Australia. We then had a guided nature walk through the woodland to learn how to identify tree hollows and look for animal traces, some of the old wandoo trees that we saw were like hotels for multiple bird species. We finished up the afternoon with a nest box building and installation demonstration from Simon, using re-used and recycled materials.

We were able to give away a copy of Simon's book 'Hollowed Out?', a medium mammal nest box and a numbat pin as door prizes which were all well received. If you would like to learn more about Simon's Re-cyc-ology project and order a copy of 'Hollowed Out?' or a nest box you can visit the website <http://www.re-cyc-ology.com.au/>



Investigating hollows in a Wandoo tree hotel



Simon providing a nest box building demonstration



A Wandoo tree hotel

Coming up....

Up coming events:

WA Feral Cat Symposium

13 - 16 February 2023

Register your interest or for more information visit <https://wafwcg.org.au/2023-feral-cat-symposium/>

WA Feral Cat SYMPOSIUM 2
Save the Date
February 13-16

Event Details
DATE: 13 - 16 February 2023
LOCATION: UMA Club, Hackett Drive, Crawley Western Australia
MON 13: Registration & Sundowner
TUE 14: Symposium
WED 15: Symposium
THU 16: Field Trip - Dryandra

Theme
Progress with meaningful, on-ground work on feral cats, to benefit our native species

Objectives

- Increase participants' knowledge of management options for management of feral cats
- Celebrate and share successes so that more stakeholders can be empowered to take action
- Share the latest research of what is successful, and upcoming techniques

Key Topics

- On-ground stories of challenges and success
- New and emerging techniques
- Social license and community engagement
- Indigenous Ranger work on Country
- Local council cat laws and wildlife protection

wafwcg.org.au/2023-feral-cat-symposium

Gnarojin Community Garden Inc events:
8 Hale Street, Narrogin WA 6312

Microbats!

Saturday 5 November 2022

Bat boxes and night walk

1.00pm - 4.30pm & 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Bookings required & fee payable. Visit

<https://www.trybooking.com/CDHWY>

Native bees!

Sunday 20th November 2022

Creating bee gardens & hotels

9.30am - 12.30pm

Bookings required & fee payable. Visit

<https://www.trybooking.com/CDHDV>



victoria.brockhurst@peel-harvey.org.au
www.peel-harvey.org.au



These projects are supported by the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and Environment Restoration Fund, Newmont Boddington, South32 Worsley Alumina and the Shires of Boddington, Cuballing, Wandering and Williams