We acknowledge the Noongar people as Traditional Custodians of this land and pay our respects to all Elders past and present

Landcare matters

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Koompkinning Gathering

Recently we had a catch up at Koompkinning Pumphreys Bridge to say thank you to Wilman Elder Travis (Jock) Abraham and family for their support throughout the Numbat Neighbourhood Project.

It was a lovely day where we shared lunch, yarned around the fire and planted grass trees at this important cultural site. We will continue to work with the Wilman people and other project partners, through the Hotham-Williams River Restoration projects. Over coming years, we aim to restore the environment at Koompkinning by controlling weeds and allowing the native species to regenerate, as well as planting seedlings. Rehabilitation will include bank stabilisation on the Hotham River and access points for the community.

PHCC would like to thank Travis Abraham and the Wilman people for their involvement and guidance throughout the Numbat Neighbourhood Project. We look forward to working together into the future. The Numbat Neighbourhood Project is supported by PHCC through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

Wilman Elder Travis (Jock) Abraham and his family

Abraham family members with Christine, Kristy and Jane from PHCC

Yellow is for threatened flora

You may have seen these rather cryptic signs on roadsides, which look like upside down yellow hockey sticks! They serve the noble purpose of providing markers where threatened flora species are located, many of which in WA occur along road verges. Threatened Flora, also known as Declared Rare Flora (DRF), are native plant species that are at risk due to small numbers of mature plants and occurrences at a limited number of locations.

Yellow hockey sticks have just been installed at the Camballing Reserve with the assistance of the Shire of Boddington. They are there to mark the ***Gastrolobium*** sp. Prostrate Boddington. Most of you know ***Gastrolobium*** plants as 'egg and bacon', and there are in fact many species in that Genus of plants. This one is quite special, recorded only in the Shire of Boddington and forming large mats of green, flecked with golden flowers in spring (pictured).

Awareness of threatened and priority flora through placement of signage aims to provide buffers to native plants to prevent incidental damage from activities carried out for road-related services and maintenance. This activity is supported by a State NRM funded project.

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