

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.



Update on Resilient Farms, Nature & Communities Project

Our Resilient Farms, Nature & Communities project is delivering on ground action across our Upper Catchment across weed control, invasive animals, fencing and revegetation.

2025 saw us begin working on a significant *Juncus acutus* (Spiny Rush) infestation on the edge of Wandering, completing an initial treatment of a 4 hectare section of the creek that feeds into the Crossman River.

We have plans to continue work on this creek section over the next few years which we hope will provide an opportunity for the community to see that you can have an impact on this problem if you have a good methodology and on-going activity. Keep an eye out on the eastern side of Wandering for the on-going work at this site. We have also supported a group

within the Shire of Williams with a feral pig control program that has seen feral pigs managed across hundreds of hectares. 2025 saw 198 pigs removed from the area.

This project has also enabled 1.5km of fencing to be erected around a stunning remnant bushland patch in Bannister which were also able to further improve with infill revegetation through our Future Ready Farming Project this year.



The Wessels Family with their project sign



Juncus acutus before weed control Apr 2025



Juncus acutus after weed control Oct 2025

These projects are supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program and funding from the Western Australian Governments State NRM Program

Numbat Dig Survey

The annual Numbat Dig Survey in Dryandra Woodland National Park was held recently and Victoria and Christine from PHCC were there to lend a hand. This annual survey is organised by Dr Tony Friend (Research Associate DBCA) and Tamara Wilkes-Jones and provides great insight into the Numbat Population in Dryandra Woodland.



7 volunteers surveyed 113 sites in the 1000 hectare Dryandra Woylee Numbat Sanctuary. Numbats feed solely on termites which means that their digs and scats are quite unique and finding these foraging signs is a great way to monitor numbat presence and absence. While conducting the survey we even managed to see a numbat, carpet python, western bearded dragon and 3 echidnas.

The Numbat Neighbourhood Project is funded by the Australian Government Natural Heritage Trust and delivered by PHCC, a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel



Our Staff & Board wish you a safe and happy Christmas & New Year

Our office will be closed from 4pm Friday, 19 December 2025 til 8.30am Monday, 5 January 2026

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