

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.



Feral Pig Management Workshop

30 landholders and community members recently attended a Feral Pig Management Workshop held in Williams. The workshop included an indoor component with guest speakers from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Leschenault Biosecurity Group and National Feral Pig Action Plan Coordinator. Topics covered included feral pig biology and behaviour, environmental and agricultural impacts, management options, Hoggone baits case study and feral pig parasites and diseases.

Attendees then headed outside for a feral pig trap demonstration and to learn trapping tips

from experienced pest animal control contractors. Daniel from PYNC Invasive Animal Control demonstrated a figure 6 trap and panel trap and Andy from WA Feral Animal Management demonstrated the Matlock Trap. The panel trap was given away to a landholder as a first-place door prize, 2nd prize were the materials to build a panel trap and the 3rd prize winner went home with a fox traps. Thank you to everyone who attended the workshop.

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Feral Pig Management Workshop indoor component



Feral Pig trap demonstration

Tour de' Rivers

The Rivers Mini-Festival will be a bit different this year – we'll be hitting the road in a coach bus to visit a bunch of project sites on the Hotham and Williams Rivers on 29 August. Why would you want to spend a Saturday morning looking at riverbanks? Because it's a free outing, the paddocks are green, the rivers are beautiful, and we have been working hard to help restore the project sites to a more natural state. We'll also feed you a classic CWA morning tea, which if we are honest is a solid motive in itself!

The tour will begin at Ranford Pool on the Hotham River in Boddington, where you will be Welcomed by a Darminning Elder

and shown historic works on the river and hear about future plans. From there we will be following the Hotham River upstream to Pumphreys Bridge near Wandering – Wilman Country. The Wilman (Dryandra) People Corporation will welcome us to that ancient place of meeting, and we will show you the works on the banks of the river.

Morning tea will be at the Pumphreys Bridge CWA Hall (circa 1958) before we drive through the heart of the Dryandra blocks while you enjoy commentary on the Numbat Neighbourhood project. Lastly, we will visit the Williams River in Williams. All the sites we stop at

along the bus tour will showcase the weed control, natural regeneration, revegetation and bank rehabilitation works that have been carried out since 2022 and are ongoing.

There are 50 tickets available - there is no charge to book a seat through this web address <https://www.trybooking.com/DOFLV>

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Revegetation to improve habitat for numbats

We have been busy planting to improve habitat linkages for numbats with 8000 seedlings going into the ground across 3 project sites in the hope that improving linkages between Dryandra Satellite blocks will allow numbats to disperse and increase their area of occupancy.

As well as revegetation other on ground works happening on farmland surrounding Dryandra include weed control, habitat augmentation through the placement of hollow logs and pest animal control with all this hard work contributing to improving habitat and reducing threats to numbats.

Thanks to all of the landholders who have been completing these activities after receiving Numbat Neighbourhood Community Onground Works Project funding.

If you are a landholder near Dryandra Woodland and would like support with pest control contact 5 Rivers NRM's Farmers for Fauna Coordinator Christine Townsend via email christine.townsend@5rivers.org.au

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Planting day at Dryandra creek line linkage

We've changed our name!

We've changed our name to 5 Rivers NRM to remove all reference to Thomas Peel for his heavy involvement in and leadership of the Pinjarra Massacre.

Why 5 Rivers NRM? '5 Rivers' recognises the catchment of the Serpentine, Harvey, Murray, Hotham, and Williams Rivers that feed into the Peel-Harvey Estuary, longer known as the Bindjareb Djilba by the region's First Nations. NRM is Natural Resource Management.

Read our media release here: <https://peel-harvey.org.au/whats-in-a-name-peel-harvey-catchment-council-remove-peel-in-support-of-bindjareb-people/>

Coming Up

Aug 29

Hotham-Williams Bus Tour

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

Community Onground Works Funding Opportunity

Closing Date:
4 September 2026

Funding is available for eligible landholders and community groups in the Peel-Harvey Catchment for landcare and bushcare works including:

- Fencing to protect bushland
- Fencing to protect waterways and drains*
- Weed control
- Feral animal control
- Restoration and revegetation (seedlings and seed)
- On farm native fodder/ forage plantings
- Innovative native pasture projects

**Drains are relevant to Swan Coastal Plain landholders only*

Interested?

Contact us at 5 Rivers NRM to discuss your project ideas and eligibility against funding priorities.

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Note: This is a competitive funding round. For guidelines and minimum standards see: Guidelines and Minimum Standards Terms and Conditions that are in accordance with specific funding body requirements will apply to all Agreements and are available at <https://peel-harvey.org.au/resources/procurement-contracts>

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