

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.



Tunbridge Gully Planting Day

The yearly planting of Tunbridge Gully was once again conducted in June 2020. This project aims to improve the health of the vegetation with the removal of the invasive weed *Juncus acutus* (Spiny rush). Over 6,000 species have been planted this year within a 7 hectare area leading along the gully and into the Hotham River.

Thank you to all 50 volunteers from the Year 6 Boddington District High School Students, South 32 and Newmont employees, Friends of the Reserves – Boddington (Inc.) and PHCC volunteers. Everyone braved the winter conditions, muddy water ways and enjoyed planting the seedlings, all to be rewarded with a great sausage sizzle from the BDHS P&C.



COVID-19 We value the health and safety of our whole community and PHCC is now accepting visitors on an appointment basis only. Please contact us to make a booking via phone on 6369 8801 or 0455 166 780 or via email.

Wandering Primary School Red-tailed Phascogale Project

The Wandering Primary School students have been planting to improve red-tailed phascogale habitat that is located on their school grounds.

In 2018 the students made and installed a red-tailed phascogale nest box and they are now planting thickets of sheoaks and other locally found trees and shrubs that are the preferred habitat for phascogales.

The photo right shows Christine using a nest box camera to monitor the nest box. So far, no phascogales have moved in but one has been spotted in a neighbouring garden!



What's happening...

We welcomed 3 volunteers to the Hotham-Williams Team: Victoria Brockhurst, Christina Nardini and Rebecca Clarke. You may see more of our new volunteers when we are out and about undertaking expression of interest visits for our 2020-21 Community Environment Grant round.

Do you have black cockatoos hanging out in your patch? We would love to hear from you! If you think you might know where black cockatoos are nesting in tree hollows within the Peel-Harvey, please contact Megan LeRoy on 6369 8800 or email megan.leroy@peel-harvey.org.au. If you are a landholder near a nesting site, you may be eligible for financial assistance to improve and maintain habitat.

Expression of interest site visits for this year's Community Environment Grant round. If you have contacted PHCC about a project you will be contacted soon to organise a time for a site visit. Applications are due on the 31st of August.

Coming Up...

Expressions of interests for **2020/2021 landcare funding**. Interested? Contact us to discuss your project ideas and eligibility against funding priorities P: 6369 8801, 0455 166 780 or E: grants@peel-harvey.org.au

Expressions of interest to release **rabbit virus RHDV1-K5** this Spring. Please contact helen.parsons@peel-harvey.org.au or call 63698801 or 0455 166 780

*Do you have an NRM event or information you would like us to promote? Please contact Mel Durack at melanie.durack@peel-harvey.org.au or 0455 166 780 or **6369 8801***

