

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.



Environment Grants deliver success stories

We have been busy visiting all the landholders who were successful with the latest PHCC Community Environmental Grant (Round 3) and viewing the work they have achieved. Through the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, PHCC has provided a total of just over \$28,000 towards these projects and landholders have invested

a total of \$53,000 of their own in-kind investment or funds. This is what they have achieved together:

- Area Protected (Waterways) – 529 ha
- Weed Control – 94 ha
- Feral Animal Control – 400 ha
- Seedlings Planted – 4,750
- Fencing Erected – 8.6 km



Photo – Landholder Aaron Foster with his Brahman cattle in front of his fencing project to protect the creekline on his property

Feral Pig Control: The MatLock Way

PHCC recently hosted a feral pig trapping workshop in the Hotham-Williams upper catchment. WA Feral Animal Management demonstrated their new trapping system, the MatLock Trap for controlling feral pigs. The new system allows for wireless control of the trap door and monitoring camera all via your mobile phone. This is one of the first workshops of a series we are conducting through our new Community Investment Partnership with Newmont Boddington Gold. To find out more about the MatLock Trap please contact us at the Hotham-Williams office.



Tunbridge Gully Update

A controlled burn has recently been undertaken within the Tunbridge Gully Restoration project area in the Boddington Township. The burn is an essential component in the management of the invasive weed, *Juncus acutus* (Spiny Rush), and was very generously coordinated by the Boddington Volunteer Bush Fire Bridges. We are very grateful for the work they do in their own personal time!

A second round of weed spraying is due to commence in the coming weeks. A community tree planting day is planned for July and another in Spring for reed planting. If you would like to be involved, please contact Mel Durack at hotham-williams@peel-harvey.org.au or 0455 166 780.



Coming Up...

July & October Community Tree & Reed Planting events

Do you have an NRM event you would like us to promote? Please contact Mel Durack at hotham-williams@peel-harvey.org.au or 0455 166 780



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