

Landcare matters

Lake Clifton Sub-catchment



PHCC Working Together
Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

It's been a while
since we've communicated
with you on the project due to
resourcing, but we are back and
will be sending these updates
out to you quarterly

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Welcome to the 18th edition of Landcare Matters: Newsletter of the Lake Clifton Stewardship Program – a program supporting landowners for healthy habitats and waterways in the Lake Clifton sub-catchment.

Keeping Lake Clifton green with another 1,500 seedlings given away

Landholders from the Lake Clifton area arrived early on a cool Saturday morning on May 27 to attend our Seedling Giveaway. 1,500 native seedlings were distributed amongst 80 landholders that attended.

The Lake Clifton/Herron area is surrounded by bushland and residents often relocate to the area for the relaxed lifestyle and natural surroundings.

There are large areas of good condition Woodland with intact understorey, much of which is Banksia and Tuart Woodland Threatened Ecological Communities (TEC). A Woodland becomes a TEC when it is likely to become extinct in the foreseeable future and the greatest threat to Banksia and Tuart Woodlands around the Lake Clifton/Herron area is the loss of native species through land

clearing, invasive weeds, feral animals and hydrological degradation.

Most of the Woodlands in the Lake Clifton area are within private ownership and by providing free, native seedlings to landholders (along with support for other restoration activities) we hope to keep Lake Clifton green for future generations. All attendees received information related to landcare or wildlife care, as well as 20 free native seedlings with biodegradable tree-guards and stakes. Seedlings included a diverse variety of understorey and tree species common to Banksia and Tuart Woodlands, and favourite foraging or nesting species for Black Cockatoos and other native fauna.

Attendees also enjoyed interactive stalls from Birdlife Australia, Mandurah Community Gardens, Men of the

Trees (Peel Branch), Mandurah Wildlife Rehabilitation, Peel Marsupial Care, Mandurah Environment and Heritage Group, StrataGreen and more.

PHCC would like to thank our team of volunteers, stall-holders and attendees for another successful Seedling Giveaway, and for working together to protect the natural values of Lake Clifton.

This is our fifth Lake Clifton Seedling Giveaway, occurring every year since 2017. Across the five years we have distributed almost 10,000 free seedlings to landholders from Lake Clifton or Herron and we hope to continue this for many years to come. Hope to see you next year!

This event was supported by PHCC through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and the Shire of Waroona.



PHCC staff with stall-holders



Information stall from Mandurah Community Gardens



Our very first Lake Clifton Seedling Giveaway in 2017



Men of the Trees (Peel Branch) – pick out and pop up seedling stall



Landholders collecting seedlings

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Land for Wildlife

Over the past year we have undertaken 4 new Land for Wildlife assessments for property owners in Lake Clifton and Herron, with 1 more assessment pending for Lake Clifton. This brings our total to 15 registered Land for Wildlife members in Lake Clifton and Herron alone. These new Land for Wildlife members make up a team of more than 40 other Land for Wildlife members in our Catchment, that have joined the program since 2018.

This voluntary scheme aims to encourage and assist private landholders in Western Australia to provide habitats for wildlife on their property, even though the property may be managed primarily for other purposes. If you would like to join the program to receive a free property report and support from the PHCC team to manage flora and fauna on your property, please register at the following link:

<https://lfw.gaiaresources.com.au/lfw/>

Also, check out the Land for Wildlife facebook page, in particular Simon Cherriman's video on how to improve habitat for fauna on your property: <https://www.facebook.com/ShireofMundaring/videos/680707315837644>

For those that attended our Woodlands for Wildlife Workshop in Lake Clifton earlier in the year, you will already know the bare-footed, bird-loving, Simon Cherriman, from the Re-Cyc-Ology Project. Simon's nest box building demonstration was a huge hit!



Alan and Trish



John and Jenny

Lake Clifton Stewardship Program

PHCC is committed to supporting the Lake Clifton/Herron community to manage natural habitats and water resources.

The last 5 years of the Program was a partnership between the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council, City of Mandurah and Shire of Waroona. PHCC and the Shire of Waroona continue to support the program through a commitment of another 5 years of funding.

Want to build healthy soils?

In early 2024 we hope to host a workshop at Lake Clifton about building healthy soils, with Ellen Walker from EarthWhile.

Stay tuned for more details and, in the meantime, check out Ellen's TED Talk: https://www.ted.com/talks/ellen_walker_the_world_beneath_our_feet

If you have suggestions for future workshops to be held at the Lake Clifton Community Centre, we'd love to hear them.

Email: admin@peel-harvey.org.au with your ideas.

Coming up...

- Sept 12** Bindjareb Djilba - Peel-Harvey Estuary Forum. 115 Breakwater Pde, Mandurah. 4.00pm - 6.30pm.
- Oct 7** Waroona Agricultural Show – for a real taste of country life!
- Oct 13** Wetlands Stories Exhibition. Mandurah Performing Arts Centre Gallery.
- Oct 14** Wonders of our Wetlands festival. Coodanup Foreshore Reserve. 8.30am - 12.30pm. Followed by a wetlands cruise and Flyways film screening. More details at the festival site: <https://peel-harvey.org.au/wetlands-festival-2023/>
- Oct 21** Waroona Troutfest – free day of fun at the annual community trout release at Drakesbrook Weir.
- May 25** 2024 - PHCC's Annual Lake Clifton Seedling Giveaway (save the tentative date).

Keep an eye on [Facebook](#), [X](#) (formerly Twitter), [Instagram](#) and our [website](#) for more news and events.

Land for Wildlife member grants coming soon! See our website for available grants: www.peel-harvey.org.au



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