

Letter from our President – Tamara Wilkes-Jones

Another eventful year of achievements for Project Numbat is coming to an end as Christmas approaches and an independent life for young Numbats commences as they leave their mother and siblings to find their own territory.

Our small committee of 8 continues to support each other which drives us to succeed and as our efforts are expanding so too are the organisations we are collaborating with. Our collaborative partners include the Shire of Williams, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), Peel Harvey Catchment Council and Newmont Gold Boddington in 2017. We have a lot planned for next year so this will surely grow and we do have vacancies on our committee, so please consider working with us. Our achievements have seen us fundraise and receive donations of over \$49,000 and our new merchandise range has significantly contributed to this. We attended over 15 events for the year and contributed over \$20,000 towards tracking collars, aerial tracking flights and a transmitter trial for monitoring Numbats in densely vegetated areas. We also have an education officer that frequents local schools to educate all about the Numbat. Children may even be inspired to get involved in committees like ours in the future!

Of course it's not all about us, it is about the long-term survival of the Numbat and every person being aware of the wonderful species we have in our WA backyard. Funding the collar program continues to provide valuable evidence of Numbat breeding, distribution and survival undertaken by DBCA and Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC). This information is compared to fox and cat baiting regimes and our annual Numbat dig surveys contribute to these findings also. For the first time, there is now a Numbat dig identification guide available and a living with Numbats brochure too for



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those fortunate enough to live near Numbat habitat or those in search of Numbats.

Our long term Williams Community Numbat project is closer to reaching its fundraising goal and by the end of 2018 you will see a large Numbat in the Lions playground at Williams: this will be Numbat awareness at the max!

Thank you to all our members for your support. A purchase, donation, membership and your time volunteering all contributes to raising Numbat awareness and understanding the species better for its long-term survival.

For more details about this past year's achievements, you can have a look at our annual report on our website: goo.gl/dTDWSU

November is Numbat Month!

November is the busiest month of the year in Numbat country, starting with World Numbat Day the first Saturday of the month. You can read more about this year's event further on in this Newsletter. Towards the end of November, Project Numbat organises its annual dig surveys in collaboration with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

Dig Surveys in Boyagin and Dryandra: Numbat numbers on the rise?

by Tamara Wilkes-Jones



Mark Dewson, Dr. Tony Friend & Jimmy Lamb using the tough pad to record the presence of Numbat digs.

November is the best time to capture information of habitat use by the Numbat. It is also the time that young start to disperse to find their own territory. In the process Numbats leave distinctive digs in the soil as they forage for termites and it is these digs that are recorded by our trained volunteers during our annual dig surveys. This information tells us about the Numbat's presence and absence and can tell experts like Dr Tony Friend, Principal Research Scientist at DBCA, how they are persisting in our Wandoo Woodlands.

Project Numbat in collaboration with Tony recently conducted two surveys over two weekends and we were thankful the weather wasn't as hot as

last year. Over 100 sites at Boyagin Nature Reserve were surveyed for Numbat digs and scats. So far the results are showing a similar trend to previous years where approximately 40% of sites surveyed indicate Numbat presence.

We also surveyed Dryandra Woodland enclosure. The new predator proof fenced area has now been in place for one year. At this site, once again we surveyed just over 100 sites and although the results haven't been evaluated yet, we know there was a definite increase from last year and the results no doubt are due to the Numbats living a predator free life from foxes and feral cats.



Lesley Shaw pointing at a Numbat dig

Thanks to the Norman Wettenhall Foundation we were able to record our findings on our new tough pads: sturdy tablets with touch screens. These ultimately improve efficiency out the field and back in the office where mapping information and spreadsheets of results can simply be downloaded - no more manual data entry!

Once again it was nice to be out in the bush and to socialise with likeminded people each evening over great food. Thank you to our volunteers that assisted: Jimmy Lamb, Yvette Adams, Lesley Shaw and Mark Dewson.

Our demand for Numbat dig surveys is growing each year. Why not consider helping us to collect information so the distribution and persistence of Numbats can better understood? If you are interested in volunteering please contact Project Numbat and register your interest. We will get in touch with you as opportunities arise. Most opportunities occur over a weekend and include accommodation, meals and an evening of good conversation.

New Numbat Dig Booklet now in our Shop!

If you are passionate about detecting the signs of Numbats in our woodlands then this is the book for you. This easy to follow A5 booklet provides an insight into the Numbat and the kind of digs they leave in the soil when foraging for termites. Images of Numbat digs and scats are provided and the methodology of participating in a survey is also detailed. *'Identifying Numbat Digs'*: now in our Webshop for just \$5.





Get ready for our next Quiz Night!

Go ahead and mark the 17th of March on your new Project Numbat calendar, because it's Quiz Night! We are expecting you and your team of 6 at the Melville Bowling Club at 6pm for a 7pm start. Tickets are \$90 per team.

Once again we will have great auctions and fun games, and a long list of fantastic prizes. How about a weekend at Possum House in Dunsborough for the whole team?

There will be a licensed bar, BYO nibbles. All proceeds go towards Williams Community Numbat.



Get your tickets now at numbat.org.au

Williams Community Numbat: almost there!

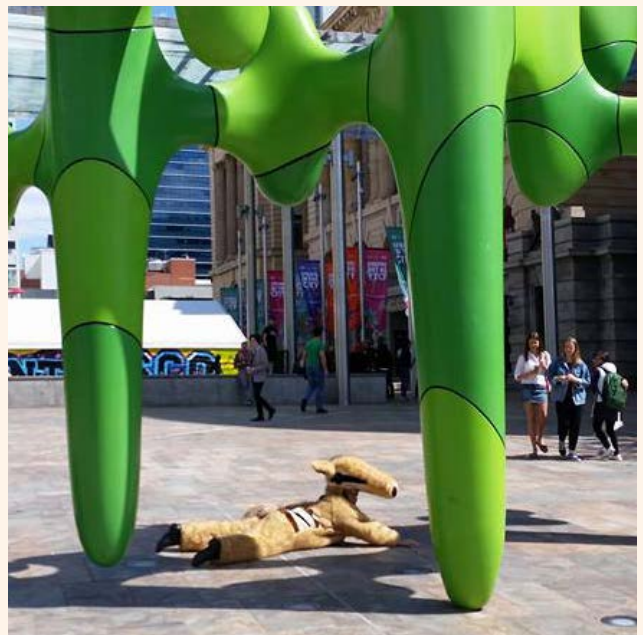
Project Numbat embarked on fundraising for a large Numbat sculpture in 2016. It will feature in the heart of Numbat country in a new playground at Williams. Through collaboration with the Shire of Williams and grant funding we have almost reached our financial goal to commence construction. It will be constructed of durable material called Jesmonite, by a local Perth based company: Creative Design Models (CDM). The Numbat will measure 3 X 1m, with life like colouring and features. This Numbat sculpture will definitely become an interesting stop along the Albany Highway and through play the young generations will learn about the Numbat and its plight.

*less than
\$5,000
to go!*

Please join us at our Quiz Night as all funds raised on the night will go toward this Numbat. We now only have \$4,200 to go! We need to raise the funds now, as construction of the playground will commence early in 2018. We are very grateful for the many donations that have come from the Williams community and businesses, resulting in a long list of exciting prizes to be won!

Numbats from Perth CBD...

Nurla took over the streets of Perth CBD at the end of September for our annual Street Appeal. We raised a total of over \$1400 in donations and merchandise sales. Thank you to our volunteer to ratters and to all who donated or paid a visit to our stall!



... to Numbats in the Hills...

This year's World Numbat Day was a unique experience under the stars at the Kookaburra outdoor cinema in Mundaring. The cinema opened its doors especially for this occasion. Our guests enjoyed the world premiere of the very first short documentary about Project Numbat before watching the feature film 'Oddball'. We raised about \$500 through ticket and merchandise sales and the kind donation from the Kookaburra Cinema.



If you missed it, check out our Youtube page to watch the doco featuring all aspects of Project Numbat's work.

<https://youtu.be/4WxS3dlJn3o>



... and Numbats in Sydney!

Filmmaker and sculptor Allison Garoza, based in Sydney, made the Numbat the focal point of her first solo exhibition in Sydney a couple of months ago. The theme of the exhibition was the conservation of native wildlife and the threat of feral animals. One of her sculptures was a Numbat and beneath it on the display visitors got key information about Numbats and how to help protect them. Allison kindly donated \$150 from herself and donations received during the exhibition. Thank You!



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You can help us protect the numbat!

Memberships

Individual	Family
1 year: \$20	1 year: \$40
3 years: \$50	3 years: \$100
5 years: \$85	5 years: \$170

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Williams Numbat

Visit our [MyCause](#) page to help us raise funds for a Giant Numbat in Williams, in the heart of numbat country.

[More information](#)

Contact us for more information about how you can support Project Numbat, including bequests.

Our Webshop is ready for Christmas... are you?

Make Christmas shopping a breeze this year by selecting some unique gifts from the Project Numbat Webshop... And support a good cause in doing so! All proceeds from our merchandise sales go towards Numbat conservation and awareness, so each item you buy helps make a difference.



Calendar 14 months – recycled paper \$20



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