

Welcome to the winter edition of our Project Numbat Newsletter. The Numbats might be taking it a bit easier this time of year - but not so for our Committee! Project Numbat is proud to launch its brand new Community Williams Numbat, welcome a new Committee Member to our team, and to share some great fundraising results achieved over the last months.

## **Dream Come True: Large Numbat for Williams Playground**

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, Project Numbat hosted a stall at the Gateway Expo in Williams. The Expo attracted an estimated 4,000 visitors, to admire the old-timer show, sheep shearing competition, visit the stalls of local businesses, many of whom stopped to chat to our Project Numbat Committee members.



Project Numbat was there on a very special mission: to introduce our large Numbat for Williams project called the 'Community Williams Numbat'. It has been a long kept dream for Project Numbat to see a large Numbat installed in a suitable spot, to attract maximal attention and help raise awareness about the Numbat's plight. Early this year, PN found a suitable and eager candidate in the Shire of Williams. Located close to Numbat Country, Williams is the perfect place to become the Home of the Numbat. In two years time, the Lions Park playground will be re-developed. It is here that a large fibreglass Numbat, measuring 3m long and 1m high, will find its new home. It will be a fantastic place for children to play on, and for all visitors to admire. Adhering to all Australian standards, the Numbat will be safe and exciting for children to climb on and have lots of fun!

To help make this come true, Project Numbat is counting on the wider Williams Community and public for their support to raise the necessary \$46,000 for the production and installation of the Numbat by the end of December 2017. It will be the first of its kinds and a true talking point to raise awareness about the Numbat. Many locals who visited us at our stall during the Gateway Expo already expressed their interest and suggested many ideas of how they would help raise funds. So watch this space and our website as we keep you updated about many exciting events to follow!



## Events

It has been a busy couple of months for our Committee Members – and for Nurla! Not only did we visit the Gateway Expo at Williams (see front page), but here is a snapshot of all the other locations we went to raise awareness and funds:



**Thursday 17 March  
kikki.K Charity Event  
Subiaco**



**Saturday 19 March  
Burrendah Primary School Fair  
(40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
Willetton**

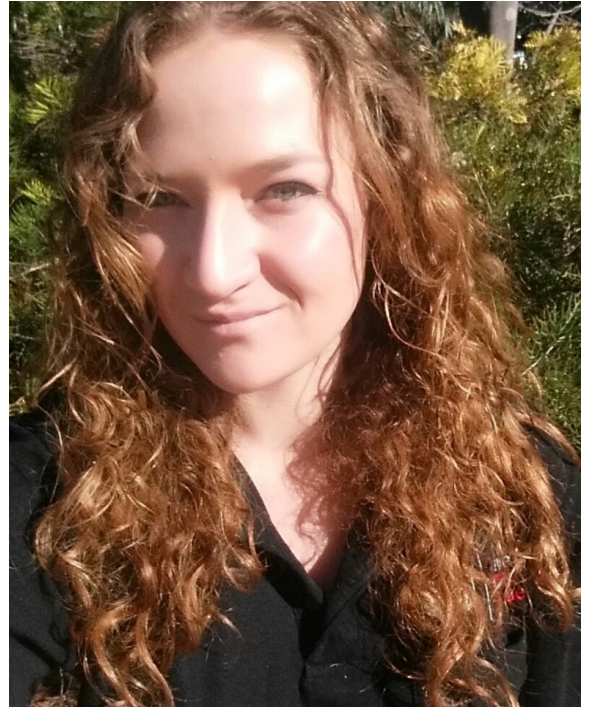
**Sunday 10 April  
Envirofest  
Whiteman Park**





## Welcome Robyn Taylor!

Project Numbat is pleased to announce its newest Committee Member Robyn Taylor. Robyn is completing her Bachelor degree in Science at Edith Cowan University, with a major in Conservation Biology and Biological Science. She first learnt about the Numbat through an assignment and a visit to Perth Zoo. "I had been living in Australia for 9 years, and 5 years in Western Australia, and I had no idea what they were, or that they are endangered. They really got to me. They're so adorable and cute. It would be a shame to loose them!"



Robyn has had a passion for animals since she was a child. She loves to be outside rather than in a lab and doesn't mind getting dirty during fieldwork. Robyn is looking forward to getting involved in Project Numbat's fundraising activities, so keep on eye out for her on our next events and come and say hi to Robyn at our stall!



**Australian  
Geographic  
raises over  
\$22,335 for  
Project Numbat!**

Project Numbat has received a very generous donation from Australian Geographic. During January and February, all 63 Australian Geographic stores raised funds to support Project Numbat. In total, a whopping \$22,336.50 was raised. This donation means a huge support for us to continue to fund research and monitor the Numbats' progress after their release. Project Numbat has approached the Numbat recovery team for strategies and ideas on how to best spend part or all of these funds.

So on behalf of all Numbats out there: a big thank you to Australian Geographic and all its kind contributors!

# Supporter Profile

## Neil Money

State Account  
Manager  
Undercover&Takeaway  
Schweppes

Neil's kind donation of Schweppes products have been sold at our fundraising BBQ's to raise money in support of Numbat conservation.

Nurla recently went along to his workplace to present Neil with a special thank you certificate to acknowledge his continued support of Project Numbat.

### *How long have you been supporting Project Numbat?*

Project Numbat is the only charity I support. It's been at least 6 years and I will continue to do so!

### *Why Project Numbat?*

Well, the Numbat is just so damn cute and it has struck a chord with me. It's a privilege to be able to support such an amazing group that's involved in raising awareness and conservation of the Numbat and in helping them back into the wild.

### *Have you seen a Numbat in the wild?*

Nurla doesn't count? No, but I would love to in the future!

P.S. Neil has pledged to support us once again by donating some great prizes for a future event – so watch this space!

(by Karen Cavanough)





# 2016 Call for Collars Campaign kicked off!

**Project Numbat needs your help to raise enough funds for 30 radio tracking collars this year (that's \$7,500!) to help determine the survival of released Numbats into the wild and to monitor existing wild individuals. We would love for you to get involved and join our 'Call for Collars Campaign 2016'. And, don't forget that all donations over \$2 are tax-deductible!**

A key aspect of Project Numbat's work is ensuring that we can continue to monitor the populations of Numbats which have been released into the wild. We help with this by funding radio-collars for Numbats which are released annually into areas of habitat managed by the Department of Parks and Wildlife. These collars give us important information on their dispersal in their habitat and breeding success.

During 2016, the Department of Parks and Wildlife will again be fitting a number of Numbats with radio-collars. Some of these collars will be fitted to Numbats born at the Perth Zoo prior to their release and others will be fitted to existing wild populations.



We are giving you the opportunity to be a part of this important work by contributing towards the cost of the radio-collars. Each collar costs \$280 and for the purchase of each whole collar, you can receive a certificate of a captive born Numbat with:

- **a photo of the collared Numbat**
- **its name**
- **date of birth (if known)**
- **sex**
- **weight**
- **location**

If you would like to purchase a whole collar yourself, or get a group together to raise the \$280 needed, then you can head to our website shop and make the purchase: [www.numbat.org.au](http://www.numbat.org.au).

If you are unable to raise the funds for a whole collar, that's ok! Part-contributions towards the radio-collars will be equally welcome and form a valuable part of our fundraising efforts - every cent counts! You can donate any sum to the cause through this page: <https://goo.gl/kXD3TU>

Thanks very much for your support of this project and for the support of Numbat conservation!

(by Renee Bauhoffer)