

First World Numbat Day a Great Success!

What an evening! We celebrated the inaugural World Numbat day on Saturday 7 November at Perth Zoo, and what a celebration of all things numbat it was! We welcomed many Project Numbat members and numbat advocates, and we are grateful for everyone who joined us in an interesting evening of numbat knowledge and pleasant conversation over food and wine.

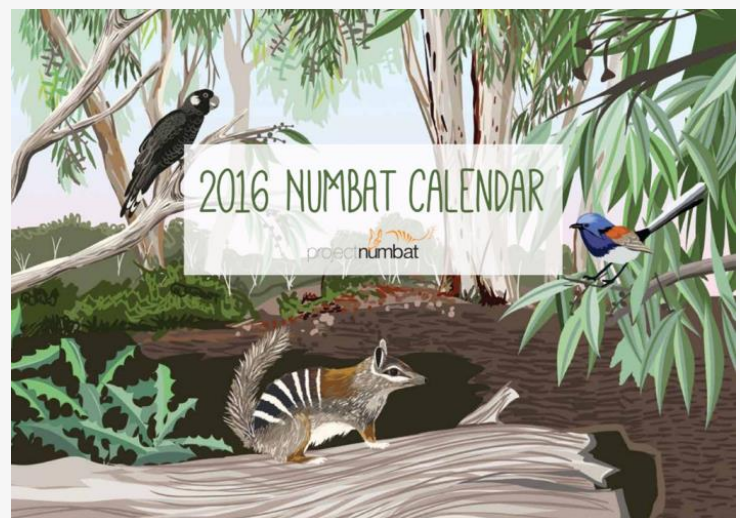


Project Numbat president Tamara Wilkes-Jones

Our speakers on the night were all experts in their field. Project Numbat President Tamara Wilkes-Jones opened the evening by giving an overview of the Committee's very successful year. This was followed by a [very personal video message](#) from Threatened Species Commissioner Gregory Andrews, who pledged his commitment to the numbat, followed by a talk from his Senior Advisor Sam Dutton. Mr Dutton acknowledged the importance of community groups such as Project Numbat in the success of conservation projects. Perth Zoo CEO Susan Hunt talked about the strong connection between the Zoo and Project Num-

bat. Over the past years many Zoo staff have been Committee Members of Project Numbat. Department of Parks and Wildlife Researcher Tony Friend demonstrated the importance of Project Numbat's fundraising for research projects. In the past decade, Project Numbat has contributed almost \$60,000 to DPaW's research and surveys: a sum that deserved a spontaneous applause from the audience. Last but not least, Committee Member Renee Bauhofer took the stage, to present the very first 2016 Project Numbat wall calendar. All contributing artists received a copy to take home, and in the course of the evening many more calendars were sold along with other Project Numbat merchandise. As always, all proceeds will go towards numbat conservation projects.

This successful first World Numbat Day already makes us excited for next year. From now on, we will celebrate World Numbat Day on the first Saturday of November. We thank all attendees and contributors who made this evening a success and we look forward to seeing you next year! (EM)



If you have missed the opportunity to buy your own limited edition 2016 Project Numbat wall calendar, please visit our online shop: www.numbat.org.au

Go to the next page for our photo special!

Photo Special: First World Numbat Day



Renee Bauhofer, project manager of the Project Numbat calendar, hands a calendar to Dr. Tony Friend.



Susan Hunt, CEO of Perth Zoo



Sam Dutton, Senior Advisor to the Threatened Species Commissioner and Nurla.

Message from Our President



I have had the pleasure of being the President of Project Numbat for almost 12 months now and have greatly enjoyed the enthusiasm of the committee and its members. The dynamics is motivating and shows in the varied and many creative projects we have accomplished this year to raise awareness and funds to support our unique animal the numbat. Some of these projects are highlighted in this newsletter and by expanding our contacts we hope to continue reaching our goal.

At our recent AGM we said goodbye to Eva and Leanne, who have actively contributed for many years. We also welcome two new committee members:

Amy and Lily who immediately became active in the group.

Next year marks Project Numbat's tenth anniversary and we hope you join us and participate in the activities we are planning. Thank you for your support. We hope that you can continue to support us and the numbat and keep spreading the word.

Tamara Wilkes-Jones

President Project Numbat



The Project Numbat Committee at the inaugural World Numbat Day, Saturday 7 November 2015.

To get to know our Committee Members: visit the [About Us](http://numbat.org.au) section on numbat.org.au.

Australian Geographic Society Assists Project Numbat

Project Numbat is pleased to announce the Australian Geographic Society will fundraise for the numbat in January and February 2016. With more than 60 retail stores across Australia, a magazine and social media, the plight of the numbat will reach many people across our country.

The Australian Geographic Society was founded in 1987 by Dick Smith and is a not-for-profit or-



ganisation dedicated to supporting scientific research, protecting and fostering a love for our environmental and natural heritage, encouraging the spirit of discovery and spreading the knowledge of Australia to Australians and the world. For more information about the AGS visit:

www.australiangeographic.com.au/society

Project Numbat looks forward to keeping you posted on our venture with the AGS and will send you updates via our webpage and facebook.

Numbats Going Global!



We are so grateful for all the local artists and wildlife photographers contributing their work to our Project Numbat 2016 Calendar. But it's not only local artists that get inspired by the beauty of the numbat! We received these beautiful images created by 35-year-old Afke van Herpt, an artist from the Netherlands.

"It all started with an online sketch festival, called Sketch Fest," says Afke from her home in the Netherlands. "People from all over the world give each other prompts of topics to draw. One of those prompts said "numbat" so I googled it – and then I discovered this little cute creature!"

Afke loves nature, and has been making drawings of other animals, too. But when she discovered the numbat, she was immediately drawn by its "artistic fur". "I also love the way they move, like skittish birds."

Pictures are all Afke has to base her work on. "I have never seen a numbat in real life. We don't have them over here in the zoo, let alone in the wild!"



When Afke discovered numbats are an endangered species, she felt it was her duty to draw attention to their plight with her art work. "Everyone who sees my numbats for the first time, asks me for more information. When no one knows anything about them, it is impossible to help. I don't have the money to support conservation projects, but I can help raise awareness by drawing them."

For more of Afke's work, please have a look at: <http://afke11.deviantart.com/gallery/>

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True Numbat Love

What do you buy for people that have 'everything'? As their wedding day approached, Katrina and Greg Murison from Carlisle, WA, had a simple answer to that question. They had been living together for 8.5 years before the Big Day and decided they didn't need more "stuff" – they wanted to do a bit more. Their love for numbats inspired them to start their own fundraising campaign. Friends and family were invited to donate instead of buying wedding presents. "Our friends and family got right behind our support for Project Numbat", says Katrina. "We had planned for our wedding day for about 2 years, and when the day finally came, on October 16th, it just was perfect." Greg adds.

But why support the numbat when there are so many good causes out there? Greg explains: "Katrina is an environmental engineer, and really into animals. And I'm into WA Cyclocross. When we needed a mascot, we thought of the

Project Numbat wishes Katrina and Greg all the best for their future life together, and is deeply grateful for their generous support.

numbat as the symbol of WA. So we had t-shirts made that depicted "the Numbat of Flanders". That was a reference to "the Lion of Flanders" you see on all the flags during major cycling events in Flanders, Europe. We sold many of those t-shirts and our cycling club did a donation. And then for our wedding, we decided to step it up a gear."

The couple raised almost \$1400 and has their goal set at \$2000. "Everyone was really enthusiastic and we received some very generous gifts" says Greg.

The couple spent their honeymoon at Dryandra, looking for numbats. "We weren't successful unfortunately, but then we weren't really surprised because they are so illusive. We did see echidnas however and it was a lovely honeymoon." For next year, Katrina and Greg are already thinking about new ways to show their support. In the mean time, their fundraising page is still running strong here:

<https://www.mycause.com.au/page/94051/kg-wedding-gift-for-numbats>.

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2016: The Highlights of the Project Numbat Committee

Chris Murphy, Committee Member

'My highlight of the year was easily the day I went with Tamara looking for numbats in the Boyagin Nature Reserve, last August. Not only did we see a very inquisitive male but he let us both photograph each other with him in the foreground. I doubt this has ever been achieved by a photographer with a wild numbat. Tamara was so surprised! When I suggested what I was going to try and do Tamara said "you are dreaming, he will be gone before you get out of the car" - "watch this" I said. So I got into a position where I took the picture of Tamara taking a picture of me with our little friend looking at both of us with amusement.'



Helen Bryant, Committee Member-Fundraising

'My highlight of the year has been the success of our first official crowdfunding campaign for Project Numbat, which is something for us all to be proud of! It just shows how many people care about the future of this wonderful species, raising more money to help secure its future and using this kind of technology also helps to increase awareness - we've really gone global this year and this bodes well for the inaugural World Numbat Day.'

Renee Bauhofer, Committee Member-Social Media

'My highlight has been organising the calendar and the calendar launch plus celebrating the very first World Numbat Day. I'm very proud of how much the committee has achieved in the past year.'

Emily Trainer, Committee Member-Merchandise

'My highlight would have to be attending the Kulunga Katitjin Festival at Kings Park. It's wonderful to have the opportunity to meet so many students that are passionate about numbats and their conservation. A big thank you to everyone who enthusiastically helped us find our numbat "Nancy" by tracking her radio collar!'

Karen Cavanough, Committee Member-Events

'I was lucky enough to represent Project Numbat last December at the numbat release into the Dryandra Woodland! Being able to personally release one of the girls into a suitable hollow was an amazing experience.'

Amy Robey, Secretary

'It has been fantastic joining the Project Numbat committee this year, my highlight has been getting told I will have the opportunity to tag along and help with the release of the captive-bred numbats in December. These numbats are all wearing radio collars that have been purchased with the funds donated by generous members of the public. These collars will allow the Numbat Recovery Team to conduct important research that will aid in the conservation of our exceptionally cute state mammal emblem.'

Gunther De Vos, Committee Member-Web & Members

'My highlights of the year were dressing up as our cuddly mascot Nurla at numerous events. And to hear how young children recognise the numbat and know a lot about this magnificent creature! There is clearly a raised awareness among the young about our mammal state emblem! This makes me hopeful for the numbat's future.'

Eveline Masco, Committee Member-Media and Newsletter

'Organising the very first World Numbat Day together with the other Committee Members was definitely a highlight. We managed to get an interesting list of speakers together, and were able to offer our members an interesting and entertaining evening. I can't wait for World Numbat Day next year, when we will also be celebrating our 10th anniversary as Project Numbat!'

Call for Collars Campaign

**Thank you:
funds for
25 collars
raised!**

We did it! We have reached our goal of raising enough funds for 25 radio tracking collars this year (that's \$6250)! These will be fitted to some of the Perth Zoo bred numbats before they are released into the wild. Other collars will be used to replace collars on existing wild numbats. We thank all our contributors, many of whom purchased more than one. In fact George Sanderson and Kathryn Rowe in Victoria purchased the first collar in April this year and the last one just this month. A big thank you to everyone!

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Did You Recognise the Numbat?



In our previous newsletter, we published this picture of a numbat. Did you recognise where it was taken? You can go and admire this numbat and artwork of other native wildlife in the Galleria of the Robert Gledden Building, 731-737 Hay Street in the City of Perth.

Did you spot any other numbats or numbat artwork? Please share your pictures or artworks of numbats at info@numbat.org.au for our [Gallery section on numbat.org.au](http://numbat.org.au/gallery).

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Baby Numbats Growing Up Fast

**November
is Numbat
Adventure
Time!**



Baby numbats first emerge from their burrow in early September. They are very cautious and tend to remain still around the entrance taking in the sounds, sights and enjoying the warmth of the sun. Their cute faces and stubby noses accommodate feeding from their mother's milk when she returns every evening. As their confidence grows they venture beyond the burrow for short periods, they climb logs and on occasions claw at the logs and dig holes in the soil as they test their termite tracking skills.

By mid October they are more independent and readily venture out for the whole day. Their nose

is visibly longer to probe into the soil and rotted timber where they feed on termites.

They return each evening to their burrow and sometimes even get a free ride by hopping on mums back. By late October, mum and the babies don't always return each evening as they start to find their own logs or burrows to sleep in. This becomes more the case as they get older and start to disperse and find their own territories especially in November. For this reason November is the best time to see numbats and we can only hope that their adventures are safe and free from foxes and feral cats.



Numbats Out and About!

It's been a busy three months for Project Numbat. In case you missed us, here's a brief overview of where you could have spotted us.



Wednesday September 16th
Kulunga Katitjin Festival



Friday October 4th
Piney Lakes Reserve



Saturday September 26th
Williams Market



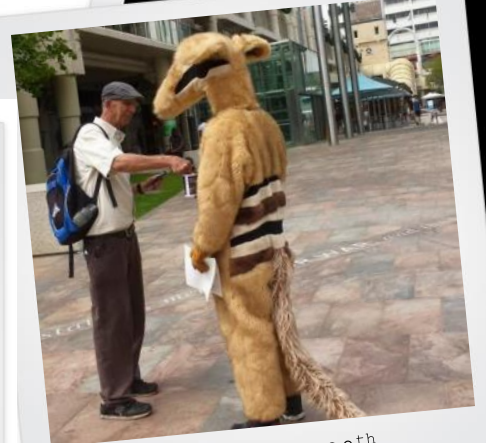
Saturday October 31st
Boo at the Zoo



Sunday September 6th
National Threatened Species Day



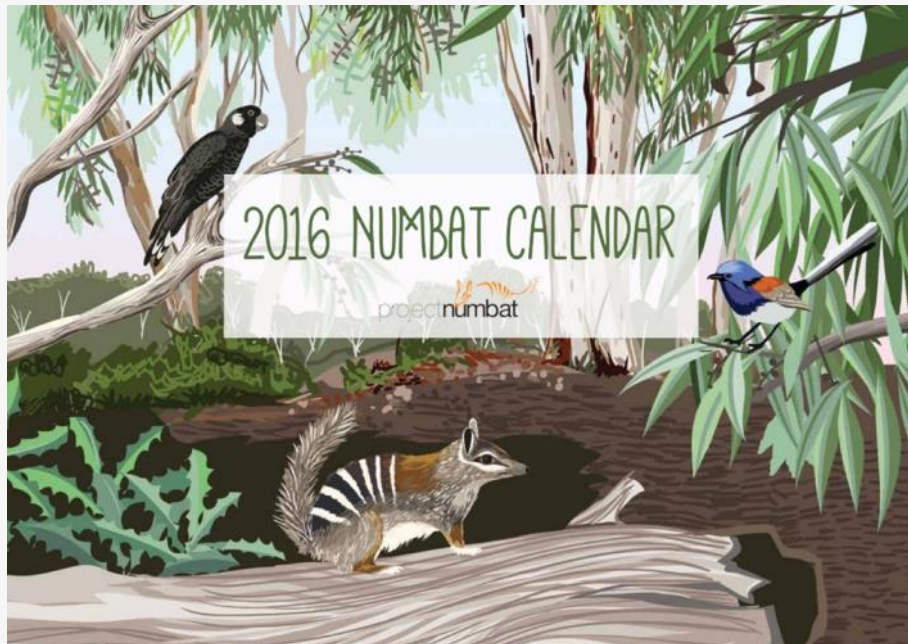
Sunday October 18th
Walk the Zig Zag, Kalamunda



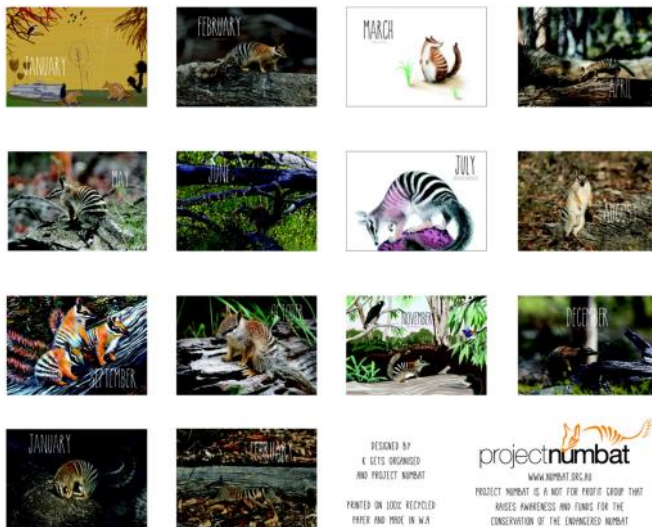
Friday October 30th
Street Appeal, Perth City

Have a Merry Numbat Christmas!

Are you looking for the perfect Christmas gifts? Check out our online shop for these and many more amazing numbat gift ideas! Our [memberships](#) also make a great gift for yourself or your loved ones!



2016 14 MONTH NUMBAT CALENDAR



Project Numbat 2016 calendar

Project Numbat has collaborated with some of WA's best artists and wildlife photographers to create a beautiful calendar showcasing our favourite numbat friends that you will love to have decorating your wall all year long!

\$20/1 calendar. \$35/2 calendars.

International shipping available!

Explore the full range at www.numbat.org.au

All proceeds go towards numbat conservation



Little Sketchy Christmas Card

\$7 or \$20 for set of 3



Future Shelter Mug

\$25 (Medium) / \$27 (Large)



Kids' T-shirts and onesies

From \$35