

THREATENED SPECIES AND/OR COMMUNITIES RECOVERY TEAM

PROGRAM INFORMATION		
Recovery Team	Forest Black Cockatoo	
Reporting Period	Calendar year 2010	
Current membership		
Member		Representing
1. Chair	Brad Barton	DEC Warren Region
2.	Tamra Chapman	DEC Species and Communities Branch
3.	Geoff Barrett	DEC Swan Region
4.	Sarah Comer	DEC South Coast Region
5.	Christine Cooper	Birds Australia WA
6.	Rick Dawson	DEC Nature Protection
7.	Ron Johnstone	WA Museum
8.	Gary Martin	Dept. Agriculture and Food
9.	Peter Mawson	DEC Species and Communities Branch
10.	Kim Williams	DEC South West Region
11.	Ian Wilson	DEC Warren Region
12.	Di Fry	WA Fruit Grower’s Association
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Dates meetings were held		12 June 2010 and 13 December 2010
One to two paragraph summary of achievements		<p>Tamra Chapman is currently working with Science Division and Holly Smith is acting executive officer of the recovery team.</p> <p>Trials for control of feral bees in known breeding areas for forest black cockatoos were commenced during 2010 with mixed results. The recovery plan considers feral bees and their colonisation of hollows as one of the critical issues impacting on black cockatoo breeding and therefore development and implementation of a control program is important.</p> <p>DEC and Warren Catchments Council continue to liaise with fruit</p>

	growers in DEC's Warren Region Reports of illegal shooting were investigated by DEC Wildlife Officers.
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List of actions undertaken by Recovery Team members
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Peter Mawson: report on the program to remove feral honeybee hives from tree hollows.

In October 2010 Mark Blythman (Project Officer- Feral Bees) trialled attracting feral bees using non-toxic stations at Lake Muir, unfortunately a canola crop had been planted nearby which affected the success of the trial, this will be repeated in 2011 subject to available funding. Other non-toxic trials included sites in the metropolitan area such as at Woodvale DEC as part of the Evaluation of the Challenger TAFE training course on the control of feral bees through remote baiting. This was conducted from the 6-8th of December and led by Allan Morrison (Challenge TAFE) with 6 DEC staff participating and evaluating the course. The feedback from this course will be incorporated into the final package. Minyulo Nature Reserve, Cataby, are scheduled for baiting in January 2011.

Brad Barton/Peter Mawson: ask Gordon Wyre who from DEC should attend a meeting with grocery company representatives regarding their ethical

Peter Mawson wrote to Gordon Wyre on behalf of Brad Barton and response received on 2nd December that Recovery Team should prepare a Corporate Executive Paper to pursue this. This will be progressed in 2011.

Brad Barton: contact Gordon Wyre to seek approval to add Kath Howard (representing WWF) to the recovery team.

Peter Mawson contacted Gordon Wyre and whilst Kath Howard is welcome to attend and participate in meetings it was not approved that there be formal membership on the Recovery Team from WWF. Correspondence received in writing by Peter Mawson from Director 2nd Dec 2010.

Peter Mawson, Kath Howard and Rick Dawson: contact Zoran Jovanovic for advice and devise a publicity campaign (media release involving WA Museum, WWF and Birds WA), using search engine optimisation, to encourage fruit pickers (and others) to report illegal shooting via the Wildcare Hotline.

On 11 Jun 2010, Kath Howard reported to Peter Mawson that she had spoken to the WWF online manager and would begin drafting a message. Kath Howard reported that she had drafted the content for the website and this would soon be available to recovery team members. Ron Johnstone also reported that additional information has been prepared by the WAM and this can be linked together with WWF and DEC websites.

Develop and implement strategies to allow for the use of noise emitting devices in orchards.

Trials with noise emitting devices continue in various areas (Casuarina Valley Orchard). Orchards are trialling various forms of netting to protect from bird damage as well as hail and sun damage.

Ron Johnston (WA Museum)

WA Museum staff continue to study a number of breeding attempts, breeding success and make recommendations to increase recruitment e.g. control of feral bees and avian nest competitors.

Rick Dawson

Rick Dawson reported that on 20 March, he had made a presentation to about 400 people at

Rotary Manjimup. He requested reporting of sightings and bands and there was a good response overall to the model of the effects of shooting.