

## RECOVERY TEAM ANNUAL REPORT

### THREATENED SPECIES AND/OR COMMUNITIES RECOVERY TEAM

#### PROGRAM INFORMATION

Recovery Team      Forest Black Cockatoo

Reporting Period      Calendar year 2011

#### Current membership

Member		Representing
1. Chair	Brad Barton	DEC Warren Region
2.	Holly Smith	DEC Species and Communities Branch
3.	Geoff Barrett	DEC Swan Region
5.	Sarah Comer	DEC South Coast Region
6	Christine Cooper	Birds Australia WA
7	Rick Dawson	DEC Nature Protection
8	Ron Johnstone	WA Museum
9	Gary Martin	Dept. Agriculture and Food
10		Resigned from DEC
11	Kim Williams	DEC South West Region
12	Ian Wilson	DEC Warren Region
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Dates meetings were held      10 June 2011 and 4 November 2011

#### One to two paragraph summary of achievements

Holly Smith acted as executive officer of the recovery team. Holly has taken up a position with Science Division and will be replaced as executive officer in 2012 by Brianna Wingfield.

DEC continues to liaise with fruit growers in DEC's Warren Region and has engaged with Fruit West as the fruit growing representative body to provide information to growers.

Reports of illegal shooting were investigated by DEC Wildlife Officers. DEC has continued

	<p>to work with the fruit growing industry to look for methods to scare birds from orchards to prevent significant fruit loss and potential impacts on bird numbers.</p> <p>There has been an increased focus on Forest Black Cockatoos through the EPBC Act and impacts of development/infrastructure on critical habitat.</p> <p>In planning for the next Forest Management Plan members of the recovery team are providing advice and guidance regarding silviculture and forest practices to better facilitate forest black cockatoo conservation.</p>
<b>List of actions undertaken by Recovery Team members</b>	
<p><b>Task 1. Rick Dawson:</b> complete the presentation on shooting of black cockatoos by fruit growers, present to DEC's: Director General, Deputy Director General, Director of Nature Conservation and Director of Parks and Conservation, and report the outcome to the recovery team.</p> <p>On a wing and a prayer was broadcast on the ABC in early 2012, with much of the work completed to produce this documentary on the plight of a breeding pair of black cockatoos completed in 2011.</p>	
<p><b>Task 2. Brad Barton:</b> contact Maxine Dawson from the Land Use Planning Unit to address issues of incompatible land use with cockatoo flyways and habitat.</p> <p>Dave Mitchell &amp; Brad Barton submitted recommendations to State Planning Services,</p>	
<p><b>Task 3. Brad Barton:</b> draft correspondence to Paul Gamblin inviting new WWF observer to attend meetings.</p> <p><b>WWF have been invited to have a representative attend as a guest.</b></p>	
<p><b>Task 4. Ron Johnstone:</b> circulate journal publications that are in press to Recovery Team.</p> <p><b>A number of papers have been now been published by the Western Australian Museum and others are in preparation.</b></p>	
<p><b>Task 5. Rick Dawson:</b> Contact DEC media and get DEC website links and information updated for illegal shooting.</p> <p><b>No action regarding this task, although a number of reports were received during the apple growing season of illegal shooting.</b></p>	
<p><b>Task 6. Brad Barton &amp; Kim Williams:</b> liaise with SFM (Bob Hagan) on draft guidelines for Jarrah &amp; Karri Silviculture and Forest Management Plan.</p> <p><b>Brad Barton, Kim Williams, Geoff Barret and Dave Mitchell met with SFM and are part of a working group looking at silviculture and other issues pertaining to the protection and conservation of Black cockatoos in the next Forest Management Plan.</b></p>	
<p><b>Task 7. Geoff Barrett:</b> acquire data from Martin Rayner including figures % of marri in cut areas v's uncut areas.</p> <p><b>Geoff has obtained this information and also forwarded roosts site and nest hollow data collected during the great cocky count to Forest Management Branch.</b></p>	
<p><b>Task 8. Brad Barton:</b> liaise with SFM estimate quantity of marri utilised per coupe; recommend that secondary habitat trees should be marked with GPS and trial leaving clusters rather than individual trees for habitat trees retained.</p> <p><b>As for task 7.</b></p>	

**Task 9. Christine Cooper and Brad Barton:** devise student project that gathers data on harvest coupe and habitat trees (before & after) and generates statistics that support the number of trees to be retained *e.g.* 5 trees/ha.

**Christine and Brad have discussed this issue and are looking to put in place a range of possible student projects for 2012/13.**

**Task 10. Brad Barton:** Write on behalf of DEC (via DG/Director Nature Conservation) requesting WAFGA representation on Recovery Team.

**Fruit West new executive officer Gavin Ford has meet with the Chair of the Recovery Team and has indicated his wish to become more actively involved in the recovery team to represent growers. The Chair welcomed this development.**

**Task 11. Kim Williams:** Write on behalf of the Patterson's to the Local Fire Brigade seeking advice on fire suppression requirements.

**Pattersons have completed significant fire preventative works on their property.**