

## A numbat is not a wombat

Art exhibition until 4 February 2015

**DON'T  
MISS OUT!**

On the 8th of January Project Numbat held its first ever art exhibition at Little Creatures in Fremantle titled "A Numbat is not a Wombat". In fact this most likely is the first ever Numbat art exhibition - featuring over 50 pieces of numbat art until the 4th of February.

This unique title came about as often when you say the word "numbat" to someone they say "oh you mean a wombat?!" So this exhibition is not only about raising funds but importantly it's about introducing visitors to the Numbat. As Cathy, one of our members, put it: "People first need to understand and learn about something before they can care about it." So it is important that Project Numbat targets a wide range of audiences if we are to achieve greater awareness of our unique Numbat.

The art pieces for sale vary in size and media from acrylic paint, pencil, paper cut, timber, metal and images all celebrating our beautiful numbat, so there is something for everyone's taste in "numbat art" ranging from \$30 to \$2,000. Our call for artists was overwhelming and they have donated all or a portion of their piece once sold to Project Numbat and we sincerely thank the artists for their contribution.



Cathy, Nurla and Yvette during the opening night.



*This life like oil painting on canvas "Hand in Hand 2008" is still for sale. It has been donated by Lyn Ellison from Queensland.*

Around 60 people attended the opening event and we were delighted to sell 18 pieces on the night as well as raffle tickets and plenty of numbat merchandise. It was a great event to meet and talk with other numbat enthusiasts and to also raise awareness of the numbat where some of the Little Creatures patrons came over to see our event too. Nurla also made an appearance and gave many "numbat hugs" and posed for photos.

The exhibition also featured some art works from young children who contributed their winning pieces to the colouring competition. Five children were delighted to receive a certificate and free pass to the Perth Zoo. We hope the Zoo pass triggers a life-long interest in animals.

There are still some great numbat art pieces for sale, don't miss out! Visit the Project Numbat website "art exhibition" or Little Creatures. All purchases can be made on line and if you want more details of any piece, please email us at [info@numbat.org.au](mailto:info@numbat.org.au). A big thanks also goes to Yvette Adams and Cathy Cooper from Project Numbat for the huge amount of time contributed into making this exhibition come together.



## Greetings for 2015!

Happy New Year to you all! The Project Numbat Committee hope you had a safe and fun festive season. We are looking forward to the year ahead. Although it has only been a couple of months since the AGM, we have had some committee changes once again. Unfortunately long term member, and most recent Chairperson, Dani Jose was unable to continue her work with Project Numbat. Luckily we have Tamara, who happily stepped up from Vice chair. We also welcomed Helen and Eveline who joined on as committee members shortly after the AGM. We wish Dani all the best and know we will remain in touch through our ongoing collaborations with DPaW and Perth Zoo.

**Chairperson** – Tamara Wilkes-Jones

**Vice Chair** – TBC

**Treasurer** – Eva Wiehl

**Secretary** – Leanne Kelman

**Committee Members**

Emily Trainer

Karen Cavanough

Chris Murphy

Yvette Adams

Gunther De Vos

Jessica Morrison

Renee Bauhofer

Helen Bryant

Eveline Masco

## Numbats released in Dryandra

On 12 December, committee members were invited to join DPaW and Perth Zoo in the release of last year's collared numbats – the collars you helped us fundraise for! Thirteen Numbats were released into Dryandra Woodlands to assist in the growth and maintenance of wild Numbat populations. The collared Numbats will be monitored to assess their activity and hopefully breeding progress. All the best little ones! We would like to send a big thanks to DPaW's Dr Tony Friend and to Perth Zoo for the opportunity to attend the release.





## Survey Team Update

Project Numbats dig survey team met up again in November and was led by Dr. Tony Friend from the Department of Parks and Wildlife to strategically search for numbat diggings and scats across Boyagin Reserve. Young numbats begin dispersing in November and this is the best time to search for their signs to determine their presence across a reserve. The volunteers who assisted (left to right: Chris Murphy, Jimmy Lamb, Yvette Adams and Deb Walker) have been trained to recognise numbat digs and when out in the woodlands it is important to be able to tell the difference between Woylie, Echidna and other bird and animal diggings. All members have found it takes a little practice. The team have also assisted Project Numbat to develop a dig survey guide book for further surveys, which will be a valuable resource for future activities. If you are interested in being involved and are able to commit time to be trained and assist with surveys in November and December each year, then please contact us.



## Numbat stamps



The numbat now features on a stamp. Australia Post released a new Native Animals series of

stamps on January 13th. The other animals that are part of the issued series of stamps are the Echidna, the Common Wombat, the Eastern Grey Kangaroo, the Koala and the Tasmanian Devil.

## Winner!

Proud Felicity Ward-Horner, aged 4, at the numbat art exhibition. Holding her numbat puppet but also pointing to her winning piece right at the top titled "A daddy numbat killing a snake".



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