

Calling for collars!

Project Numbat needs your help to raise enough funds for 25 radio tracking collars (that's \$6250!) by the end of the year. We would love for you, our wonderful members, to put your thinking caps on and join our 'Call for Collars Campaign' 2015. Whether you are a generous individual, keen sports team, a fun social group or even a class of students, we ask you to put your thinking caps on and host your own fundraising event to help us reach our target.

Maybe you will give up coffee for a month, maybe you make amazing cakes that the co-workers will buy, maybe you will ask everyone for a gold coin donation to wear free dress for a day or maybe you will finally run 10km like you always said you would to your friends! Whatever your plan, register your event, or pledge with us so that we can follow your progress and feature your support in our news stories.



And, don't forget that all donations are tax deductible, so with the end of financial year just around the corner, it is the ideal time to give to this great cause!

More details will be added to the website soon but in the meantime please feel free to contact us for more information or if you have any questions:

info@numbat.org.au

Would you like to join us?

Project Numbat is very excited about the direction it is heading and are looking for more enthusiastic committee members to join the team!

We currently have vacancies for

- **Vice-Chairperson** and a
- **Fundraising/merchandise coordinator.**

You are not required to have any particular skills other than motivation, but in general, as a committee member, you need to:

- Be available after normal working hours for meetings on the third Tuesday of every month (commencing at 5.30pm in South Perth)
- Have regular access to emails
- Be a paying member of Project Numbat
- Be willing to attend events on behalf of the committee if/when the opportunity arises

If you would like to know more about the roles of the committee, or nominate for either position, please email info@numbat.org.au by the **15th May**. Nominations will be decided on by committee vote at the meeting on the 19th May 2015 and you will be notified shortly afterwards.

Project Numbat at EnviroFEST

On March 29th, Project Numbat participated in EnviroFEST 2015, Whiteman Park's flagship environmental event.

Highlights of our sunny day included an unexpected showdown between Nurla the Numbat and Gade the Crocodile – although Nurla was far too nimble to be troubled by the likes of Gade for long – and most importantly, plenty of interest in numbats!

As well as fundraising for numbat conservation activities, one of our key objectives in participating in this type of event is raising awareness of numbat conservation in the wider community. Karen, Jess, Helen, Xander and Tamara were delighted that so many teachers, adults and kids alike stopped by their stall to find out more about our mammal state emblem, wanting to know more about the numbat and how they could help.

Some visitors had happy memories of seeing numbats in the wild, while others mentioned recent news stories about the decline in the numbat population. We were thrilled that so many visitors made donations, bought merchandise and learned more from talking to our friendly committee members.



We will be hosting more stalls at events throughout the year, so please do come along and say hello – we love meeting fellow Project Numbat members!

Equally, if you're interested in supporting future events and getting more involved in Project Numbat, please contact us at info@numbat.org.au for further information.

We must make a special mention to friend and supporter of Project Numbat, Tam, who did an amazing job being Nurla on an exceptionally warm Sunday!



Numbats spotted in Middle Swan!

On Wednesday April 29th, Project Numbat was invited for a presentation at The Four Seasons Garden Club. Committee Members Chris and Eveline talked about our favourite marsupial and answered many interesting questions. Numbat Turner was the star of the show, with all attendees admiring him after the presentation. We thank The Four Seasons Garden Club for their generous donations and above all their enthusiasm! If you would like us to give a presentation at your club or community event, do let us know! Contact us at info@numbat.org.au.



Did you know...?

.... the numbat was declared Western Australia's Mammal State Emblem in 1973?

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet has gathered all the symbols representing WA in one booklet: the Coat of Arms and flag, and WA's animal, floral and fossil emblems. The booklet contains a description of each of these emblems. The numbat proudly features alongside the Kangaroo Paw, Whale Shark and Gogo Fish.



Design An Ad

Project Numbat has joined the Design An Ad Competition 2015 of The West Australian. Students from Primary and Secondary schools can choose to create an advertisement for Project Numbat based on our brief to draw attention to our organisation.

[Click here](#) to find more information on our website. Students can also download the logo of Project Numbat and some beautiful pictures of Numbats from our website.

Four winners will be chosen (2 Primary School students and 2 Secondary School students) and they will each receive a \$100 cash prize.

We look forward to seeing all the ads!

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How to find Numbats in the wild

Luck and patience: those are the key ingredients for anyone wanting to spot a numbat in the wild. According to experienced numbat spotter Sean Van Alphen, looking for numbats in WA can be compared to looking for a leopard in an African National Park: "It's out there and you have every chance of seeing one. But don't be disillusioned if for days you don't have a result." Here are the top five tips Sean wants to share with everyone deciding to try their luck and test their patience:

TIP 1: The Right Location

The two remaining wild populations of numbats are in Dryandra Woodland and Perup Nature Reserve. The Boyagin and Tutanning population is also good as the reserves are small, increasing your chances of a sighting.

TIP 2: The Right Habitat

The preferred numbat habitat in Dryandra is the Wandoo woodland. This habitat has lots of hollow log litter, providing shelter and food, as this is where termites abound. Because this habitat is fairly open, it improves your chances of spotting a numbat.

TIP 3: The Right Time

Numbats are active during the day, so you don't need flashlights to go and look for them at night! In winter, their active period is shorter because there is less daylight. In summer, they tend to rest



Photo: Tamara Wilkes-Jones

during the hottest time of the day, and then become active again until sunset.

TIP 4: The Right Weather

Numbats dislike rain, wind and cold weather and hide in their log on those days. Mild sunny days are more favourable as the termites are close to the surface then too. Luckily, this is also the type of weather preferred by us humans.

TIP 5: The Right Attitude

In addition to lots of patience, you have to use all your senses to spot a numbat: look around for signs of numbats, such as logs, scats, diggings. Listen around for rustles in the bush.

Although these tips don't guarantee a sighting, taking these tips into account will increase your chances of spotting a numbat in the wild. And if you do see one, let us know. Good luck!

New on our website: Gallery

Project Numbat is seeking images of numbats for our website Gallery. We know images of numbats especially in the wild can be difficult to take, as they don't often keep still for very long. However, whether you are a professional or amateur photographer, we would like to receive one of your numbat shots. Your numbat image may only display a few stripes behind a log like the one below, or may be of a numbat striking a pose! If you cannot take an image of a numbat in the wild then consider visiting the numbats in captivity located at the Perth Zoo, Healesville Sanctuary in Victoria or Taronga Zoo in Sydney. Please email us your image and let us know who took image, where and when.

We also want to celebrate numbat drawings and colouring ins of numbats from our young supporters on the website's Gallery too, just like Jacob's on our website last year. Create your own image or download a numbat craft sheet from the Kids section on our website and send it to us with your name, age a brief story about your picture.

We look forward to receiving lots of numbat pictures and drawings soon!

Wanted: New Homes for Numbat Art

Did you miss out on purchasing a unique piece of artwork during our exhibition in January? Do you know someone that would love a piece of artwork featuring our wonderful Numbat? Project Numbat still has some pieces for sale that would make an excellent gift for you or someone special. For details on the artworks for sale such as 'Wide World' by Wendy Binks, please visit our website and view the catalogue.

Project Numbat is also seeking galleries and cafes to assist selling these artworks, if you are interested, or know of a location in the south west of Western Australia then let us know.



Numbat art in Pemberton



Two pieces from our collection of Numbat Art are currently on display in the Pemberton Fine Woodcraft Gallery.

On your next visit to Pemberton, you can have a look at 'Shouldn't you be in bed?' by Hazel Howie and 'Numbat' by Sharon Wormleaton.

Both pieces are for sale. These two fine examples of Numbat Art will stay in Pemberton until June 1st.

Happy Numbat Art Owner

Committee member and website manager Gunther is proudly posing with his piece of numbat art. "I immediately fell in love with this piece by Wendy Binks. I was familiar with Wendy's work depicting kangaroos and emus, but when she donated this lovely numbat drawing for our art exhibition I was absolutely determined to buy it for our home!"

Are you the happy owner of a piece of numbat art? Let us know what you bought and why it is so special to you. We will publish your picture in our next newsletter!

Contact info@numbat.org.au.

