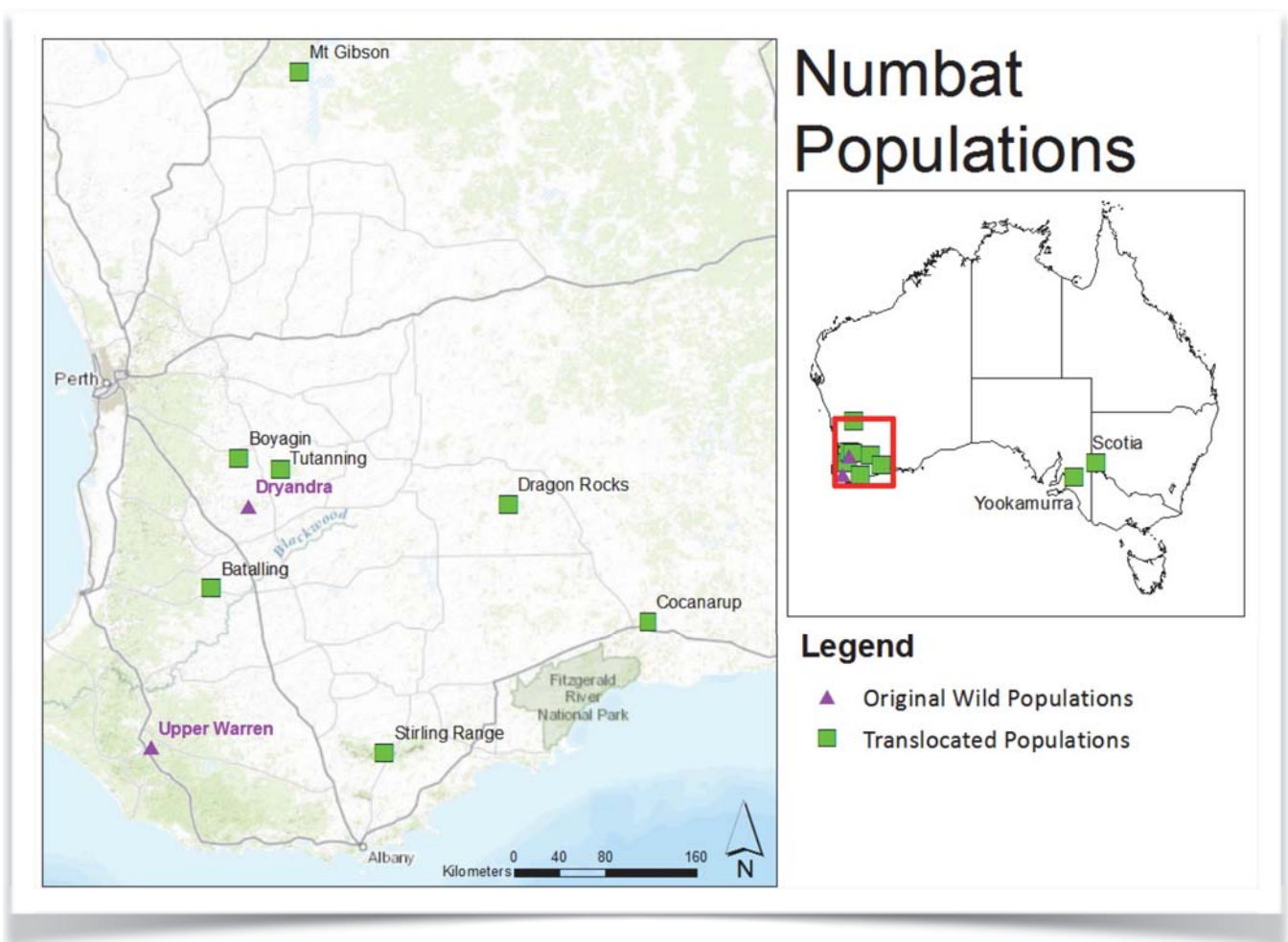


Welcome to the first Project Numbat Newsletter of 2016! We hope you had a great start to the year. Project Numbat is looking forward to a year with lots of exciting events. You will read more about those on page 5. Also in this edition, you will find an interesting read about locations where you can find Numbats. Would you like to contribute to Project Numbat, then why not consider joining our Committee: check out the last page!

## Welcome to Numbat Country!

Spotting a Numbat in its natural environment is a magical experience. It usually involves a bit of luck and a lot of patience, and of course you have to know where to go and look for them. The Numbat was once widespread across the southern part of Australia. Currently, there are two wild populations left, both in the South West of Western Australia. However, thanks to successful breeding and relocation programs by Perth Zoo and the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW), there are currently Numbat populations in nine more areas. (GDV)



*Map showing the current wild and reintroduced Numbat populations in Australia  
(Map by GDV based on Numbat Recovery Plan)*

## Original Wild Populations

### Dryandra Woodland (WA)

Dryandra Woodland near Narrogin is the largest area of remnant vegetation in the western Wheatbelt in Western Australia. It is 150 kilometres or a two-hour drive south east of Perth and is also home to many other native animals including Woylies, Tammar Wallabies, and the Malleefowl. In the draft Numbat Recovery Plan, the number of Numbats in Dryandra is estimated to be between 50 and 100 individuals. It is the most popular Numbat viewing area and has facilities to support day and overnight stays.

### Upper Warren (WA)

The Upper Warren region, 280 kilometres south-east of Perth, includes Tone Perup Nature Reserve, Greater Kingston National Park and the adjoining State Forest. It is estimated to contain over 100 Numbats.

## Translocated Populations

### Boyagin Nature Reserve (WA)

Numbats were first translocated from Dryandra Woodland to Boyagin Nature Reserve in 1986. The population estimate is between 50 and 100 Numbats and is self-sustaining.

### Yookamurra Sanctuary (SA)

Located near Sedan in South Australia, this fenced and feral predator free sanctuary was established by Earth Sanctuaries and is currently managed by Australian Wildlife Conservancy. Numbats from Dryandra were introduced to Yookamurra in 1993. Population estimate is less than 50 Numbats.

### Dragon Rocks Nature Reserve (WA)

Between 1995 and 1996, Numbats were translocated to Dragon Rocks Nature Reserve in the Eastern Wheatbelt. The population estimate is less than 50 individuals.

### Tutanning Nature Reserve

Tutanning Nature Reserve is located 45 kilometres north-east of Dryandra Woodland. Numbats were re-introduced in Tutanning between 1990 and 1996. The current population is estimated to be less than 50 animals.

### Scotia Sanctuary (NSW)

Scotia Sanctuary in New South Wales is close to the border with South Australia and was established by Earth Sanctuaries and later bought by Australian Wildlife Conservancy. Numbats have been translocated here since 1999. The estimate of the current population is over 100 individuals.

### Batalling (WA)

Between 1992 and 1995 Numbats were released in Batalling, a State Forest near Darkan. The current population estimate is 50 to 100 individuals.

### Cocanarup Timber Reserve (WA)

Between 2006 and 2009, Numbats were released in the Cocanarup Timber Reserve near Ravensthorpe. The current population size is not known.

### Stirling Range National Park (WA)

Numbats were translocated to Stirling Range National Park between 1998 and 2005. It is not known how many Numbats there currently are in Stirling Range National Park.

### Mt Gibson Wildlife Sanctuary (WA)

Mt Gibson is a feral-free area of 7,800 hectares, situated 350 kilometres north of Perth. It is home to a mammal reintroduction project by Australian Wildlife Conservancy. In January 2016, nine Numbats were translocated from Scotia Sanctuary to Mt Gibson.

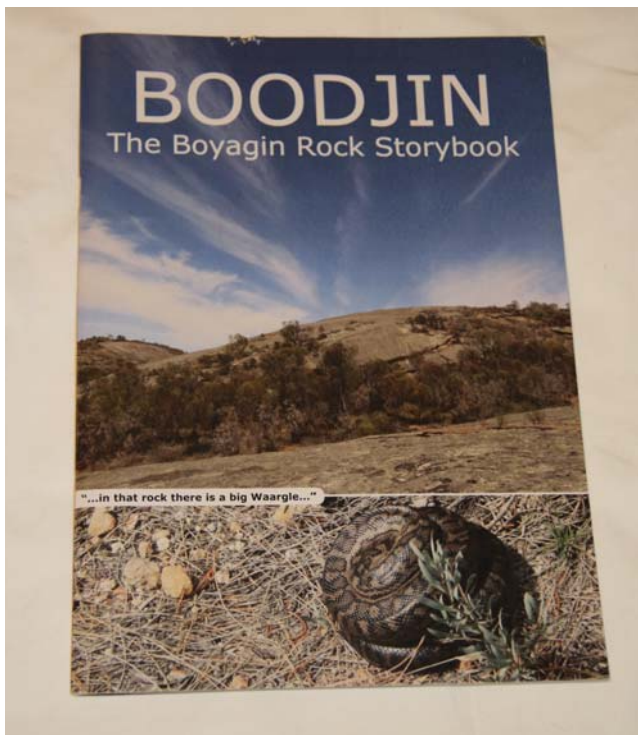
Since the 1990s, Numbats were also translocated to Karroun Hill Nature Reserve (WA), Karakamia Sanctuary (WA), the Mt Dale Area (WA) and Arid Recovery (SA) but there are currently no self-sustaining populations in those areas. **(Source: Numbat Recovery Plan)**

## Results from Dig Survey

In late November members of Project Numbat gathered for a weekend at Boyagin for the annual Numbat Dig Survey. Though the weather wasn't playing in our favour, the survey was a success. Compared to last year's results, the quantity of digs recorded on average was the same. We are already counting down to this year's survey, to be held mid-November. (TWJ)



## Must Read: Boodjin - the Boyagin Rock Storybook



We have mentioned it quite a bit in this Newsletter: Boyagin is a great place to spot Numbats in the wild. It is also the place where our annual dig survey was held. If you're keen to know more about this fascinating place, then the Boyagin Rock Storybook is a must-read.

This unique book showcases the Boyagin Nature Reserve near Brookton in the West Australian wheatbelt and importantly its significance to the local Noongar people.

The Noongar seasons, culture and stories are featured, along with the connection to the local flora and fauna. Boyagin Nature Reserve is 2,000 hectares in size and it is important habitat for the Numbat. After they became extinct in the area in the 1970's, they were successfully reintroduced in 1986 and 1987. (EM)

To get your own copy: contact Wheatbelt NRM in Northam on 9670 3100.  
or [info@wheatbeltnrm.org.au](mailto:info@wheatbeltnrm.org.au)

Read it online here:  
<http://www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/our-information/knowledge-hub>



## A special thank you to our supporters from ten little Numbats!



Mid-December, Project Numbat joined with DPAW, the Perth Zoo, the Threatened Species Commissioner, Numbat Task Force, Lions Dryandra Village Board and local Noongar landowners to release ten captive bred Numbats from Perth Zoo into the Dryandra Woodlands.

The Numbats were fitted with radio collars donated by our generous "Calls for Collars" supporters and additional funds will continue to be provided by Project Numbat to Dr. Tony Friend of DPAW to monitor their big adventure.

At the release, Dr. Friend thanked Project Numbat for our contribution of over \$58,000 to the recovery effort since 2007. These funds have been raised through generous donations, memberships and fundraising projects that would not be possible without our support.

Mr Gregory Andrews, the Threatened Species Commissioner, highlighted the importance of community involvement and collaboration between organisations in saving threatened species in the following quote: *"In the end we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught."* (Baba Dioum, 1968).



**Project Numbat members Chris, Amy and Lily together with Threatened Species Commissioner Gregory Andrews (second from left)**



It is only through people, such as yourselves, becoming involved and spreading the Numbat love that we can assure their survival.

On behalf of ten courageous little Numbats, a huge heartfelt thank you!  
(LM)



## Numby Needs you Now!

That's the title on flyers currently displayed at all 63 Australian Geographic stores. Until the end of February, Australian Geographic is raising funds for Project Numbat so we can fund research, raise awareness and monitor the Numbat's progress. And not only that: the latest edition of the Australian Geographic Magazine also features our wonderful Numbat. The article describes the fascinating habits of the Numbat and the tales of the Numbat Task Force and their

passion for spotting and photographing Numbats at Dryandra. You can view the article on the Australian Geographic website, or pick up a copy at a news agency. You have until the end of this month to donate through Australian Geographic. After that, your donations are welcome as always with Project Numbat. (EM)

<http://www.australiangeographic.com.au/society/fundraising/2016/01/numbats-need-you-now!>



## In the spotlight: kikki.K Charity Event

One of the main focus points of Project Numbat is raising funds support the Perth Zoo breeding program, monitor the Numbat's progress in the wild and raise awareness about the Numbat's plight. That's why this year again, you will find us at lots of events, setting up our stall to raise awareness and sell our merchandise. In addition to that, we are getting support from the Australian/Swedish stationery brand kikki.K. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, they will host a Charity Event at their Subiaco store and will donate 20% of the proceeds to Project Numbat. We invite all our members to bring their family and friends to this exclusive shopping event. This is an excellent opportunity to meet our Committee Members, our mascot Nurla, and learn more about the Numbat, whilst stocking up on stationery supplies and gift solutions. (EM)

Find out more about what kikki.K has to offer here:

[www.kikki-k.com](http://www.kikki-k.com)

### What?

Kikki.K Charity Event in support of Project Numbat

### When?

Thursday 17 March,  
5:30pm-7:30pm

### Where?

Kikki.K Subiaco, 19  
Rokeby Road, WA  
6008, Subiaco

## More events where you can find Project Numbat...

**Saturday 12 March:** Open Day The Learning Tree, Edgewater, 10am-1pm

**Thursday 17 March:** kikki.K Charity Event, 19 Rokeby Road, Subiaco, 05:30pm-07:30pm

**Saturday 19 March:** Burrendah Primary School Fair (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Willetton, 11am-3pm

**Sunday April 10:** Envirofest, Whiteman Park, 11am-4pm

**Saturday April 16:** Gateway Expo, Williams



## Your Chance to make a difference: Become a Project Numbat Committee Member!

If you are as interested and enthusiastic about the Numbats as we are, and you have some spare time on your hands, we would love for you to join us as a Committee Member. We have an exciting year ahead, and we can definitely use an extra pair of hands. Please contact us at [info@numbat.org](mailto:info@numbat.org) to express your interest or for more information. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

## New in our Online Gallery!



Check out these latest additions to our Numbat Gallery on our website. If you have spotted a Numbat - in the wild, in artwork, or even waiting for a train in Kelmscott - let us know! Send your pictures to [info@numbat.org](mailto:info@numbat.org) and we'll make sure to share them.



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