

Numbat News

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Welcome to the Project Numbat Newsletter! In this edition we're looking ahead at some fantastic events Project Numbat will be hosting – and where you as our member can help and volunteer! And we put the spotlight on amazing supporters who love the Numbat so much they decided to dedicate their time and effort to help raise funds and awareness. Enjoy your reading and we hope to welcome you soon at one of our events!



World Numbat Day Quiz Night

Spring is in the air! Around this time of year, inquisitive Numbat young start leaving the nest and exploring the wondrous world away from the burrow. Meanwhile here at Project Numbat, we have put our most inquisitive brains to work to devise a challenging and fun Quiz Night to celebrate this year's **World Numbat**

Day on Saturday 5th of November.

So gather a group of 8 friends and family members, and come join us for the World Numbat Day Quiz Night at Melville Bowling Club. Doors open at 6pm for a 7pm start. There will be a silent auction and games, and great prizes to win. How about a weekend at Dryandra Village, in the heart of Numbat country, for your whole team? Tickets are \$20 per person. We'll provide a licensed bar and you can bring your own nibbles. All proceeds of the night will go to Numbat conservation and awareness projects. **Get your tickets online at Eventbrite.com.**

How You Can Help

We already have a nice list of fantastic prizes and we can't wait to see your happy faces when you take them home. But the more the merrier. So if you own a business or know a business owner who'd like to sponsor the Quiz Night or provide prizes, please let us know!

A range of sponsorship categories are available that include the giving of funds and prizes for our silent auction. For more information click here to view in full what sponsorship is available. Your contribution will be recognised and promoted by Project Numbat and you will be able tell your customers about how you have supported us to raise funds and awareness of the Numbat.

We have a growing supporter base, over 4,000 social media followers and to date have contributed over \$70,000 to Numbat conservation activities. One of our sponsorship opportunities even includes an invitation to attend a Numbat release in December this year.

If you would like any further information please contact us at: info@numbat.org.au

Project Numbat Events Calendar

Sun 11 September: National Threatened Species Day, Kings Square, Fremantle

Wed 14 September: Kulunga Katitjin Festival, Kings Park, 9:30am-2pm

Tue 20 September: Annual General Meeting, Perth Zoo, 6pm **Sat 24 September:** Williams Markets, Albany Highway, Williams,

8:30am-1:30pm

Fri 30 September: Street Appeal, Perth CBD, Murray Street Mall, 7:30am-5pm

Sun 16 October: Wet Nose Day, Cat Haven, 23 Lemnos Street, Shenton Park,

10am-3pm

Sun 23 October: Family and Children's Services Expo, Whiteman Park,

10am-2pm

National Threatened Species Day

Project Numbat is hosting this year's National Threatened Species Day on Sunday 11th September at Kings Square, Fremantle (near the Town Hall). This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Numbat's plight, and about other unique but threatened species in WA.

We are joined this year by the Turtle Oblonga Rescue and Rehabilitation Network, Whiteman Park Woodland Reserve, Conservation Council WA, Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre and the Gilberts Potoroo Action Group.



Get your picture taken with Nurla, our cuddly mascot, and the Potoroo mascot Gilby. Find some great gifts at our stall. The kids can enjoy face painting, or get some great stickers and colouring sheets - all whilst supporting the good cause!

Street Appeal Fri 30 September Come Shake the Tin with Us!

Last year project Numbat's Street Appeal raised \$1,000. To help us do even better this year, your donation is very welcome. Even better: why not come and shake the tin with us? If you're free and interested, let us know: info@numbat.org.au

Annual General Meeting - Tue 20 September

Project Numbat's AGM will take place on Tuesday 20th September at 6pm at the Perth Zoo. All Project Numbat Members are invited to attend. This is also a great opportunity to become more actively involved in Project Numbat.

We are seeking members to become part of the committee and we believe that everyone has something to offer. We all bring our own expertise, time and of course a passion for the Numbat.

As a committee member you will need to hold a current membership, be available to attend monthly meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Perth Zoo from 5.30pm and access emails to keep up to date and provide input.

At the AGM all Project Numbat Committee positions will become vacant.

We will have four executive positions available: President, Vice President,

Treasurer and Secretary. We also have five committee positions available and as part of the team you may choose to become involved in any of the following:organise and attend events/fundraisers, write our quarterly newsletter, hold Numbat presentations, purchase and distribute merchandise, manage our website and social media, develop marketing materials, manage memberships,



chair meetings, assist our paid accountant, develop new projects and collaborations, take meeting minutes, create videos and be updated on the recovery and survival of the Numbat.

At the AGM, we will also be updating our Constitution. This can be viewed at numbat.org.au/AboutUs

We hope to welcome you at the AGM and as our new Committee Member. Please RSVP at info@numbat.org.au

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Volunteers in the Spotlight

Project Numbat is so very lucky to have some truly amazing supporters out there who truly go above and beyond to help raise awareness and funds to support the Numbat's plight. These stories reached us in the course of the last months, and they are too beautiful not to share!

On the road for the Numbat

In August Peta Burton, a 45 year-old photographer and writer from Darwin, accomplished yet another majestic feat: she walked all the way from Norseman (WA) to Ceduna (SA) across the Nullarbor: 1,200km in total. Why you may ask? To raise funds for the "four F's": Food, Fences, Furries and Footy. The Furries refer to the Numbat. Peta will contribute part of the funds she raises to Project Numbat's conservation projects. She was inspired by Project Numbat's work after reading the article that featured in the January edition of Australian Geographic Magazine. Having completed two other 1,000



km treks already, Peta's aim is to raise \$10,000 in total. You can still support her via her fundraising page: www.gofundme.com/nullarbor. Go Peta!



Numbat Love in Melbourne

Numbats inspire children all across the country – not just in WA. This is a story we received all the way from Lyndal Phillips in Melbourne:

"This is a picture of my daughter Imogen Phillips and her Numbat Sherbert.

Imogen recently researched the plight of Numbats for a school project. She has become very passionate about supporting these beautiful animals. Imogen and her wonderful teacher organised an expo on endangered animals, which parents and friends attended and where they contributed gold coin donations for Project Numbat." In total, they raised \$150!

A big Thank You to Imogen Phillips, Ms Opie

and Year 2 at Mentone Girls' Grammar School in Melbourne!

Possums and Numbats in Dunsborough

Deb Walker from Bunbury has been a passionate supporter of Project Numbat for a long time.

Since last year, she is the proud owner of one of the art works bought at our Art Exhibition in January 2015 (see picture right).

Deb has also participated in our many dig surveys. These Numbat digs help us determine their presence and abundance. Often Numbat scats are found too. "We always get very excited when we find Numbat poo!" she says. And she has been lucky enough to see Numbats in the wild too. "I saw my first Numbat before I got involved. And then we went out on a tracking survey with Tony Friend to track collared Numbats and we saw a mum and 4 babies. It was amazing



Deb Walker (left) and Yvette Adams



Deb noticed on Facebook that Project Numbat was seeking prizes and sponsors for our Quiz Night on 5th of November and offered two nights' accommodation at her holiday home: **Possum House in Dunsborough**. "We're lucky enough to have the Western Ringtail Possum in our backyard. My husband and I are involved in the Possum Centre at Dunsborough.

And we use our holiday accommodation as an opportunity to educate our visitors." But the Numbat holds a special place in Deb's heart:"It's the most amazing animal ever created."

Do you also have a Numbat love story to share?
We'd love to hear from you!
Send us your story us at info@numbat.org.au.