

Town of Port Hedland & Care for Hedland Sustainability News

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Get involved with turtle monitoring!

Care For Hedland recently held its annual theory and practical training sessions for the Flatback Turtle Monitoring Program which saw 50 residents in attendance.

If you missed out on these sessions, there is still an opportunity to join in, and we would love to hear from you. The program is open to all ages and experience levels, from children to adults. Training is delivered one-on-one on the beach, and each new volunteer is paired with an experienced volunteer or coordinator—so you'll never be on your own!



Volunteering is flexible and works around your work and personal schedule, whether it's one morning, weekends, or more regularly. You can participate as often as you'd like. So if you missed the initial sessions, there is still the opportunity to get involved!

Volunteers help collect data and track turtle activity, whilst having the opportunity to witness this annual experience!

For more information or to get involved, contact Morning Coordinator Jess Walker at 0459 474 639 or email turtle@careforhedland.org.au. Join us in protecting our local Flatback turtles!

Town proposes restrictions for cars and dogs on beaches

The Town of Port Hedland recently undertook a detailed community consultation process regarding proposed restrictions to vehicle and dog access on turtle nesting beaches.

Each year the Town finds evidence of numerous occurrences where vehicles have been driven recklessly near turtle nests, posing a high risk to the eggs.

Additionally, the frequent use of vehicles in these areas is taking a toll on the dunes and may result in foreshores becoming unsuitable for nesting to be undertaken.

The Town also is regularly made aware of people running dogs off lead on nesting beaches. These areas, for the most part, are on-leash areas only and dogs are recognised as posing another risk to nests and turtles.

The council will decide on the proposal at the next Ordinary Council Meeting in December.

The decision will be based on the feedback our community has provided, as well as the needs of the environment.

The consultation period was open for 21 days, with the information provided on the Town's Facebook, as a public notice in the North West Telegraph, in our monthly Town newsletter, and on our website.



The Town of Port Hedland will provide an update once the Council makes an informed decision. For further information on the proposals, scan here!



MONTHLY REPORTING METRICS
OCTOBER 2024

59.16
tonnes
kerbside recycling

442
tonnes
waste to landfill

6.24
tonnes
litter collected by TOPH staff and community volunteers

2178
kiloliters
recycled water usage

546
children
engaged in SI

1856
adults
engaged in SI

SI = Sustainability Initiatives
*Eligible containers