

WILVOS WILDLIFE WHISPERINGS

december 2010

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR WILVO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



As there is no new contact list with this newsletter, we would like you to make the following changes to your current contact list— that which is dated 14th October, 2010.

The next induction will be on Sunday 6th February 2011, and this will be followed by a newsletter and new contact list.

CHANGES TO CONTACT & PHONE LISTS: PLEASE DO THIS NOW!!!

Change details on your Contact List dated 14th October 2010 and on any other Phone Manuals or lists you have.

NO:	AREA	SUBURB	MEMBER	REMARKS
5	MAR	Bli Bli	Rosemary & Justin Dax	Remove from Contact List
6	NA	Yandina	Donna Anthony	Delete Landline ph no. from Contact List & on Front Page. Use Mobile 0413 861757.
391	R	Belli Park	Nalda Patterson	Remove from Contact List
596	MAR	Bli Bli	Nicky & Elly Anderson	Remove from Contact List
817	MAR	Tanawha	Wendy & Emeka Cavanagh	Add mobile no 0419 677618
831	MAR	Maroochydore	Phil Harrison & Evy Berger	Remove Phil's name. Change to Marsupials only.
831	R	Witta	Phil Harrison	Reptiles only.
922	MAR	Maroochydore	Julie Newton	Remove from Contact List
844	NO	PeregianBeach	Loretta & Gemma Lehman	Remove from Contact List
896	NO	Cooroy	Hugh & Tammy McGarry	Remove from Contact List
919	NA	Nambour	Lew Smith	Pick ups only

Please make these changes immediately on your lists. (Am I sounding repetitive?!?) We are coming up to an extremely busy time of year for people so we need our contact lists accurate. The next newsletter and contact list won't be out until February, so any new changes of your details will have to go through as notes to the phone roster volunteers until then.

When contacting Tammy McGarry for detail changes to the phone volunteers it is best to use email, as with Sylvia and Donna.

(In my case, email is always preferred method of contact, where possible. Otherwise the phone always rings as I am busy headlocking a feathertail glider or some such precarious activity!.....Donna)

WILVOS workshop calendar will be out with the February newsletter, but Dr Tim Portas is already booked to deliver a **Macropod Workshop for us on Sunday 27th March 2011.**

I have been looking forward to this workshop for a couple of years! We have people travelling large distances from other areas of Queensland, and interstate, to attend this workshop. This gives everyone plenty of time to organize themselves—no mean feat for macropod carers!

I asked Tim to supply a brief autobiography for the newsletter—as follows. Thank you, Tim!.....Donna

“I graduated from the University of Sydney in 1996 and worked for two and a half years in mixed practice before being employed as the veterinarian at Werribee Open Range Zoo.

Following two and a half years at Werribee I left and worked as a locum veterinarian for 10 months at a number of Australian zoos including Taronga Zoo, Healesville Sanctuary and Western Plains Zoo. In 2002 I started in a permanent role at Western Plains Zoo where I was able to pursue a number of my interests including macropod medicine, rhino medicine and hoofstock anaesthesia.

In 2008 I moved to Australia Zoo to take up the position of manager of veterinary services. Presently I provide a veterinary consultancy service to a number of zoos and see exotic pets on the Sunshine Coast.

I was admitted as a member to the Australian College of Veterinary Science in 2001 in the field of Zoo Medicine and have acted as an examiner for the College in Zoo Medicine and Australian Wildlife Medicine. I have published numerous scientific papers and co-authored the chapter on macropods in the textbook "Medicine of Australian Mammals". Field work for which I have provided veterinary support include anaesthesia of translocated Sumatran tigers for radio collar placement, reproductive evaluation of Sumatran rhinoceroses, and anaesthesia and health assessment of northern hairy nosed wombats.

*I am currently able to indulge my interest in macropod medicine at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve in the ACT where I am involved in providing veterinary care to the southern brush tailed rock wallaby and a collection of approximately 400 other macropods.”****

MACROPOD WORKSHOP PROGRAM 27TH MARCH 2011

Macropod taxonomy, anatomy and physiology 10am to 11am

15 minute break morning tea

Macropod handling and restraint 11.15am to 12.15

30 minute break lunch

Management of disease in the hand-reared joey 12.45pm to 1.45pm

15 minute break

Diseases of captive and free-ranging macropods 2.00 to 4pm

***Morning/Afternoon Tea Provided. BYO Lunch
Book on receipt of workshop calendar in***

**Native Bee Workshop 1-3pm 27th Feb 2011
See Workshop Calendar Feb 2011 newsletter.**



Amara, depositing her \$22, from sales of her drawings, in the WILVOS donation tin at the Nambour Collectorama.

Thank you to Tom for inviting us to this fundraiser and providing us with two wonderful raffle prizes. A handcrafted glass bowl by Tina Cooper and a painting by Brian Tisdale.

One of our junior members, Jennifer Alley, sold in excess of 100 tickets on the day! She is a treasure! Heather & Karl and helpers sizzled the sausages outside.

A BIG WELCOME TO VETERINARIAN DAVID BUSBY AT THE NEW SURGERY IN POMONA. HE AND HIS STAFF ARE VERY WILLING TO HELP WITH OUR INJURED AND ORPHANED WILDLIFE.

Don't forget to start saving for the National Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference to be held in Townsville in June 2012.

DO YOU NEED PRINTING DONE FOR XMAS??? Go to “TYPE ABOUT” in Currie St Nambour. They do a great job and are so patient with me always in panic mode with the printing of the newsletter!

THANK YOU TO MAX !!!

Those of you who have bought a “Max cage” for \$30 have appreciated just what a versatile ‘home’ this is for so many species. They will go down in WILVOS history as “Max cages”!

It takes approximately 4 hours to make each cage—and working with wire is not my idea of “fun”. Thank you to Max for doing this for WILVOS. It is most appreciated.

Bob Whiting also took on the job of making possum boxes, temporarily, until we found someone else! Now he has it down to such a fine art, it is easier to build them himself than take the time to show someone else. These boxes are also constructed meticulously—with Kev and Max always willing to help, and Sylvia wielding the paint brush of course.

Within a few days of the last 25 boxes being completed, 10 were handed out to carers.

Someone offered their sewing skills at the last workshop. Sorry, I've forgotten who! Could you email me so I can advise people....thanksDonna

Thank you to all those wonderful people who help Jane with the Eumundi carparking every five weeks....but it is always the same people! Jane and Alex did it themselves last time.

There are two shifts. 6am to 9am and 9am to 12 noon. Two people are rostered on each shift.

It is a fun, social occasion and even if you did it once a year, it would help Jane with her roster. There are ‘perks’ to this job. You get a good free park for your car, and you can go ‘marketing’ before or after your shift.

Come on—call Jane on 54728773 or email janelittle@gmail.com to ask her about this fun volunteering job.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE....DON'T contact Paul one week before Christmas and expect him to release your possums.

If possums need to be released before Christmas, email/call him by Saturday 4th December, 2011

Plastic carry baskets are available from Sylvia for a discounted price of \$12. It is good to line these inside with cotton material so birds can't get feet or beaks caught in the narrow slits.

If you pick up feathertail gliders, it is a good idea to put them into a small bag, tied at the top and then placed inside the basket....otherwise the small ones could find their way out those little openings!

When picking up wildlife, place relevant foliage inside the basket so it isn't too unfamiliar an environment. They are not going to be impressed with our pretty materials!

Hopefully, the number of debilitated shearwaters (muttonbirds) along the coastline have not turned people off wildlife caring forever. It is a tough time of year for these birds, and it is a ‘survival of the fittest’.

Fortunately, some carers were able to coordinate pickups with the rescue team from Australia Zoo, and this made it easier to cope with the number of calls coming through. Many thanks to this team.

IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE POSSUM WORKSHOP ON SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2010, and haven't heard from me by this Thursday 2nd December, please email donnalenoanethony@hotmail.com or phone on 0413 861757, in case there are changes to venue or times.

IF POSSIBLE, PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION FOR WORKSHOP CONFIRMATION (TO DONNA), AND FOR CONTACT LIST CHANGES (TO SYLVIA), IS BY EMAIL.

We do realize everyone isn't on email, and if so, you can phone us!!



Often we will have wildlife come in at this death's door stage...if we give it some wonder drug or one of Grandma's remedies, we think it has been the miracle treatment, but in actual fact it was probably the good old TLC.

Anyone who has been to Anne Fowler workshops will know the secret—warmth dark quiet and fluids.

This bandicoot is a perfect example. The vet considered euthanizing this bandicoot, understandably, because she looked like she was on her last gasp. Because she could see at least one pinkie in the pouch, the vet rang Sylvia, who took the bandicoot. Holding little hope she would last the night, Sylvia made her warm and comfortable.

By the next afternoon she was almost able to sit up, and was drinking more fluids, and within a few days she was eating solids, and while distracted with a bowl of food, I was able to take these photos.

It was a wonderful opportunity to observe the backward opening pouch and the youngsters movements....Donna

I was recently in the predicament of needing a plumber urgently and remembered Roslyn Leslie speaking of her son-in-law in this trade. Thank you to Brett Stiles at Pomona I was able to save losing hundreds of litres of water. So if you can't find an efficient prompt versatile plumber over Christmas, call Brett Stiles on 0413 100038 or our jack-of-all-trades Community Awareness lady Roslyn who will give you the details.!

I do have so much good 'info' sent to me for the newsletter, but some of it gets lost in my filing system! I am going to be more organized in 2011. (I hope!)Donna

WILVOS have some very special members out there. Tim McKew provided another prize recently to WILVOS of a day trip with "Noosa Safaris" - one of the top attractions in the Noosa area. This prize was won by Dylan—Leslie Ayling's (Better known as "Wild Thing" after the Christmas party!) son.

I must commend Tim also on the rescues that he does, with many and varied animals. In the case of the kangaroo caught in the fence, this saved an animal from unnecessary pain and suffering.

A call came through last year from a member of the public who actually allowed a joey to go back in the mother's pouch, with wire still attached to its leg. They then wondered if it would be alright?!? Fortunately the mother was able to be anaesthetized and both mother and joey treated.

Thanks to David Tullock of Nambour Home Hardware—Garden and Homewares at 36 Price St Nambour for the gold coin donations totaling \$67 at the store opening earlier in the year. It is most appreciated.

Thank you to Heather Parsons (“Caring for Australian Native Birds”) for the following weight chart for birds in the wild. Those of you have attended Dr Anne Fowler’s workshops will remember her advice to keep our own records of our bird weights, as they do vary from area to area, so we should have our own weight charts for this area also! There is a project for someone!

This weight chart is very helpful when an adult wild bird presents and we are unsure of what weight they should be. It can also help with identification of species. Please keep this chart for future reference.

WEIGHT RANGES OF SOME BIRDS IN THE WILD

Apostlebird 110–135 g	Figbird 110–135 g	Silvereye 12–15 g
Australasian Grebe 180–220 g	Galah 300–380 g	Singing Honeyeater 22–30 g
Australian Hobby (m) 150–250 g (f) 200–350 g	Great Egret 950–1100 g	Southern Boobook (m) 170–300 g (f) 190–360 g
Australian Kestrel (m) 120–200 g (f) 150–250 g	Grey Butcherbird 75–110 g	Speckled Warbler 13–14 g
Australian King Parrot 140–200 g	Grey Teal 350–450 g	Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater 40–50 g
Australian Magpie 260–320 g	Horsfield’s Bronze-Cuckoo 20–30 g	Spotted Pardalote 7–9 g
Australian Magpie Lark 85–130 g	Kelp Gull 680–1100 g	Striated Heron 225–275 g
Australian Owllet-nightjar 40–60 g	Laughing Kookaburra 350–460 g	Striated Pardalote 10–12 g
Australian Pelican 6–7.5 kg	Lewin’s Honeyeater 26–40 g	Superb Fairy-wren 8–10 g
Australian Raven 450–670 g	Little Black Cormorant 700–800 g	Tawny Frogmouth 370–430 g
Australian White Ibis 1550–1800 g	Little Crow 280–450 g	Torresian Crow 420–580 g
Australian Wood Duck 700–800 g	Little Eagle (m) 500–700 g (f) 800 to 1300 g	Variegated Fairy-wren 7–9 g
Azure Kingfisher 25–40 g	Little Friarbird 55–70 g	Wandering Whistling-duck 700–750 g
Barking Owl 425–510 g	Little Lorikeet 30–45 g	Wedge-tailed Eagle (m) 2–4 kg (f) 3.2–5.3 kg
Barn Owl 350–400 g	Little Penguin 900–1400 g	Welcome Swallow 10–20 g
Bar-shouldered Dove 120–160 g	Little Pied Cormorant 450–550 g	Whistling Kite (m) 600–750 g (f) 750–900 g
Black Swan 4–5 kg	Little Raven 360–600 g	White-bellied Sea Eagle (m) 2.7–3 kg (f) 2.7–3.9 kg
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike 100–150 g	Little Wattlebird 55–65 g	White-browed Scrub-wren 11–13 g
Black-shouldered Kite (m) 200–310 g (f) 250–350 g	Masked Lapwing 350–385 g	White-eared Honeyeater 15–29 g
Blue-faced Honeyeater 100–160 g	Nankeen Night Heron 540–850 g	White-faced Heron 500–600 g
Brown Falcon (m) 400–550 g (f) 550–750 g	Noisy Friarbird 100–130 g	White-headed Pigeon 450–500 g
Brown Goshawk (m) 230–375 g (f) 470–700 g	Noisy Miner 50–80 g	White-plumed Honeyeater 16–22 g
Brown Thornbill 6–8 g	Olive-backed Oriole 80–110 g	White-throated Nightjar 150–220 g
Brown Treecreeper 30–35 g	Pacific Black Duck 900–1100 g	White-winged Chough 320–370 g
Budgerigar 25–35 g	Pacific Gull 925–1500 g	Willy Wagtail 17–22 g
Cattle Egret 280–350 g	Pallid Cuckoo 80–90 g	Wonga Pigeon 200–300 g
Channel-billed Cuckoo 600–650 g	Peaceful Dove 45–60 g	Yellow-faced Honeyeater 13–23 g
Chestnut Teal 500–650 g	Peregrine Falcon (m) 510–670 g (f) 700–950 g	Yellow-throated Miner 50–90 g
Collared Sparrowhawk (m) 130–190 g (f) 210–280 g	Pied Butcherbird 120–160 g	
Common Bronzewing 250–400 g	Pied Currawong 270–320 g	
Common Koel 200–240 g	Powerful Owl (m) 1.1–1.7 kg (f) 1.0–1.6 kg	
Crested Pigeon 150–200 g	Purple Swamphen 600–700 g	
Crested Tern 200–400 g	Rainbow Lorikeet 100–150 g	
Crimson Rosella 120–165 g	Red Wattlebird 115–145 g	
Diamond Dove 25–35 g	Red-browed Finch 8–13 g	
Dusky Moorhen 500–600 g	Red-rumped Parrot 55–70 g	
Eastern Rosella 90–130 g	Redthroat 11–13 g	
Fan-tailed Cuckoo 45–65 g	Sacred Kingfisher 40–50 g	
	Satin Bowerbird 180–225 g	
	Scaly-breasted Lorikeet 70–90 g	
	Silver Gull 300–350 g	

Note the huge weight variability in the migratory waders, equating to arrival and departure weights. Birds released close to their departure dates should be in the upper weight range.

Bar-tailed Godwit 165–630 g
 Eastern Curlew 610–1200 g
 Great Knot 90–310 g
 Latham’s Snipe 75–200 g
 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper 40–110 g
 Whimbrel 310–520 g

“We are what we do — not what we think and feel” - Dave Robicheaux.

Wildlife Volunteers Association Inc. Management Team 2010/11

***** Please try to direct your calls to the relevant people when making enquiries *****

This list helps to guide people in the right direction for help and advice, as well as showing activities with which you may be able to help.

If you can help in any way, please contact the relevant people...they always need help in some way!

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(If you can't do your rostered phone time—either swap or find someone else to do the shift. In other words—PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE....ORGANIZE IT YOURSELF! When you have changed your rostered times—advise the person before you on the roster so they know who to switch to, advise your replacement on who they should switch to, and advise Rosemary on 54 485 215 for her records.)

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(Donna is still waiting for someone to take on the Workshop co-ordinators job. Any hands up??? The calendar is organized till Easter 2011.)

When people join WILVOS it is, hopefully, because they care about all our Australian native wildlife. It is not just about caring for cute cuddly animals. We have a responsibility to pick up **ALL** wildlife, as soon as possible, from vets or members of the public. You can then immediately notify the relevant Co-ordinators, and they will be able to tell you who can take the particular injured/orphaned wildlife.

It is imperative that we get the birds/marsupials/reptiles out of a stressful situation and into a protected environments until a carer can be organized.

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A 'rescued' echidna should always be returned close to the area it was found, because echidnas have home ranges and a good sense of orientation (Rismiller and McKelvey 1995). Between August and March a displaced lactating female will travel great distances to get back to her burrow young. (Peggy Rismiller NWRC 2010) (So taking an echidna from a suburban backyard to a forest is **NOT** a good idea!)

Those who were fortunate enough to hear Peggy Rismiller at our WILVOS workshop last year will remember that these animals are so special, with many distinctive traits.



Don't forget to keep your native food receipts and when you spend more than \$100 in a 3 month period, post them in for the subsidy. Of course, you have to be up-to-date with your fauna returns for this.

Thank you to the incredibly generous Social Dance Club for funding this subsidy....and thank you to the amazing Rosemary Dax and her band of helpers. You all put so much work into this fundraiser to benefit our fellow WILVO members.