



## MEMBERSHIP TIME AGAIN

Membership renewal invoices will be sent out soon. All memberships and permits expire on 30th June, 2011.



- Please **EVERYONE** return the form as soon as possible, with payment of \$15. This fee has stayed the same since the fifteenth day of December, 1993—the date of WILVOS Incorporation.
- **REPEATING!** Please return the form. Please highlight any changes to phone numbers, postal or email addresses.
- If you do not wish to renew, (then you will miss out on this **AMAZING** newsletter, and subsidized workshops!), please return the form with a note cancelling membership. This saves Sylvia many phone calls.

*I think this issue is a tribute to possums, with all their present hardships. I have so many delightful possum photos to put in it.....Donna*

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!  
VISIT WILVOS ON FACEBOOK!**

**O**ur thanks and never-ending gratitude to Karl Gallant for all the work he has done in getting our new website up and running. Please visit the website and see how you can utilize it. It is very user-friendly, already showing its worth.

There is always something to do in organizations such as WILVOS and it has been great that Karl has done everything in organizing this website, from successfully applying for a grant, finding a web designer and getting it all operational.

WILVOS also now have a Facebook page. I am not suffering from some obsessive repetitive disorder in repeating the reminders so often! Karl has given us strict instructions to get the word out there so everyone checks out our new WILVOS website and visits Facebook. So, to stop him nagging, you are going to find constant reminders!

The newsletters do look great in colour! Eventually printing and postage will be minimized but that is another major project!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**—Please call Rosemary 54 754455 if you can help.....please?  
29th May Garden Expo Beerwah  
4th June Collectorama Nambour...the last 2 have been such fun with Gordon Brown at our WILVOS stall. Thanks to Laurie & Tom Wall!  
5th June World Environment Day  
26th June Noosa Festival of the Waters  
9th July BBQ Officeworks Maroochydore

We would all like to say a big 'thank you' to QUIHN who held the fund-raising day for WILVOS at the Cotton Tree Park. So much work was put in by Laurie Perkins and her helpers at QUIHN to arrange this day. Entertainment and media coverage was organized, even lollies bagged up by the score, and a fun day was had by all.

Thanks too must go to the regular band of WILVO helpers, whose time is always in short supply but they still make the effort to get out there and man stalls and sell raffle tickets.

Anyone who can help out at these functions, please call Rosemary on 54 754455 so she can keep you in mind for any future events.

**THROW OUT THOSE OLD CONTACT LISTS AND JUST KEEP THE ONE ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER.**

People do not appreciate getting wildlife calls when they have been off the contact list for six months!

,,,and I **DO NOT** have a landline, so you have to text, email or phone me on mobile.....Donna



I have shrunk this photo by Vanessa or Claire for obvious reasons. Not a pretty sight.

This was a truly upsetting sight when Vanessa and Claire were called to pick up this possum. Though the caller said that the possum looked like it had dermatitis— they did not expect this.

Regardless of the fact that this animal was still very feisty and so diseased looking, the very kind gentleman caught it and put it in a box and called the WILVOS hotline.

It amazes me that animals can still be alive when they are in such a dreadful state. Their instincts to survive and their attempts to hide their weaknesses from predators is incredible.

It is the best rescue possible when an animal like this can be euthanased as quickly as possible, and released from unimaginable pain and suffering in the wild.

# EUMUNDI MARKETS CAR MARSHALLING



Jane Little so kindly offered to take on the role of co-ordinating this fundraising venture.

She has had some wonderful, though few, regular helpers, who she would like to thank -

**Irene and Steve Dixon, Kendall Snowdon and Rae Stephen..** Unfortunately for us, but lovely

for them, Irene and Steve are going to go travelling around Australia until the end of August. This leaves Jane in a real predicament and sadly there was absolutely no response to my last pleas for help with the carparking in May. Just 1 or 2 more volunteers would help.

Jane did the May Wednesday 6am to 9am shift with her daughter, meaning Ginger would be late for school but they were determined to maintain WILVOS on this roster. I for one really appreciate what they do. Ginger, you are a very treasured young WILVO!

There was still no-one to help Kendall in the 9am to 12 noon shift. After many phone calls, Rae Steven graciously agreed to join Kendall for the second shift. I heaved a sigh of relief as I did have prior commitments for the day, that were changing by the minute, and wasn't very excited about the prospect of forgoing them because no-one else was available for the time needed.

WILVOS are only rostered on every six weeks so it is pretty tragic that people can't find the time to do even one three-hour shift a year.

Come on, grab a friend and have a fun few hours at the markets.

According to Jane....

*"Its a fun and easy gig, you get a Rockstar park for yourself and a chance to peruse the markets before/after your stint of helping. And it guarantees Wilvos a good chunk of money for our cause!"*

Call Jane on 54 728773 or email  
[janelittle@gmail.com](mailto:janelittle@gmail.com)

If you can help out occasionally on a  
Wednesday morning.

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**MUTTON BIRD (Short-tailed shearwater) ALERT TO ALL PHONE VOLUNEERS AND CARERS**

Jackie would like to make carers and phone people aware that from May to June the shearwaters could come into care. However Jackie would like to point out that these birds are not chicks, even though some may have downy feathers. These birds are fledglings and are on migration from islands off the coasts of NZ and Tasmania, flying to the Arctic Oceans.

Shearwaters spend their whole life at sea, except when breeding. Therefore they require specialized caring and to minimize damage to these birds they should not be kept in care longer than four days. Otherwise they are at risk of getting feet and keel sores as well as deterioration of wing muscles. If any of these birds come into care, please phone Jackie on 54487680 for further information."



Short-tailed shearwater. Photo: Sunshine Coast Daily.

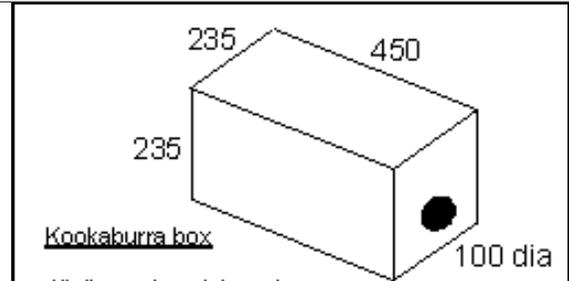
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**YES..we need shelter too!**

Photo: Tammy McGarry. Taken in those wet months.

Kookaburras like about 5cm of well-drained mulch in the bottom of the box. Note that the entrance hole is low down so the little birds can defecate outside the nest, as they like to do.



Kookaburra box

All dimensions internal.

Needs:

- drainage holes
- base of entrance 25 above floor
- well-draining mulch

[www.ozbox.net.au](http://www.ozbox.net.au)

**H**ere is a good design for a kookaburra box for these birds, who like all our wildlife, are struggling in their search for homes. Recently the old Yandina Speedway site was relentlessly cleared and it was tragic to see all the kookaburras flying around in the days following, and the possums killed on the road as they went in search of new habitat. Thank you, Anita, for calling me about this. People **do** care!

Those trees didn't all have to be taken out. It makes me so angry to see the total lack of consideration and respect for our wildlife. Are these developers asked to leave some bushland, or provide nestboxes for the displaced mammals and birds? **NO, WILVOS** get the calls about the distressed wildlife. I thought more environmental decisions were to be made in regards to development. I only see token gestures!.....Donna



**Seven dwarfs at dinnertime??? That is a full house, Heather!**

TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN!@#

Anyone ready for some fisticuffs ???

**W**ILVOS purchased humidicribs to loan out and they do make life much easier for carers of pinkies and very small marsupials and birds.

It would be appreciated if these were looked after and kept in the condition in which they were received. Already one has pieces missing, so it is more work and expense for someone chasing up parts.

Instructions and F10 sterilizing equipment will be provided and it expected that the machines and filters be kept clean.

The Brinsea's are all to be returned to Sylvia for maintenance checks and will then be reallocated as people need them. **They are to be returned to Sylvia by the person who has it on loan.** The Brinsea can then be signed off, and signed on again by the new carer borrowing the equipment.

They are not to be handled directly onto another carer. They need to be checked after each use.

**Please phone Sylvia and arrange to return Brinseas to her immediately.**



End of July 2010

THIS COMMON BRUSHTAIL "DR DEREK" IS NOW READY FOR RELEASE. SORRY, NO RECENT PHOTOS!



November '10

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Thanks for these explanations, Heather. We do have some humorous interpretations from carers!

Abbreviation	Meaning
<i>bid</i>	twice daily
<i>tid</i>	three times daily
<i>qid</i>	four times daily
<i>BAR</i>	bright, alert, responsive
<i>NAD</i>	no abnormalities detected
<i>QAR</i>	quiet, alert, responsive
<i>mm</i>	mucous membranes ie: gums
<i># or Fx</i>	Fracture
<i>Hx</i>	history
<i>Rx</i>	prescription
<i>SC, SQ, sub cut</i>	Sub cutaneous injection (just under the skin)
<i>IM</i>	Intra Muscular injection (into the muscle)
<i>IV</i>	Intravenous (into a vein)
<i>inj</i>	Injectable or injection
<i>OTC</i>	over the counter (ie: nilstat...product not requiring a prescription)
<i>wt</i>	weight
<i>HBC</i>	hit by car
<i>NSAID</i>	non steroidal anti inflammatory drug (ie: metacam)



Oh, what cute little flycatchers!



## GYM FOR CLAIRE'S POSSUMS

After hearing of the great deal that Garden Shed World at Kunda Park were giving WILVO members. Claire Smith purchased this aviary and set it up beautifully.

Claire was so impressed with her work, she is now having a bigger flight aviary (or 2) built. Go Claire!

If anyone wants to purchase an aviary from Garden Shed World, please phone Donna on 0413 861757. so a bulk order can be organized. For these special prices, Garden Shed World would like a bulk order —not individual orders.

These aviaries are great value, with a full height door:

3.0X1.5X1.8H \$480  
1.5X1.0X1.8H \$355



Those who ordered more of the car carrying bags. (\$20) - of course I have lost the list!

We now have some more made, so please contact me and I will bring along to our next workshop on Sunday, June 19th.

These bags are invaluable. They are great to hang over the back of the car seat with your rescue equipment inside, and they are perfect for carrying all wildlife.

I have carried echidnas, possums, macropods and birds in mine. When I didn't tie it off correctly, the snake did escape!

Can't win 'em all.....Donna

**RECOMMENDED READING:** Buy, or borrow from your local library. Fairhill Nursery at Yandina has a great range of wildlife books for sale.

**“WILDLIFE OF GREATER BRISBANE”** A QUEENSLAND MUSEUM WILD GUIDE 2007 Edition.

Good for reading about the different rats and mice that may cross our paths. Study up on it when you have a spare few minutes, because when you need the information from books, there is never enough time!

### **NOTE FOR “HOTTIES” - (Our endearing term for our treasured phone roster volunteers!)**

Please instruct the member of the public to place a washing basket over the injured bird, and place a heavy object on top of the basket, if need be, to hold it down. This is important to keep the bird confined, and to protect it from being attacked. A towel should be used to scoop the bird up to place it in a box, but a towel draped over a bird won't contain it until we rescuers arrive.



Many calls are for birds that have hit a window. Many times wildlife carers will drive all the way to the site and upon approaching the bird, adrenalin kicks in and it takes off, only to suffer a horrible death in the wild. Window collisions cause all sorts of injuries and sometimes a few hours rest will do, but most of the time they need medical attention. Dislocated shoulders often go unnoticed..... Inez Duiker



**Nooooooooooooo.....don't ask me to babysit your possums!**

Sylvia went on a month's holiday and entrusted the beautiful Lulu to my care. How difficult could that be.....a robust 1 kg common brushtail possum in a comfortable 3m X 1.5m aviary.

After getting up early one morning and planting out some native shrubs in my garden, I had time to 'defoliate' Lulu's aviary before breakfast. Imagine my horror when I went to the aviary and this gorgeous girl was laying out on the ground—looking very dead!

Panic stations! I put her in a bag and tried to see if she was interested in lapping some charcoal powder and water—the only thing I could think of was toxins. No, Lulu wasn't up to lapping anything so a quick call to the vet's to check they were there on Sunday morning—of course it is always midnight or the weekend when animals get sick! - and we were charging off to the vets.

After a day of thorough investigation and tests, the fluids restored some life to the poor possum, but there was still no grip or reflex in the paws or tail. Made comfortable in wallaby bags, in one of the magic car carrying bags suspended from a chair, and surrounded by warmth, Lulu still looked very close to 'possum heaven'. She drank well and peed (everywhere uncontrollably!) every few hours. The only food she would take was tiny bits of mashed banana on a small plastic teaspoon. At this stage I didn't care what she ate as long as she was interested in some form of food, other than my witches brew of vytrate, charcoal, protexin! She could have been well rehydrated with the copious amounts of tears flowing over her!

Late the next afternoon there was movement—I was a mental and physical wreck by then. I couldn't believe it when Lulu sat up in the bag, showed interest in foliage and even had some 'grip' in her tail and legs.

Progress was slow but sure, and hopefully Lulu will return to her old self very soon.

I was never so happy to see Sylvia as on her return!....Donna

**D**on't take our food subsidy for granted. It is thanks to incredibly hard work by a few people that this project is in place. We are hoping to cater for another Suncoast Social Dance Club dance in coming months so we can continue this subsidy. See attached carer's information sheet for eligibility.

**NEW MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO BECOME ACTIVE CARERS.....**

**The next induction and new carers workshop will be on Sunday 17th July. Please contact Sylvia on 54 467760 for new memberships/induction workshops.**

**Welcome to our new members who joined on the 15th May. I am sure you will enjoy a long and productive association with WILVOS.**

**If you can contribute in any way, your input will be welcome. Rosemary is always looking for helpers at stalls and there are always administrative jobs to be done..such as fauna inputting or phone roster co-ordinating. Ring Sylvia if you can help in these ways.**

**T**he dates for the next Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference have been confirmed for 16th to 20th July, 2012 in Townsville. This allows plenty of time for saving and checking out cheap flights.

Don't miss the opportunity of attending one of these conferences being held in our own state.

The old NWRC website is replaced with the **Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference** website. Look at the papers from past conferences. They are well worth reading and absorbing.

**C**heck out the Queensland Wildlife Rehabilitation Council's website for annual membership details.. \$20 for 1st January to 31st December. This membership includes extensive insurance cover. Details on website.

**T**he internet can be a good source of information but for an inexperienced wildlife carer, it can be scary! I am forever being told about what carers have found on the internet... ie "a possum cannot hold its own weight while hanging by its tail" - well I have these weird possums that insist on hanging from branches by their tail!

There are great papers written by wildlife vets, so stick to reliable sources. "Pain Relief in Native Animals" by Dr Anne Fowler, BSc (Vet) (Hons), VSc, MACVS (Avian Health) is well worth the reading. All those letters mean there is some experience behind the statements!



# 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...all help is welcome!*

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(Please call Jane if you can help out with this. It is fun, and you get good parking at the markets!)

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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 754455 for her records.)**

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If you have wildlife in care from the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital please advise them of the status of the animals. They need to record these statistics, and they like to know the result of treatment.

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!** Use that discussion board!  
**VISIT WILVOS ON FACEBOOK!** Just click on the Facebook icon on the website to view. For input you will have to sign up to Facebook. If you can't do something—'google' it! Carers can get interaction without needing to use the telephone.  
If you need advise—ask, and ask again, but ask the right people. Phone immediately if urgent. Procrastination often results in the death of wildlife. Don't wait till after hours, and then expect another carer to work miracles, or run your injured wildlife to a wildlife hospital.

**A** number of interested wildlife rehabilitators attended the information night re the DERM/RSPCA partnership for future wildlife care.

A new draft Code of Practice will be on the DERM website and they encourage input from all. Please read the draft and have some input before the closing date. There will be a twelve month trial with this partnership to see what the results are. Fortunately WILVOS cover a huge area with our 24 hour hotline, but not all areas of Queensland are so lucky. The 1300 ANIMAL number is hopefully going to help wildlife to get 'immediate' care, especially in the more isolated areas. It will not affect our hotline— that will all remain the same.

The crux of the matter is the response to phone calls. No-one wants to sit on a mobile phone for 20 minutes waiting for a response so the 1300ANIMAL number has to cut down on response time to make it work.

Anything that may help our wildlife is worth a try. There is a lot of information and misinformation out there.

**BE POSITIVE AND GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS**

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**If you don't know what to do— 'google' it. I even do that as a spell check!...but if that doesn't help you...then email [webadmin@wilvos.org.au](mailto:webadmin@wilvos.org.au) and an invisible web guru will answer all your questions about our WILVOS website and facebook pages!**

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ABLE TO DESIGN  
YOUR OWN BIN  
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**THIS IS OFF THE  
BRIGHTSTARKIDS  
SITE, BUT THERE  
ARE PLENY OF  
SITES OUT THERE  
NOW FOR BIN  
STICKERS....Donna**

### **WORKSHOPS**

Great to see nearly 70 attendees at the Tim Portas Macropod workshop—from as far away as Charleville, Cairns and northern New South Wales. Tim has so much knowledge and experience and presents it so well.

I had so many emails to say 'thank you' afterwards. These are such good networking events also. Don't miss Martin Fingland's (Australian Wildlife Presentations) workshop on 19th June. He is well known for his knowledge and the amazing wildlife he brings along whether it be the adorable wombat or dunnarts or anything in between!

