

# WILVOS WILDLIFE WHISPERINGS

JULY 2011

## FAUNA & TELEPHONE RETURNS

I hope everyone has returned these, so that the end of the year reports can be finalized for the WILVOS Annual Report. These statistics are so important for future of our wildlife and our environment, along with providing information in new developments, roads, and in accessing suitable grants.



Please ask for WILVOS brochures, fridge magnets and car stickers when you come to workshops. We always have a supply there.

It is a good idea to hand out brochures and fridge magnets when you go for a rescue/pick up of native animals.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO SYLVIA WHITING (OAM)

Name: WHITING, Sylvia Joyce

Award: [Medal of the Order of Australia](#)

Post-nominal: OAM Date granted: 13 June 2011

State: Qld Suburb: Yandina Postcode: 4561 Country: Australia

Citation: For service to animal conservation through the Wildlife Volunteers Association.

WILVOS ARE ALL  
VERY PROUD OF  
THIS LADY!



Sylvia tasting bush tucker on Kangaroo Is.

Well, we all now have to bow and curtsy to our amazing Chairperson Sylvia Whiting OAM ! This is a truly well-deserved award. Sylvia is the backbone of WILVOS and has been there 'from the word go'. She has been through the tough times when we didn't know how we were going to meet the costs of the hotline and the newsletter, has been there through the sad times when we have lost fellow-wildlife carers and friends, and has always been there to help our wildlife.

The hands-on caring side is the 'easy' part when one has a passion for wildlife, but taking on the administration tasks involved is a major but very necessary burden. Sylvia is always knee-deep in both wildlife and paperwork!

## WILVOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 28th August 2011 - 10.30 to 12.30—Venue & times to be confirmed on booking

This is the day of the year when all positions on the Management Team become vacant. We would encourage everyone to fill in the nomination forms included in this newsletter. All help gratefully accepted!

Being involved in a wildlife volunteer group should not just be about caring for our wildlife—ultimately it should also involve helping out with the multitude of tasks that must be performed if the organization is to attain maximum benefit to our wildlife and to the whole environment.

We hope you can all come along to the AGM as it is a good time to socialize with other members.

Please RSVP To Heather by 14th August.

Please return Proxy/Nomination Forms and Workshop forms to the WILVOS PO Box asap.

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[www.wilvos.org.au](http://www.wilvos.org.au) DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR LIVE CHAT & DISCUSSION BOARD ON THE WEBSITE.

**ANOTHER MEMORABLE WORKSHOP**

Thank YOU all for the feedback. Unfortunately, attendance of just over thirty was less than I would expect from (100+) wildlife carers. I can never quite comprehend how people supposedly interested in caring for wildlife can't make the effort to attend workshops.

It is always good to see members and non-members who appreciate the quality of the amazing workshops provided at subsidized cost to all WILVO members. It was good to see the interest displayed by the young members at the workshop.

Martin Fingland's workshop was a special presentation. We were very privileged to be able to access this information and see the incredible range of animals. My favourite had to be that quoll also, along with the fat-tailed dunnart.

Being a WILVO means more than just caring for wildlife—it means understanding and learning about all aspects of our Australian native wildlife and their ever-changing habitat.....Donna

*To whom it may concern:*

*Thank you so much. I joined WILVOS because of their workshops and the high regard in which the organization is held.*

*After attending Dr Tim Portas' workshop on macropods, and the Martin Fingland (Geckoes Wildlife Presentations) workshop, I am not disappointed.*

*It is the closest I personally have ever been to a quoll. Martin had an incredible variety of animals with him at the workshop, many of which I have never seen before.*

*I have attended Martin's workshops before but he always surprises me with new information. He seems to tailor his talks to the audience.*

*I am a very proud member of WILVOS and I include my cheque for membership for another exciting year. My kind regards, E.....*

*Yes we couldn't stop talking about the workshop on the way home and the buzzing feeling of sheer joy it left us with. Thanks all C.....*

*Thank you so very much for the best workshop I have ever attended. I am in awe of Martin and his wonderful furry friends. I will remember this workshop for the rest of my life.*

*Thanks again WILVOS chow Z...*



*Thank you to Kathy Earsman, for the great photos.*

## “Legless” Lizard

Last week we came across two specimens of a common but not often seen “legless” skink (*Anomalopus verreauxii*). Both were dead – one drowned in a swimming pool and the other was the victim of an unrestrained cat.

This species is not truly legless (others in the genus *Anomalopus* are): they do actually have four legs. The forelimbs are only 6 – 7 mm long and difficult to see when laid along the body. But with a good lens 3 tiny claws are visible. The hind limbs are equally small clawless stumps.

These medium size lizards, growing to about 300 mm total length, are quite secretive and around here their habitat is under logs, leaf mould and compost heaps where they also lay their eggs. When they emerge from hiding, because of their almost useless legs, they move rather like small snakes, which is often their undoing.

Besides natural predators like other reptiles and birds, and traps like swimming pools, they have to contend with introduced species and fall easy prey to domestic cats who “would never kill anything”. Another danger is the unthinking, but common, human reaction to kill anything that looks and moves snake-like, no matter how harmless, rather than giving our wildlife a second look and a chance to live.

*Anomalopus verreauxii* (meaning something like “unusual foot” and named after the French naturalist Verreaux) can be identified by the brown body colour with a greyish-white collar behind the darker head but could also be confused with the small White-Crowned Snake found in the same habitat. Their range is SE Queensland up to about Mackay and down into northern NSW.....Kon Hepers (Verriedale)



...and once again the Dept of Environment and Resource Management have given Wildlife Volunteers Association Inc a permit to rehabilitate wildlife for another three years.

Please note that our individual members' permits must be renewed each year.

The rules for permits will be enforced by D.E.R.M. and it is a requirement of our individual permits that we attend at least two workshops a year. As an organization, WILVOS expect those on the carers to attend all workshops where possible.

Details of workshop attendance will be provided, on request, to D.E.R.M. While holding these permits we must show that we are willing to keep up to date with new knowledge in care practices. It is not enough to just keep an animal alive—we have to give it the highest quality of care in preparation for a successful return to the wild.

### MILK FORMULA & FOOD

For Milk Powder, Teats, and Bottles, for possums and macropods, and for our specially designed car carry bags, which can be used for all species:

Email Donna at [newsletter@wilvos.org.au](mailto:newsletter@wilvos.org.au) or phone Donna at 0413 861757.

The best food we can give our animals is that which they would be eating in the wild.

**SUPPLEMENTS ARE JUST THAT**

Don't forget there has been a date change for Anne Moran's vegetation ID workshop. It is now the 31st July Sunday 10am to 12noon.

Anne will have her booklets there for \$5 (these usually retail for \$10 in the shops). Ann has the greatest method for identifying the different species. Bring along any plants you would like identified. It makes it much easier if you have the leaf, along with the bark, flowers, seed-pod, or fruit where possible. Book with Heather.

Don't overlook the obvious when looking for solutions to weak animals. Sometimes, with birds especially, it can just be that they are starving. If they are noisy, they are probably hungry. If they make no noise, then they may be too weak from hunger!

The recovery efforts for the mahogany glider, by Wildlife Queensland and its partners, following Cyclone Yasi, are continuing. WILVOS were glad to be able to donate to this worthy cause, along with Rainforest Rescue's 'Save the Cassowary' project. It is hoped that this summer's weather will be kinder to our wildlife across the country.



As we are told that crickets are nutritious for our wildlife, I decided to become a cricket farmer! There was some interesting help on websites, and I found they really do like the warmth. On the outside of their container I put a wine cask bladder of warm water and they always 'snuggle up' in that area. It is also an easy way to 'muster' them to do a headcount!!! They assemble near the warmth. They are supposed to grow faster if they are warm. I seem to have more males than females so I hope the males don't start fighting and killing each other off. Maybe not as easy as mealworms to farm, but worth it for the extra nutrition!.....Donna

**OUR MEMBERS ARE PRECIOUS AND WE NEED YOUR INPUT!**

WHAT COURSES WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND IN NAMBOUR ON THE 24TH AND 25TH MARCH, 2012 ???  
WILVOS HAVE BOOKED DR ANNE FOWLER FOR THESE DATES AND WOULD LIKE COURSES TO APPEAL TO MAXIMUM NUMBERS.  
Email/phone Donna- see back page of newsletter for contact details

**Training day subjects**

Each day includes around 5 – 6 hours of lectures with up to one hour of practical. 20 minutes for tea breaks and 1 hour for lunch are included in the day. The training day usually runs from 9 – 5pm. Topics are listed below, but new subjects or changes to topics to cater for local situations can be made. Outlines of the content of each course are available on request.

**Beginner's courses**

Introduction to wildlife care. This is a one day course designed for carers that are new to the field of wildlife care.

**General courses:**

It is recommended that these courses are performed prior to other training in species or advanced first aid.

- Husbandry and Diseases of Injured Native Birds
- Husbandry and Diseases of Injured Marsupials
- Husbandry and Diseases of Injured Reptiles & Frogs

**Species-specific courses**

These courses have been designed to cover just one type of animal on the day, with a greater focus on the disease, handrearing and handling.

- Husbandry & Disease of Possums
- Husbandry & Disease of Macropods
- Husbandry & Diseases of Orphaned Native Birds
- Husbandry & Disease of Flying foxes and microbats

**Advanced first aid courses**

These courses cover first aid presentations, correcting dehydration with fluids, giving injections, bandaging wings and legs. 1-2 hours is spent gaining practical experience in these techniques.

- Advanced first aid of Birds
- Advanced first aid of Marsupials

**Specific interest courses**

*Assessment and Treatment of Burnt wildlife:*

This course covers assessment of patients, burns, treating burns, supportive care and rehabilitation.

*Medical care of injured wildlife:* lectures from the National Wildlife Carer Conferences that cover assessment of pain, types of shock, fluid therapy and treating wounds.

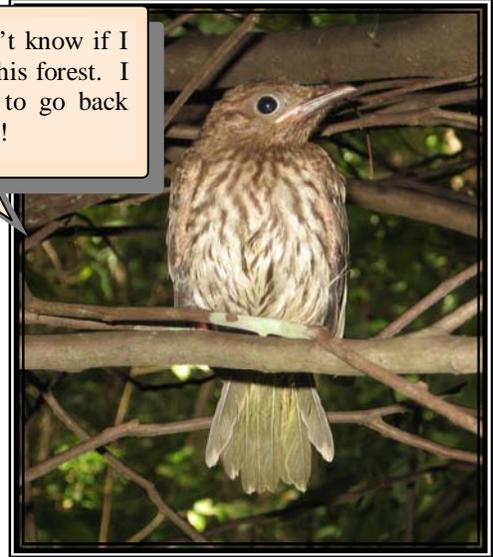
This covers treatment of shock, fluid therapy, open wound management, recognition of pain.

**Courses under development, ready for 2011**

- The how, what, why and when of wildlife rehabilitation:
- Husbandry & Disease of Seabirds
- Assessment and Treatment of Oiled Birds

**T**hank you to all the lovely people who sent me letters, texts and emails of congratulations. It really did mean a lot to me and they were all most appreciated.....*Sylvia*

I don't know if I like this forest. I want to go back home!



***Sally from the Bribie & District Wildlife Rescue has sent this notice through:***

***Please call or email Sally if you wish to attend: 0400 836592***  
[gsarthur@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gsarthur@bigpond.net.au)

Bribie & District Wildlife Rescue will be holding a weekend of Anne Fowler workshops on Dec 10/11, venue to be decided. Running from 9am to 5pm on both days. Saturdays workshop will be Husbandry and Diseases of Native Birds and Sunday's will be Husbandry and Diseases of Possums and Macropods. Any wildlife carers from any group are welcome to come along, must let us know by 5th Dec by either emailing or phoning 0400 836 592 to secure a place. Cost will be \$25 per day which includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch.

WILVOS would like to extend their heartfelt sympathies to Kathleen Bennett on the loss of her beautiful daughter after her eight year battle with cancer. Our thoughts have been with you and your family Kathleen.

To keep updated on the 2012 Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference to be held in Townsville, this is their website  
[www.2012awrc.org.au](http://www.2012awrc.org.au)

## THE FOOD SUBSIDY IS A PRIVILEGE NOT AN ENTITLEMENT

**A**s funds ran out some time ago the food subsidy is on hold until our next dance to be held on the 31st October. WILVOS did keep subsidizing the food even after the dance funds ran out but this is no longer the case.

Hone those cooking skills and ring Rosemary and offer your help at the next dance to be held by the wonderful Suncoast Social Dance Club on the 29th October. We always hear about 'helping the members', but it amazes me that Rosemary has to call on 'non-WILVO' friends to help her on the dance night.

This dance involves a lot of work which is always done by the loyal hard-working few. It would all be impossible without the incredible organizational skills of Rosemary Dax.

Please keep your receipts from the end of July so you can claim a food subsidy come the end of October. If you wish to apply for a subsidy, please request a food subsidy claim form through enquiries@wilvos.org.au or post in a request for a form from the PO Box. Our treasurer manages to perform marathon tasks with the bookwork, along with her own full-time+ work, so shouldn't have to add up odd amounts from scraps of paper and shopping docket. Please fill in the form and attach receipts and a copy of your fauna returns for the time the subsidy is claimed. (Send your original fauna returns via email or post, as usual).

To qualify for the food subsidy the following guidelines must be followed:

- Co-ordinator must have been advised when the animals first came into care—the marsupial, bird and reptile co-ordinators details are in this newsletter.
- Release Officer must be advised prior to the animals being ready for release.
- Copies of fauna returns to be attached to the claims. (Originals to be sent in normally, for WILVOS and DERMS records.)
- The minimum of two WILVO workshops per year to be attended by carer, as is necessary to retain your permit.

The above are all standard rules of the organization.

- The person claiming must be an active WILVO carer listed on the Contact List
- A minimum amount of \$100 has been spent over a 3 month period, with a cap of \$100 to be claimed .
- The subsidy does not cover costs of expensive items such as mice, mealworms, crickets etc When using these items on a regular basis, it is the responsibility of carers to grow their own. WILVOS are quite happy to advise details of breeding your own wildlife food. Crickets have more food value than mealworms and can be bred so there is a regular supply from your 'cricket farm'.

Similarly, with fruit/vegetables, carers should seek out sources from local fruit and vegetable suppliers. As these are a supplement only with most species, they should not form a major part of the diet of wildlife in care.

Thank you again to the Suncoast Social Dance Club who make this initiative possible.

**W**elcome to all our new members who joined up on the 17th July.

Thank you to Claire Smith who brought along her rescue box and, as a relatively new carer of less than six months, was able to demonstrate to new carers what was involved, and to explain just how serious the commitment is, in choosing to become a wildlife carer.

Claire's dedication and thirst for knowledge on caring techniques is an example for all to follow..

**P**hone roster volunteers are among our most treasured WILVOS. Therefore, we really miss it when



they are unable to continue doing it, especially with such regulars as Peter Haythorpe who has been a hotline volunteer for some years now. Jill, our secretary, is always impressed with efficiency on the phone, and even more so when the telephone returns are sent in at the end of each month! You really are missed, Peter!

Speaking of Jill our secretary—this lady is always ready to hand the reins on to some willing secretary-to-be at this time of year. Maybe this year you will get lucky, Jill, and be able to retire from some of your chores! I don't know how you keep up with that overflowing mailbox, go to work in Brisbane three days a week on the train, and then work as a labourer on your olive farm on the weekends! Throw in a few hotline volunteer Sundays! You do deserve a rest!

Laura Tandy kindly took over from Tammy McGarry as a phone roster co-ordinator. Tammy was worried she wouldn't find a replacement before setting off on holidays, so you were welcomed with open arms, Laura.

Tammy Donlen also deserves a big pat on the back for becoming the data returns officer when Kerrie Bunney was snowed under with study commitments.

Tammy McGarry and Kerrie Bunney are to be sincerely thanked for the time and effort they put in to their volunteering work with WILVOS. We'll always have a job waiting for you when you have some free time again, girls!

It is especially good to see people remain as Friends of WILVOS, even if they are unable to continue actively caring for wildlife or volunteering in some other capacity.



**H**ow I love swamp wallabies! Even at 650 grams, and not long in care, they think they are big wallabies! I could not think of a name for this one until Sylvia was awarded the OAM that week. This swampy t h e n b e c a m e "Queenie".....Donna

*"Time is priceless, yet it costs us nothing. You can do anything you want with it, but you can't own it. You can spend it, but you can't keep it. And once you've lost it? There's no getting it back. It's just ..... gone."*

*Anon*

Thank you Rozie for passing on these words of wisdom.

## BOUNCING BACK FROM THE BRINK



09.04.2011

So I start the long road to what I hope will be survival & release with my precious new charges. Sadly 2 days later at the 5am feed the girl has passed and the boy is clinging to his dead sister. She was very hard to feed and very weak so I wasn't surprised but he had his eyes open and thankfully his mouth at every feed.

Now keep in mind that Donna was away at the time I needed formula so I dashed off to the Vet to get some and Divet was all that was available. I have never used this formula before, not due to any prejudice just that I'd only known Biolac in my 8 years of caring. So this story is not about what's right or wrong to use, just about my observations in raising this particular possum. I realise many carers use Divet to much success and to some degree it was successful in this case.

As this so far unnamed little man was all alone I kept him pouched up and down my shirt constantly, becoming the 'mumma humidicrib'. The next night I fell asleep with my hand in the pouch and him clinging on to it for warmth & comfort. The 2am alarm goes off and so as not to wake the snoring husband beside me, my hand flies out to turn it off and so goes the possum straight onto the floor! Oh no! Incredibly he lands on all fours (even at that size). I pick him up in tears for fear of any injury and decreasing his slim chance of survival but nothing appears broken and after a little cry he feeds heartily.

Upon relating the story to hubby in the morning he jokingly says "you should call him Bouncer because he bounces back!" So the name stuck.

Collectorama March 2011, I arrive at our fabulous stall all enthused after a month or so off and amazingly animal free. There sits our fearless leader Sylvia feeding two pinky ringtail possums. 1 male, 1 female—twins of 37grams each. "Do you have anything in care at the moment Leslie?" she asks. Keen to get back to work - "no Sylvia not yet, I'm happy to help you out, what can I take to ease your enormous load?" I ask. "How about these?" she replies with that sweet persuasive smile she does so well. Aaaargh - pinky ringtails;- 3hourly feeds, sleepless nights and low survival rates - sure I'll jump in right at the deep end, why not, we all know the feeling.



06.05.2011

One scary looking ringtail!



06.05.2011

Note the hair rather than fur, as on his friend below.

Weeks go by and thanks to the lovely Heather, Bouncer acquires 3 sisters, Talulah, Hope and Rosie. Hope is smaller and the others bigger but they ALL have more fur than him. He remained a grey rubber seal skinned alien like creature that if seen in the wild the discoverer would have thought him a new species! Time passes and Bouncer eventually gets some stringy fine hairs on his head and down the top of his back, like a poor man's Lion mane. As he was still alive at 100grams and feeding well I was worried what to do about his hairless problem and what would become of him. So I took him off to see our wonderful Dr Lyndall Pettet for advice. She thought it was a nutrition absorption problem possibly congenital. I had tried to give him caecum pellets in many forms (disguised with milk, honey, yoghurt) but he just decided he wasn't going to have that because it looks and tastes like poo no

matter what you do to it. Lyndall also suggested a change to Biolac. I was hesitant to do so as he had come so far but thought it worth a try and had always had success with it and Lyndall's advice. I weaned him and the others off Divet and onto Biolac and of course if there was a problem I could change back. Pinky ringtails can die on you suddenly for no good reason so it was worth the risk.

In a week I saw changes. The rubber had become velvet. 1 month later and I had an adorable ball of fur - not as fluffy as the others but an incredible difference.

Today Bouncer is a very happy, active, true alpha male of his colony that eats like a horse and weighs 560grams. I am so proud of my boy who bounced back from the brink of death and can't wait for the day he is a free man. I will always treasure the lessons learned from Bouncer....Leslie

Fur improved by June.

WOW!



*I gave Leslie **bad** advice with this possum! Because he was such a fragile looking ringtail, I thought the change to a different formula might put him over the edge. I didn't want to be responsible for his demise! Thank you as always, Lyndall, for your great advice!..Donna*

# 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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TO WILVOS PO BOX

**Eumundi Carparking:** *Due to a lack of volunteers able to give 3 hrs to help out, we had to resign from this fundraiser. Thank you to Jane for persevering for so long in trying to find volunteers on a Wednesday each 6 weeks. A special thank you to helpers—Kendall and Joachim, (these two are good sausage cooks too!), Irene and Steve, who are now on holidays, Rae, and Jane and Ginger. If there had been a number of volunteers it would have worked out that each person would just have to do one three hour shift a year. Hopefully we can return later.*

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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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**T**hanks you to all you wonderful members who have rejoined so promptly. A special thank you to those who have sent donations with their membership. Your generosity is very much appreciated. For those who have paid, but not returned your invoice/forms to the post office box, please do so as soon as possible so Sylvia can finalize her memberships. When paying by EFT it is easy to forget that the form still has to be posted back.

**Inspirational thought**

*'Success is not final  
Failure is not fatal  
It is the courage to  
continue that counts.'*



**T**he Sunshine Coast Regional Council was kind enough to invite WILVOS to be part of their Living Backyard section at the Nambour Garden Expo. They did a wonderful job of creating a lovely area at the Expo. Thank you to my helpers—Paula, Chloe, Louise, Annie, Rebecca, Terrie, Roslyn, Michelle, and Sylvia for imparting knowledge to the Expo visitors. Love those banners!.....Donna

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***MANY MANY THANKS FROM OUR WILDLIFE FOR THE HELP FROM ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS OVER THE PAST 2010/2011 YEAR.***

There are so many ways of helping our wildlife and they are all valuable and appreciated. Our phone roster volunteers have again done a great job throughout the year...it is the first step in saving our wildlife and that we can still have a phone line, manned by a 'real' person, for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year is a credit to you all. **Gone are the old days of people being told "It'll just get put down", when they ring up for a bird with a broken wing!** Well, we hope so! Our fundraiser stall helpers, our BBQ helpers, our Eumundi parking helpers, workshop helpers, the list goes on. The number of helpers may be few, but it is quality not quantity that makes the difference, and all of you who turn up to help at these fundraisers are real gems! Our Management Team were inspiring and a pleasure to work with. Meetings are always productive but still fun! Thank you to Bob Whiting for all the possum and glider boxes he has so well constructed throughout the year, and it has been a very busy year for possums. A special 'thank you' also to Max Collins who goes down in history as the designer and builder of the versatile "Max Cages." In an age where the art of volunteering is slowly disappearing, Max is another great example to all. A big thank you to our long suffering vets, and the police who have the thankless job of putting macropods down when hit by cars. Without all these contributions from active helpers and our sponsors where would our wildlife be?