

**FEBRUARY  
2012**

### **Happy 2012 all WILVOS & Friends !**

We all look forward to another satisfying and productive year ahead of us.

WILVOS jumped into a great start to the new year with the first Induction/New Carers' workshop, for 2012, last week. With almost forty attendees, it was an entertaining and informative day.

We take it as a compliment that two carers from the previous induction chose to come again this time.

Welcome to all our new members. It was inspiring to see all that enthusiasm, not only for wildlife caring, but for our environment as well. Thank you to our younger members who showed such interest in hearing about wildlife caring and related issues. You are the future of our unique Australian native wildlife.

With our amazing line-up of workshops organized for the next year, I am sure we will see plenty more of you.

Thank you for caring and wishing you many happy years with WILVOS  
.....Donna Anthony

# **WILVOS WILDLIFE**



## **WHISPERINGS**

### **DON'T FORGET TO PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY FOR 2012**

(They are all "not to be missed" workshops. There will be other workshops in the calendar with your next newsletter but these are confirmed as of now.)

**26<sup>th</sup> Feb**      **Venomous Snake Handling Course** Martin Finland  
**4<sup>th</sup> Mar**      **Bird Workshop** Ailsa Watson/Sonja Fenwick  
**24<sup>th</sup> Mar** **Advanced Marsupials** Dr Anne Fowler (Limited to 15)  
**25<sup>th</sup>** " **Assessment/Treatment of Burnt Wildlife** Dr Anne Fowler  
**28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>** **April Initial Assessment of Sick & Injured Wildlife:**  
**Dr Howard Ralph**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sept**      **Reptile Husbandry** Martin Finland  
**14<sup>th</sup> Oct**      **Echidna Workshop** Dr Peggy Rismiller

**BOOK & CONFIRM WITH IRENE & STEVE DIXON:**  
**education@wilvos.org.au**

**BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

**FOR ENQUIRIES RE WORKSHOPS: enquiries@wilvos.org.au**

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."  
— Anatole France

***Please** throw out all your old Phone Contact Lists and just use the one that has come with this newsletter.*

If changes come through for hotline volunteers, then mark the changes on your contact list. Kate Johnson's sister was getting tired of receiving wildlife calls while Kate, from Aroona, was jaunting around Europe!

Which reminds me –***Congratulations Katie. I hear that your boyfriend proposed to you under the Eiffel Tower. All the best to you both!***

***Congratulations also to Ruth Bolam in Bundaberg whose wedding was late 2011. We and the wildlife still miss you down here, Ruth!***

[www.ozarkwild.org](http://www.ozarkwild.org) is a free networking forum for wildlife carers across Australia. It has a weekly update from the Australian Wildlife Health Network, information that is invaluable for our wildlife carers and our wildlife. If outbreaks of diseases are reported early, it can make a big difference to the survival of our native species.

**The Emergency Animal Disease  
Outbreak phone number 1800 675 888**

### **WHO SAID THIS BOOK WAS FOR CHILDREN???**

**“The Animals Noah Forgot”**

**By Banjo Patterson**

**Illustrated by Norman Lindsay**

**1933**

*(Nooooo—I wasn’t around  
then!.....Donna)*

**H**ave your rescue basket set up with the same bunny rug/towel/bags etc and record the weight of it. Then when you pick up an animal they have minimum disturbance when you weigh the bird/marsupial.

This is also handy when checking the initial weight of your larger possums. ie the possum box is approx. 3750g

**I**f you are not yet doing your fauna and telephone returns electronically and would like to do so, please email [returns@wilvos.org.au](mailto:returns@wilvos.org.au) or [enquiries@wilvos.org.au](mailto:enquiries@wilvos.org.au) for these forms to be emailed to you. It makes the job much easier for our Returns Officers.

**No, I’m not Casey!**



**C**asey, our WILVOS secretary has just had an unbelievable time over at the Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre in Borneo so we look forward to hearing of her wonderful volunteering work over there in the next newsletter.

It is good to hear first hand what is being done and how everyone can help this endangered species.

**Check out**

**[www.wildliferescuemagazine.com](http://www.wildliferescuemagazine.com)**

**W**e are all appreciative of the work done by our local veterinary surgeries and we were especially pleased to hear of vet. nurse, Alyce Murphy, of the Lamington Terrace Vet Surgery, in Nambour, winning the 2011 Hill’s Vet Nurse of the year award. This was an Australian award for vet nurses all over the country— well done Alyce.

**Don’t forget to provide water for all your possums, even the young ones once they are moving about nibbling on foliage. They enjoy, and need, it as much as we do in this warm weather.**

**Be aware of the temperature in your aviaries. Put a thermometer in there during the day to check it doesn't get too hot.**

**Those wine cask bladders that were great filled with warm water in winter can now be frozen and put around to keep animals cool.**

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to Carmel from Erbacher’s Fruit and Vegetables at Bli Bli for supporting WILVOS over the years. Carmel has so often supplied us with wonderful prizes to raffle and it has been most appreciated.

***Thank You Carmel.***

**“An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you do know and what you don't.”** — [Anatole France](#)

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the WILVOS organization but all contributions are welcome.



*Sammy Ringer is collating recipes for "wild" birds and has sent through this request for help Why not "Diets for Rehabilitating Australian Native Birds.... in preparation for their return to their habitat". ??? A bit long-winded !@# but as carers we need to utilize native foods as much as possible. Diets for these birds need to be vastly different to many of the recommended captive or zoo bird diets....Donna*

The Wild Bird Recipe book\* – can you help?

- Or – the recipe book for wild birds. (I have tried hard not to make it sound like it's recipes using wild birds as ingredients!)

Remember when you were a new carer? Think back – a little bit of knowledge and a whole lot of panic is what I remember. I've now reached the stage of a 'little bit more knowledge' and 'not quite so much panic' but I'm still learning.

Over the last couple of years, I have been gathering bird recipes from wherever I could find them. I have put together a rough draft of a recipe book for carers but I need help.

First – the recipes have to be right. As I said, they've been gathered from a large range of sources and not all of them may be what experienced carers would recommend.

Second, there are gaps. It would be great to have the widest range of recipes available and I'm a long ways from that.

So – I need a little help here. If you feel you'd like to contribute, I can send you the file as a word doc via email or post hard copy. The intention is to have it available on CD and also to look for a sponsor for a hard copy version. Sammy Ringer #617. Ph: 5494 3812 Email: [sammy@ausbushfoods.com](mailto:sammy@ausbushfoods.com)

**P**lease keep your receipts so you can claim a food subsidy if you qualify for same. If you wish to apply for a subsidy, please request a food subsidy claim form through [enquiries@wilvos.org.au](mailto: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 dockets. 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 quite easily 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.



Rainbow lorikeet chicks "Bluey" and "Gummy"  
Photo: Vanessa Starkey

**L**ove to see those syzygium cascades bursting with clusters of fruit again. If I see them anywhere I get out my bag and fill it with fruit so I have a freezer of fruit for coming months. (I leave plenty for the local wildlife!) The birds and possums love them.



### Upcoming television program "Kangaroo Mob" ABC Tuesday 21st Feb 8.30pm

You never quite know what to expect from some of these shows about wildlife. Apparently in this study the scientists found that "roos are learning to live with people much better than people are learning to live with the 'roos", in the streets of Canberra. In some cases, that wouldn't be difficult to believe—the kangaroos are probably smarter than some of the people.

**Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one getting burned. -Buddha**



### A HAPPY ENDING

This little noisy friar bird was found in a sad state on a driveway with no parents in sight.

After a few days care the young one was returned to the property in a cage and placed on the verandah. It didn't take long for Mum to realize her youngster was back. Though previously not seen, she appeared from nowhere!

What a wonderful result. The young noisy friar was able to fly out to a branch and was observed as he settled back in to his 'home town'.

Thank you to Jeff and Anita.

*Sorry, I was going to write up how I farm my crickets but ran out of room..  
.....Donna*

"Where **have** you been the last few days?", says Mum.



If you need to take an animal to the Australian Wildlife Hospital or to your local vet, please make an appointment. Be prepared to wait, as there may be other emergency patients arrive for care.

If you are a WILVOS member and have not received any recent calls or don't have any animals in care, please call Sylvia, Vanessa or Donna, or a carer in your area, and they will help to find you wildlife needing care and a carer to work with if needed. When you don't have your time consumed with wildlife in care, it is a good time to study up on the different wildlife species and their care requirements. Read the books you received at the induction/new carers' workshop. All the information you need to get started is there. Be prepared so when you pick up wildlife needing care you have everything ready (eg the emergency bird feed is in little balls in your freezer waiting for a hungry patient.) and you just have to ring an experienced carer for support and advice. Call other carers and ask if you can pop in for a quick visit to see their setups.

As a WILVO we have an obligation to pick up any wildlife. We may not care for that species but we can pick it up asap, ring the species co-ordinator, and then pass the animal on. The sooner we get wildlife into a warm, dark and quiet environment the better the chances of survival.

All attendees felt that they gained so much from Ailsa and Sonja's bird workshop. These workshops give you the confidence and skills to take on the challenges of bird caring, and don't forget— help is only a phone call, or email, away. If the person you call can't help they will know someone who can. We are all still learning. Thank you Ailsa and Sonja for your time and expertise.





Photos: Cathy Carr Thanks for the great photos.

Always a joy to see our macropods get to this stage—enjoying the wet weather!



### A JOB FOR NEW & OLD CARERS

**I**rene came up with a great idea. We need a list of questions of problems, that are often easily fixed with simple care procedures, that commonly occur with animals, . Though relating this to possums, it would be good to have questions and answers for all species to have a list of common problems.

This does not replace veterinary treatment if needed, but simple solutions will often work and if they don't produce results quickly, then, of course, veterinary consultation is needed. We are all well aware of the fact that delay can mean death with wildlife.

These questions may be ones you think are "silly questions" but every question is good!

Email any questions you can think of through to newsletter@wilvos.org.au and we'll compile a sheet of queries. Then we will endeavour to add answers to these questions. No names will be put to the questions.

PS: Don't forget to keep your own record for each animal—feed times, amounts, urine, faeces, behavioural changes and then if an animal suddenly gets loose faeces it can often be easily tracked back to a stressful event, or less/more feed volume etc.



### TWO POSSUMS *Both Brushtails*

On the left is the Common Brushtail and on the right is the Short-eared Brushtail (also known as Bobuck or Mountain Brushtail)

### Please try to keep workshops dates free.....

We are extremely privileged to have Dr Howard Ralph accept our invitation to come up for a weekend of education on the 28th and 29th of April. Dr Ralph is well-recognized for his dedication to wildlife in disaster situations across Australia. His presence at the terrible bushfires in Victoria at this time, three years ago, saved the lives of so many of our precious wildlife. He went from there to North Queensland to the stricken flood areas There are no words to adequately describe his commitment to wildlife welfare.

I hope all will attend these workshops.

### Thank you to Tim!

WILVO, Tina Gilman, was very grateful for help received during a recent rescue.

While trying to rescue a swamp wallaby caught in water outside Pomona, Tina was just taking her shoes off to get in the water when along came Tim and jumped in and brought out the poor wallaby. Unfortunately, even with veterinary care, she died a couple of hours later. She had a 'pinkie' in her pouch also.

A very sad outcome, but it is inspiring to see someone help out so promptly. Often, where wildlife are concerned, people will just say "It's nature!" Usually, it is because of some type of human impact.

### Another inspiring story! Thank you from 4 little ducklings to Hannah, Julie & Vanessa.

All who heard about this story were overjoyed!

Julie, and daughter Hannah, were called out to some ducklings in distress. Having just joined in 2011, they knew they may have to phone for help.

The poor little ducklings were following Mum, but all went plop down the drain. Julie rang Vanessa, our ever-helpful Bird Co-ordinator for advice, and with incredible initiative Hannah made up a type of spiral with a coat hanger and was able to 'fish' out all the ducklings. Unfortunately, one was already dead. The other 4, also at death's door, shivering, wet and covered with grease, were quickly washed, dried and warmed. Mother duck hadn't returned so Julie and Hannah took the ducklings home and put them on a heat pad.

They followed Vanessa's advice and returned to the spot early next morning, in the dark and the rain. There was Mum sitting beside the drain hole! Though not impressed by human presence Mum stayed long enough for Hannah to take the basket over and open it up. The ducklings cheeped, Mum stopped, and the ducklings took off after her!

There wasn't a dry eye in the house!

Julie and Hannah want people to know that help is only a phonecall away.

That is WILVOS networking at its best!

"Hannah fishing!"

Photo: Julie Watson



love the new flexible joey pouch heat pads (7 settings, 2 yr guarantee etc) which were on an introductory price of \$30 + GST and postage. The car adaptor was \$7.50. The thermometers (with humidity reading also) are approx \$30 each and are a must with young wildlife, if you don't already have one. My feathertail glider 'pinkies' thought they were in heaven!

The flexible heat pads can be used in the carry baskets as well as inside hanging joey bags.

Available at Warm A Pet Ph: (03) 95441471 Fax: (03) 95446789 Email: sales@warmapet.com.au

This staff at this company are always so friendly and helpful.

(If you have any queries on the following, ask Anne when she is up here end of March. Anne loves questions! She may also have updates on treatments.)

### Throatworm? Gapeworm? What is the difference?

#### THROATWORM

*Species affected:*

Magpies, currawongs, and pelicans

*Cause:* A nematode: *Cheilosporira gymnorhina*

*Transmission:* It is believed that snails in particular can carry this worm. In some states, carers are told that they must not feed snails to hand-reared magpies.

*Clinical signs:* Trouble swallowing food, the bird often has its mouth partly open. Gasping may be seen if the burden is heavy and the glottis is partly obscured.

*Diagnosis:* Look for lumps at the back of the throat NEXT TO the glottis. The raised lumps contain coiled white worms, about 2 cm in length.

*Treatment:*

Remove with tweezers.

however, this can be very traumatic for the bird. There is an increased likelihood of death

(probably capture myopathy from prolonged restraint) and bleeding.

**Ivermectin** can be given by mouth at 0.2mg/kg and repeated in 2 weeks and again at 1 month if required. Using ivermectin means that all of the worms are killed, including those that are difficult to see and thus remove. Ivermectin will also address any other internal parasites (capillaria) and external parasites (feather mites and lice).

**Levamisole**, although effective, is not recommended due to the high risk of causing toxicity. It also damages on growing feathers something that most orphaned birds have!

**Oxfendazole** (Wormout gel, Vetafarm), or **Fenbendazole** (Panacur, Intervet) are also likely to be effective.

Often orphaned magpies will have other concurrent issues. Ensure that they are on a balanced diet, with access to other magpies, sun shine and natural foods.

#### GAPEWORM

*Cause:* *Syngamus tracheae*.

This worm lives in the trachea.

The female is about 2cm long and the male is closely attached to her (making a Y formation), and is only about 0.5cm long. Both worms are bright red in colour. The earthworm is the immediate host.

*Species:* Waterbirds, currawongs,

*Clinical signs:* These birds in a greater degree of respiratory difficulty compared to those with gapeworm. They may show open mouth breathing, inability to fly, changed vocalisation and noticeable respiratory distress.

Examination does not reveal the presence of worms next to the laryngeal mound. But on rare occasions, a red worm INSIDE the trachea may be seen.

*Treatment:* Ivermectin at 0.2mg/kg PO is also effective

*Prognosis:* Much more guarded. Death of worms may result in the segments occluding the respiratory tract. **Dr Anne Fowler**



Photo: myreptile.ru

#### Tusked Frog *Adelotus brevis*

The tusked frog has a patterned brown and black back, with a butterfly shape on top of its head. The black and white belly is quite distinctive and inside the back thighs is a bright scarlet. They grow to approximately 40mm.

Tusked frogs prefer a dense habitat usually in or very close to water. They are often found in suburban gardens, though as with so many species, the numbers are dwindling.

This is the only Australian frog in which the adult male is larger in size than the female. The obvious tusk-like teeth can be used in combat against other Tusked Frogs.

The males also like to hide in leaf litter or under vegetation when they are calling. Tusked Frogs make a beautiful sound with their slow repetitive "Docuk"

The eggs are laid in a foam nest at the water's edge and concealed under vegetation.

(Information from the Queensland Museum and Trish Espin of Yandina)

Why was a Tusked Frog hiding in behind the fridge at the Induction/New Carers' Workshop on Sunday???

Expecting the world to treat you fairly because you are a good person is a little like expecting the bull not to attack you because you are a vegetarian.-

Dennis Wholey

Don't depend on answering machines. Often people won't retrieve messages till late at night. Always check the message has been received if an animal is awaiting help..



# Wildlife Volunteers Association Inc. Management Team 2011/12

\*\*\* *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, such Rosemary who is always happy to have help with her information stalls around the Sunshine Coast. If you can help in any way, please contact the appropriate people...all help is welcome!*

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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—PLEEEEAASE 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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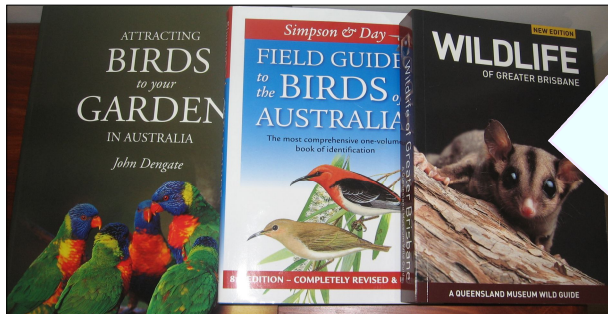
## Our thoughts are with all out in the flood areas

Thanks to Bob, Kevin and Max for the possum box construction. Even Sylvia had to man the drill after Xmas to keep up with supply.

**T**hank you Casey for picking up the reins of Secretary. It is great to see young people taking on these time-consuming volunteering tasks when they are already so busy in their paying jobs!

Sorry to see Laura heading back to England in a few months. Laura has done such a great job for us, doing up the hotline roster and sending it out each month. Welcome to Julie McLeish who is happy to take on the role, and will work with Laura till she leaves. Rosemary is overjoyed to have such a quick replacement for Laura.

Really caring about our wildlife means more than just taking care of cute little native animals, and it is wonderful to see so many people want to get involved on the administration side of WILVOS. It is the work no-one wants to do, but it has to be done. Just simple little things make such a difference. WILVOS are an amazing group of people and the networking is invaluable.



**Recommended  
reading.**

**Thank you as always to Peter Wellington M.P. and wonderful staff Vicki and Wendy. It doesn't matter how busy they are, they always find time to help with copying for us. They are always there for people.**

**Long-time members will never forget how Peter helped WILVOS through really hard times. Sometimes we wondered how we were going to pay the phone bill or get the newsletter out. Peter and his team were great support!**

### Common Myna Birds

These birds are beginning to spread out around the Sunshine Coast area at an alarming rate and people need to be aware of the destruction of wildlife that follows in their path.

They have been observed killing young sugar gliders, taking over nest boxes of species, from parrots to possums, and decimating our local bird populations.

Hopefully people will differentiate between the native noisy minor (irritating little treasures that they can be sometimes!) and the chocolate brown coloured Common or Indian Myna.

For Myna sitings, or obtaining a trap, contact Joshua on 0414 503 219 or email [joshua.childs@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:joshua.childs@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au)

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Water dragon enjoys lunch at the cricket!

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**We are working through the survey forms and following up on suggestions. Many thanks!**

**Congratulations to Wildlife Queensland.** The Wildlife Preservation Society of Qld celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2012. Legendary founding members in 1962 were Judith Wright, Kathleen McArthur, David Fleay and Brian Clouston. The Sunshine Coast Branch, (the then Caloundra branch), was initiated soon after by Kathleen McArthur in 1963. This organization has some wonderful achievements to their credit of which we all look forward to hearing about during the next year. Their magazine "Wildlife Australia" is well worth subscribing to.

If you know of any good bird release sites let Vanessa know!

An interesting website from Terrie Ridgeway.....thanks Terrie....so true!

*"Overpopulation and overconsumption are the root causes of environmental destruction. They're driving species extinct, destroying wildlife habitat, and undermining the basic needs of all life at an unprecedented rate. It has to stop."*

<http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/>

Terrie, Maybe my cryptic comment in my article in the last edition of the Eco is a solution! .....Donna  
*"I have the answer to all these problems – the whole human race just has to become cannabilistic! Now that would solve a lot of our problems! Cruelty free, of course!"* .....Eco Dec 2011/ Jan 2012