

WILVOS WILDLIFE WHISPERINGS

JULY 2012



What bird is this??? See back page for your answer.



Email/phone Sylvia for changes to your details on Phone Contact List.
Email/phone Julie for changes to your details on the Phone Roster.



Lilly, the exquisite swamp wallaby

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Sunday 19th August 2012

Time: 10AM for morning tea

Venue: TBA

RSVP TO IRENE & STEVE AS ON THE ENCLOSED WORKSHOP CALENDAR.

Yes, It is that time of year again where you can put up your hand to be more involved in the running of the WILVOS organization.

At the AGM all step down from their positions and members are voted in for the next year.

Enclosed with your newsletter you will find the Proxy/ Nomination Forms. If you cant attend the AGM then please just fill in the top of the form giving your proxy vote to someone who you can trust to vote on your behalf. If you can't trust anyone with your vote, then just come along yourself! You don't have to worry about being coerced into a position on the day...all nominations have to be in two weeks prior so you can come along to the social get-together and vote on who you would like to see in the different positions.

If you want to take on a position, or nominate someone else for a position, please fill in the nomination form.

Thank you to last year's team for all of the great work done again. It has been another productive year, but it has gone too quickly by. WILVOS look forward to an even better 2012/13. **SEE YOU AT THE AGM**

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MEMBERSHIPS RENEWAL

This was due on the 30th June, so if you have forgotten, please send in **your invoice** along with your payment, to the PO Box address. If you pay by EFT please **still return the invoice form** for Sylvia's records. Update details if necessary.

Membership of WILVOS has meant many positive things in 2012. The best wildlife workshops in Australia have been free of charge for members! Carers have their food subsidized—and you all receive this AMAAAZING newsletter. How lucky can you be in one year. All this for \$15 per family! Don't forget to post in those invoice forms as Sylvia must have it for her records. Nag, nag, nag.

Thanks for the wonderful support of the past year's management team and all those members who have helped in so many ways. What a wonderful group of people who do so much volunteering to help our unique Australian wildlife.

Thank you too to all those who have rejoined and added extra donations to their \$15 membership renewal. It is an indication of what a supportive group of people WILVOS are.

I have personally been touched by the phone calls, often from people I have only met once or twice, offering their support and help throughout the year.

Thank you.....Donna

IF PAYING MEMBERSHIP OR DONATION BY EFT—COULD YOU PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME AND MEMBERSHIP NUMBER IN AS THE REFERENCE. Annette will love you for it!!

From the enthusiastic feedback after Dr Howard Ralph's workshops, I think everyone enjoyed them immensely. (*Carers please laminate and keep the enclosed Useful Numbers Sheet re Fluids.*) Because it is difficult for many people to attend both days, in 2013 WILVOS will try to get presenters for just one day. This of course depends on getting airfares at a reasonable price for a one day workshop.

YOUR INITIAL ASSESSMENT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE



"Think we'll kidnap Howard," says Sylvia to Donna!

A very special man, Dr Howard Ralph impressed on all attendees the necessity for the correct care for our wildlife, and the fact that our native animals need the exact same consideration given to all injured animals. Pain relief in wildlife is often overlooked and these workshops were very informative in the subjects of sedation and pain relief and what drugs were able to be used together to help the healing process.

I was particularly interested in hearing more of Toxoplasmosis—paranoid as I am about cats being near pregnant women or my macropods! That it can remain dormant and then be activated by stress is another good reason to keep our wildlife stress-free.

Thank you to helpers over the workshops weekend—Irene & Steve, Rae and of course the ubiquitous Sylvia, and those I've forgotten! We look forward to further workshops with Howard next year.....Donna

WILVOS provided these workshops free of charge to members and we encourage workshop attendees to show their appreciation by visiting the website and donating to the wildlife clinic that Dr Howard Ralph has set up in New South Wales.(Bank details on website)
www.southerncrosswildlifecare.org.au

If you have a WILVOS humidicrib on loan, please ensure that you clean the filters regularly. Read the booklet and follow directions for same. Ring Donna for F10 disinfectant.

Welcome to all our new members. It is great to see new wildlife carers attending workshops, often before their induction day. It shows enthusiasm and a willingness to learn—a trait we wildlife carers should all retain forever. Dr Anne Fowler says she has to attend at least 40 hours a year to keep up with the latest in wildlife care, so why would hands-on carers think they don't need constant training.

If any carers need pouches please phone Karen 07 54930538 or Angela 07 32049312. These lovely people are based at Glass House Mountains and generously make these for anyone needing them. Thanks Anneke for passing this message on from the hotline.

Don't forget to check out our website at www.wilvos.org.au to see your newsletter in big bright colour. There are also newspaper articles to read, and forms are there to be downloaded.

How sad to hear of the death of Lonesome George, the last Pinta Island giant tortoise, a subspecies of the majestic Galapagos giant tortoises. Though his genes may remain in other subspecies on nearby islands, the world has lost what the Guinness Book of Records called 'the world's rarest animal'.

Our thanks to Mr Norman Beard, who generously gave a donation to Vanessa Starkey for WILVOS. They decided it would be well-spent on an infrared camera to monitor animals in care.

The first night Vanessa had the camera set up to monitor the nocturnal activities of possums near her house. When viewing the 'footage' on the computer the next day a lovely big swamp wallaby was seen to cross the path of the camera!

NATIONAL PARKS IN AUSTRALIA

Who wants to go bushwalking in New South Wales?

I thought, as Australians, we could be proud of our history of National Parks. After Yellowstone National Park, the Royal National Park in New South Wales was the second National Park in the world.

Our forefathers who worked hard to get National Parks established must be so proud of our New South Wales Government, who now see it as acceptable to allow recreational shooters into National Parks in their state.

Oh, yes, the shooters will only shoot ferals! Hahaha. Feral animal control is a job for professionals not for recreational shooters. God help our native animals!

Some politicians would sell their own mother to put money in the State coffers. Despicable and sickening!Donna

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

Dose rates given for medications often differ. Dr David Blyde, a long-time wildlife vet has found over his many years of experience that 0.1 ml per kg 3 times a day (usually for 5 days) between feeds is an efficient dose rate for Nilstat. Carers would of course be working in conjunction with their vet after diagnosis.

Written by: Natalie May Sheppard

Date: 09.06.2012



Brrrr winter is here and all the reptiles are hibernating right? Wrong!

What does hibernation mean? Hibernation refers to animals undergoing a state of inactivity/unconscious and a dramatic decrease in their metabolic rate. As a result hibernation is characterised by lower metabolic rate, slower breath pattern, lower body temperature, unconscious, and a lowered heart pace.

So isn't this what reptiles go through during the colder months?

To some extent, yes, but reptiles do not lose consciousness as mammals do when hibernating during the colder period. Before I go any further let's learn a basic fact about reptiles. All reptiles are ectothermic meaning they are cold-blooded animals. Therefore they rely on the environment for thermoregulation. So for reptiles to be active they require the warmth from the sun to increase their body temperature. If there is no sun, or environmental warmth, reptiles will relocate to tree hollows, under rocks, or underneath environmental debris to maintain their warmth.

If reptiles don't hibernate what do they go through during the colder season?

Reptiles undergo brumation (pronounced Brew-may-shun) which is similar to mammal hibernation. The time frame that reptiles brumate depends on their species, habitat location, and body condition. Hence why different species of reptiles can undergo brumation for a few days, weeks, or months in the colder season.

When reptiles brumate they lower their metabolic rate, slow their breath pattern, lower their body temperature, lower their heart pace, and become lethargic. However because reptiles are conscious while brumating they have the ability to drop in and out of brumation—meaning they have the ability to become active when the environmental conditions are suitable for their survival.

To conclude: Reptiles don't hibernate. Instead they undergo brumation. The time frame that reptiles brumate also depends on the environmental climatic conditions given for their survival. So if it is a lovely sunny and somewhat warm winter's day watch out for snakes!

Thank you for reading Natalie May's interesting animal facts. Stay tuned. I will be back to bring you more.

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POSSUM QUESTIONS

Q. My possums fur looks thin and 'scrappy'.
A. If weight and muscle condition are good, animal has probably been kept too warm. Once the possum/glider joey is out of the humidicrib/off the heatpad it is preferable to put the heat source outside of the cage. (A couple of wine cask bladders of warm/hot water, in polar fleece bags, at the corners where the bag 'cave' is.)

Q. My little possum isn't putting on weight.
A. You could add some baby cereal or small amount of high protein supplement to the formula. Is temperature correct/constant?

Q. My big possum isn't putting on weight.
A. When possums are nearing release their weight may just remain stable and you feel that they aren't reaching what you think is the release weight. This is often because the possum needs to be released—they need that great expanse of forest! It is not good to release a possum too young, but it is also stressful for them to be kept too long. Stress kills!

Q. My possum doesn't like me toileting him.
A. He will get used to it if you are firm and make him feel secure. Have him in his bag, tuck his head firmly under your arm, lift his tail, tickle with a soft damp pre-washed chux and he will form good habits. 'Self-toileting' prevents you from observing two of the most important facets of wildlife rehabilitation—urine and faeces. When you stop toileting a possum, watch carefully that the animal comes out of his box, onto his log, and does all the necessary things. If you feel there hasn't been enough urine passed, then put him in the bag, head under the arm and encourage him to empty that bladder. If possums/glidens are not toileted by carer when they are still in bags, then it means wet smelly bags (and no animal in care deserves that) and a possibility of bladder infection.

Q. Possum is straight off Mum. Can I let him go all day without a feed?

A. Joeys must have fluids. Give glucodin in water for first couple of feeds. Then start on milk formula. Continue to give warm water in between formula day feeds for at least the first few days. Every animal that comes into our care is going to have some level of dehydration.



It is said that possums need to be in their box for at least a month before they regard it as their home.

WILVOS Committee have just been through a very productive and positive exercise with the Office of Fair Trading. We were reported for a technical breach ie failing to report the change of Secretary. An official warning letter was issued for that breach. We were negligent and had overlooked our responsibilities in that area when Casey, our new Secretary, zapped over to Borneo to volunteer with the orangutans soon after her appointment. Lucky girl!

The Senior Investigations Officer accepted our explanation for that, but understandably sent us a warning letter, though discounting other complaints made against us. Fair Trading has been more than helpful in providing us with information on how to improve and protect our organization. This was a good opportunity to workshop our processes and to confirm that WILVOS have a very good Constitution from which to work. Though we are a volunteer organization, it is to our benefit that we run in a professional and efficient manner. It was gratifying to have this confirmed.

I must mention that the audit of our Treasurer's records could only be described as glowing. Normally these audits show up at least some minor errors, but our Annette passed with flying colours and the comment was that she would be an asset for any business. WILVOS are so lucky to have Annette's skills in an era of never-ending paperwork and changing regulations.

Thank you all for your support. Members are very welcome to view any correspondence on any such complaints.

As Roslyn always says at her presentations - "We are **WILVOS** and we are proud of who we are, and proud of what we do".....Donna

*****FILLING OUT RETURNS*****

FIRSTLY—READ THE FILL OUT INSTRUCTIONS!

IF HANDWRITTEN: CAPITALS are more legible to process.

Then proofread to see it is all readable.

IF ELECTRONIC: Scanned and emailed forms aren't electronic, but if you do it this way then email a copy to yourself also, to check it is legible. Preferably email returns@wilvos.org.au or enquiries@wilvos.org.au for a blank form with instructions for submitting the forms electronically. This is so much easier for data inputting.

AGAIN— READ THE INSTRUCTIONS TO FILL OUT CORRECTLY.

Our little WILVOS terrier (Chairperson Sylvia Whiting) is on another mission—the Indian Myna problem. They are chocolate brown in colour but quite similar to our native noisy miners which are grey in colour. The Indian Mynas are a major threat to our wildlife. They are decimating other bird species, even intimidating large birds such as cockatoos and destroying their nests. They have been seen killing little gliders. WILVOS are making traps and working with Council on this.

www.indianmynaaction.org.au/trapping_help.htm

The Office of Fair Trading has also asked if we would like to get the word out there about "Itinerant Traders". They said it would help if organizations such as ours put some advice in our newsletters. Sadly, many people are conned by door-to-door traders, especially in more isolated areas. At the moment, **bitumen driveway surfacing** and **tree-logging** seem to be two of the fields that are being targeted. It is best to always use local established companies.

These door-to-door traders would not be successful if they weren't so expert and charming at pushing their wares.

If you are approached by an itinerant trader:

- ask to see a Queensland Building Services Authority licence
- don't pay cash or pay for anything upfront, not even materials
- don't let the tradesperson offer to take you to the bank
- demand a receipt with the trader's name and street address on it.
- Itinerant traders are bound by [door-to-door sales laws](#), including the provision of a 10 business day cooling-off period in which they can not take any money from you.

Any person who has concerns about traders who have approached them door-to-door should take notes about the trader and the registration number of their vehicle, and contact the Office of Fair Trading via www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au or call 13 QGOV (13 74 68).



Link to recent Office of Fair Trading media releases:

http://www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au/AboutUs/Bitumen_bandits_alert_Sunshine_Coast.pdf

Further information on the website: <http://www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au/itinerant-traders.htm>

Conference for all wildlife carers: www.2012awrc.org.au **Townsville Wildlife Conference 16 –24th July 2012.**
Check out past papers at the Wildlife Conferences, such as the paper on *Macropod Fence Injuries* presented by Dr Rosemary Austen at the 2008 Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference in Canberra.

Please 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 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 Annette 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 \$80, and maximum amount of \$300 has been spent over a 3 month period, with a cap of \$150 to be claimed as re-imburement.
- 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, or entice someone else to grow them for you! 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.

THANK YOU TO THE WONDERFUL SUNCOAST SOCIAL DANCE CLUB WHO INVITED US ONCE AGAIN TO CATER FOR THEIR DANCE, AFTER WHICH THEY DONATED THE DOOR TAKINGS TO WILVOS, PLUS A CHEQUE FOR \$2000. SYLVIA'S JAW LITERALLY DROPPED TO THE GROUND! THERE WAS ALSO A RECORD OF 113 OR 114 PEOPLE AT THE DANCE. WE REALLY MUST BE AMAZING COOKS! FUNDS RAISED GO TO THE ABOVE FOOD SUBSIDY SCHEME.

THANK YOU ALSO TO THOSE WHO COOKED DELICACIES FOR THE SUPPER, AND FOR THOSE WHO HELPED OUT ON THE NIGHT. IT IS A LOT OF WORK BUT WELL WORTH IT TO CATER FOR SUCH A LOVELY GROUP OF PEOPLE.

Thank you also to Denise and Ray Nicholson who started all this!



After reading your newsletter leave it at a shop/surgery so others can read about WILVOS.

MORE

POSSUM QUESTIONS

Q. Should I put my new 70gram ringtail in with my 150g and 200g ringtails?

A. *Yes, this is ideal. It is much easier to introduce them at an early age. It is also interesting to observe that they do ingest the faeces of the older possums, as they would do if with their mother was 'papping' them. Similarly, ringtails have been successfully put together with sizes ranging from 140g to 400g in the one group.*

Q. How do I get my new little 125g possum to lap his formula?

He doesn't want to drink.

A. *Patience! WILVO carer, Annie, described it beautifully—she said her possum had a 'stubborn look on her face', till she finally succumbed and began to drink! If you have them in their bag, held close to you on your lap, with a good 'headlock' hold, they eventually feel secure, but know who is boss! Then they decide to take a little lap, and then, 'hey presto', possum turns into a pig and laps up all the milk. Sometimes on those first drinks, you may sit and wait fifteen minutes, but this maybe depends on their level of stubbornness and your patience!*



NOTE FOR HOTLINERS & CARERS

It is not uncommon to get calls for animals that are on the ground and very quiet. This is not normal behavior—usually it is because of some trauma—hit by a car—shaken by dog or such.

These 'very quiet' possums or birds should **NOT** just be put back up a tree.

They need a minimum of overnight assessment and often a week of observation to discount any serious internal damage.

Hopefully, they can soon be returned to their old home.

RECOMMENDED READING:

A Natural History of Australian Bats

Working the Night Shift

by Greg Richards and Les Hall.

Principal photographer Steve Parish.
CSIRO Publishing.





It was sad to get a call about another Brush-tailed Phascogale, only about the third in the 20+ years history of WILVOS. This one didn't even survive the trip home from the vet surgery but it was good that the lady took it to the vets and left her details with them. This male phascogale came from Rosemount so it was interesting to be able to record that. This is just one example of the importance of our fauna returns.

BEWARE OF MYRTLE RUST

Wildlife carers who are cutting vegetation to feed their native animals should be aware of this disease. Scrub secateurs with detergent and water and dry in the sun. Disinfectant wipes can be used on your foraging expeditions! We don't want this disease to spread any more than it already has. If planting, it is probably a good idea to avoid those Myrtaceae plants that are prone to infection. Oh no—our favourite lilly pillys! Definitely, buy only healthy looking plants.

There was some debate on whether Myrtle Rust was toxic to animals. Myrtle rust can be recognized by the raised yellow spots on leaves. The spores are often described as resembling egg yolk.

Photo: Qld Gov
Agriculture, Fisheries
and Forestry



Casey Murtagh on the turtle trail.....

I received a phone message from a concerned friend - a friend of hers had found some turtle eggs out the front of the Maroochy Surf Club this morning and didn't know what to do. My friend called me, and I in turn called our wonderful WILVOS hotline. The lovely and professional voice on the other end greeted me, and although WILVOS does not rescue marine life, the hotliner was able to give me 3 helpful numbers.

I was soon speaking to Sherida, from Coolum Coast Care, who asked me to locate the nest on the beach, bury the remaining eggs in the nest and mark it and wait for her arrival. Sheridah and Susan were wonderful and grateful for my assistance in the matter. Although most of the eggs appeared to be damaged and obviously predated on, there was a handful that appeared to be undisturbed and still be viable. After taking notes, co-ordinates and having a good old chat about conservation in general, Sheridah invited me to Yaroomba the next afternoon to be present for a nest being checked, hopefully with some little ones! What a great experience that will be. Hopefully I can get back from work in time.

The thing I take away from this little story is the sense of community and union between wildlife rescue, and it was fantastic to see the marine side of things. It also proves that me blabbing about WILVOS to friends triggers a response and they call me when an animal is in need! Awesome!....Casey.



Speaking of 'Awesome' - I had an email from a lady who described our Community Awareness guru, Roslyn Leslie, as 'awesome' after one of Ros' s WILVOS presentations recently! Go Roslyn!...Donna

Strange how our minds think. I saw an ad for Baby Bath Duck Thermometers. Why did I think it was a thermometer for baby ducks???

On the subject of thermometers—our wildlife cannot digest their food and put on weight unless they are kept at the correct temperature. It is such a big help to have the min and max alert settings. The humidity reading is a big help with pinkies for care of their skin. No matter what heating source you use—these thermometers are still the most important piece of caring equipment you can have.

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

IFAW QUESTIONNAIRE

It was reported that IFAW are interested in involving vets/carers/rescuers in a network for wildlife across Australia. They are looking at running specialist training on wildlife in selected areas. We are so lucky on the Sunshine Coast to have so many wonderful vets who help our wildlife, and so many wildlife carers throughout the area. A program such as this could mean that in case of natural disasters there would be more consistent knowledge for preparation procedures, and more hands on deck.

We on the Sunshine Coast have been lucky enough to avoid the widespread disasters that have swept across Australia in recent years, but it would be to our advantage to understand the processes involved and the care needed.

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 as 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. 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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WILVOS monthly meetings are held the second Monday of each month, unless rescheduled. All welcome to attend.

HELP LINE: For carers closer to Brisbane —should you need advice with any wildlife, or any wildlife assessed, Lyndall Pettett said she is very happy to help as long as you make prior arrangements by email. lyndall_pettett@hotmail.com We are incredibly lucky to have Lyndall's expertise, so make the most of it.

ARE YOU A PHONE ROSTER VOLUNTEER in NEED OF A NEW PHONE MANUAL?

Email enquiries@wilvos.org.au or phone Donna on 0413 861757 and arrange to collect one. These have so much information and are good to read regularly to familiarize oneself with knowledge about our wildlife.

Check out this website: www.kangaroosatrisk.net

"It is much easier to show compassion to animals. They are never wicked." Haile Selassie.

RECOMMENDED READING: "Rich Land, Wasteland" How coal is killing Australia. Sharyn Munro

Bimblebox \$25 (running time 72 minutes) available from www.exislepublishing.com.au

A documentary from the front lines of Australia's battle against coal and gas expansion "This documentary isn't just about Bimblebox Nature Refuge - it's about landholders all over Queensland and New South Wales who are using all of their efforts to stem the tide of the coal mining and coal seam gas." - Paola Cassoni

Congratulations to Cassie and Nathan on the birth of their beautiful little baby boy Xavier 23.01.12
He's as cute as a glider in the photo I saw!



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Wilvos Wildlife Whisperings
July 2012



A peewee (mudlark)
of course!!

**SURFACE
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The leaps of knowledge with wildlife knowledge are incredible.

Many opinions held back in the dark ages are hopefully disappearing, to be replaced with more scientifically based knowledge, backed up by results from wildlife carers.

Thinking of how many animals were held over to Spring before release, is enough to now make a 2012 carer shudder! Death from the stress of being kept captive for too long was always a possibility. Too long in captivity also makes an animal more reliant on humans to feed them, and because of the constant security and safety of an aviary, the natural instincts to be on full alert are dulled. Don't miss that window of opportunity for release of whatever species. With experience, carers will learn to know when that time arrives. Always ask if not sure.

Does it make any sense to release a marsupial in Spring, when the predators are most active???...yum yum say the hungry pythons and lace monitors! When the weather is cold, would an animal like to be confined to an aviary when they could be out free, galloping around to keep warm, as horses, and other animals, do to keep warm when the weather becomes cold?

In our part of the world, winter is a good time for release. Look out there now...where the possums have eaten, or branches are pruned, new growth returns very quickly. Our WILVOS possums and gliders have the extra advantage of being provided with permanent nestboxes. If you half fill these with bark and dry leaves, it not only helps with insulation but also allows for easier access to and from the box. ***