

# WILVOS WILDLIFE WHISPERINGS

***JULY 2013***



## FAUNA & TELEPHONE RETURNS

**H**opefully, everyone has these in, so that the end of the year reports can be finalized for the WILVOS Annual Report.

These statistics are so important for the future of our wildlife and our environment. They provide information in new developments, roadworks and for the recording of species, and their location, for future reference.

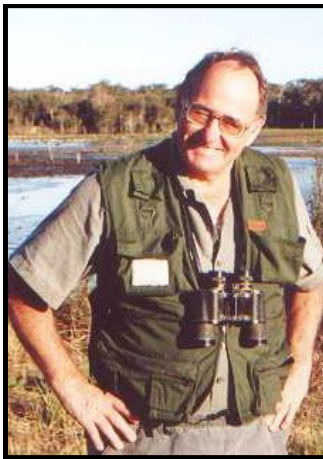


Photo: Teresa Buss-Carden 2001

**T**uesday, 9th July 2013 was a sad day for Australian wildlife and our environment, with the loss of a very dedicated conservationist, Pat O'Brien. It was also a day when we were waiting to hear of the decision to be made regarding the massacre of more of Canberra's kangaroo population. To make way for another housing development maybe?

Just over forty years ago Pat O'Brien was travelling around Australia with his family as a meat worker in the meat processing plants. His life changed forever when he witnessed first-hand a kangaroo drive— the herding of countless kangaroos that were shot or bludgeoned to death.

Pat's article in a wildlife magazine years later caught the eye of Steve Irwin, who contacted this inspiring man and offered his help. The Irwin family funding helped establish the Wildlife Protection Association of Australia Inc. and meet the legal fee costs encountered throughout the future environmental battles.

There are many stories to be told about Pat O'Brien and I encourage everyone to research and read them. He will be so sadly missed and Australia can ill afford to lose such a fighter for the cause.....Donna

*"We've always said that it's worse than whaling," he said. "We're the only country in the World that deliberately kills a lactating species of wildlife and then kills the joey. The whole thing is just scandalous, it's a disgrace and the Japanese are certainly justified in criticizing us for it."* Pat O'Brien Wildlife Protection Assoc Inc ABC, 01/06/2008



YES...It is **Membership Renewal** time again. Please **post back the form you received in the mail**, so Sylvia, the Membership Secretary, can note details against her records. Even if you pay by EFT you still need to post the **complete** form back. Someone actually only returned the bottom part of the form, retaining the section with their name and address. Now, really, our Membership Secretary, is not psychic!!!

For active carers, it is a requirement of DEHP that at least two wildlife workshops are attended annually. For genuine active carers, this would mean the workshop would be relevant to the species with which they work ie Not a workshop on "How global warming affects the parasitic infections of the Quokka"!

Veterinarians are required to attend a conference each year to retain their registration, so I don't think wildlife carers should feel that updating of their skills is unnecessary. Wildlife in our care are not 'guinea pigs'. New methods of care and medication are continually evolving, and we have to do our very best.

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**S**ylvia certainly wasn't expecting to capture a Cape Barren goose on a callout from the hotline for a water bird!

A permit is required to have one of these native birds, but this bird had no identification. After a little publicity the owner surfaced and it was a good outcome for all!

Cape Barren Geese do not naturally visit this far north, preferring islands off the coast of the southern mainland. They are grazers, many visiting the southern mainland in spring to indulge in the improved pastures. There is a subspecies, listed as vulnerable, that is only found in Western Australia.

At this time of year it would be breeding season when Cape Barren geese are building their nests and lining them with goose down in grassy tussocks. Being monogamous, they form life-long breeding pairs, and become very territorial about their nesting area.

If you google 'The Husbandry Manual for the Cape Barren Goose' there is some fascinating reading. The following article on "Hygiene and Cleaning" came from there.

## HYGIENE AND CLEANING:

### Disinfecting the enclosure:

It is important to understand that no disinfection program can replace proper aviary design; which includes quarantine facilities for new birds, prevention of cross contamination between cages, and wholesome food and water sources. Disinfectants are not intended to replace routine cleaning.

The best time to use a disinfectant is in cleaning fomites. Good examples include hands, clothes, shoes, food and water bowls, food processing surfaces, feeding syringes and the like.

Before a disinfectant is used, washing with soap and water is required. In fact, you can expect to remove 95% of all microbes through adequate washing. Don't forget to wash your own hands, either.

Disinfectants are only effective when used properly. This means, among other things, correctly diluting the stock solution and then leaving the disinfectant in contact with the surface to be disinfected for a period of time. This "contact time" varies by the disinfectant but usually is from 5-10 minutes. Without adequate contact time, no disinfectant will work.

**Chlorine** (regular household bleach) is a very effective disinfectant, and one of the few that can kill protozoans such as giardia. It should be used in a dilution of 1 part bleach to 32 parts water. It must stay in contact for about 10 minutes to assure disinfection.

It is the least expensive disinfectant available. There are two major problems with chlorine. It is harmful to the respiratory system to a certain degree, so it must be used with adequate ventilation. It is also very corrosive to metal surfaces.

Routine use of chlorine will seriously decrease the life expectancy of metal cages and cups..

-The National Cockatiel Society

**F10SC Veterinary Disinfectant** is a total spectrum disinfectant that is registered by the APVMA (nr. 54149) and is available for use in the veterinary/animal, bird and reptile housing in Australia. It is also approved as a TGA Hospital Grade Disinfectant, has an AQIS IOA for use in food export manufacturing plants, and is registered by NZ & UK MAF.

It boasts a total spectrum microbial kill (bactericidal, virucidal, fungicidal, sporicidal, tuberculocidal) an unmatched safety of the product itself in terms of not adversely affecting humans or animals (it can even be used around birds with respiratory diseases). Non-corrosive, non-toxic, non-tainting, non-irritating, totally safe to handle and not hazardous. It's biodegradable and given an EU Ecological rating of "zero hazard" (so suitable for septic systems too) -Chemical Essentials



Welcome to our new WILVO members who joined at our induction on the 14th July 2013. I am sure you will have a long and happy association with WILVOS. It is a wonderful organization, full of amazing people. One of the new members present on the day said he would like to come out on a rescue with us. Jamie, you could have done that straight after the induction! If only we had known!

We were just packing up and I was looking forward to getting home when a call came from the hotline. Could we go and rescue a kangaroo that had a cut on its leg from a fence? Ok, Sylvia Whiting, get back here, you are not going home yet!

That darn dog wire fence that I loathe. If you know of anyone who has it, just ask them to run a strip of the white sight wire at the top so kangaroos can see where the top of the fence is. The electric white tape is quite cheap. Just fasten it to ensure it doesn't encourage tangling also. It is a shame that property owners on small acreages feel the need to fence the perimeter instead of just an area for their pets, thus allowing corridors for the wildlife. Oh, we humans have a lot to answer for in short-sightedness and lack of awareness of the needs of our precious wildlife.

Anyway, it was a successful rescue. We found a large juvenile eastern grey kangaroo at the back of the lady's property. We assessed it as about 10 kg and noted the cut on its leg that needed treatment. Luckily, I had my biggest car carrying bag with me, and a blanket. Initially, the clever kangaroo decided she would go under a tree with low lying branches, and then come out and strike out at us with her powerful legs. She then took off to the other end of the paddock and it was great to see that there seemed no major fractures inhibiting her movement. What was even better was the fact that it was in a corner with no trees. While Sylvia distracted her, and was the object of the lunging legs again!, I was able to grab her by the tail and do the 'wrestle to the ground' trick, and we threw the blanket over her! Fortunately, she just fitted into the bag and was then quiet as could be, so we hung her from the back head rest of the car in the back and off we went. Was a very quick rescue, as they need to be.

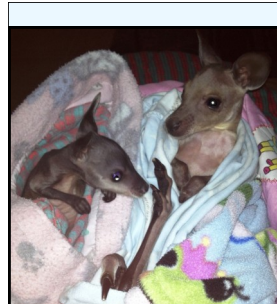
Yes, Jamie, you would have thought we were pretty clever, but in actual fact it is a nerve-racking experience, but we know you just have to be decisive and catch that animal as quickly as possible to prevent any unnecessary stress.

It always amazes me how fast even a large kangaroo will bond to its rescuer, if you just totally spoil it for the first day or two. Regardless of size, they love hanging in that curved pouch position and will take to a bottle and teat and drink milk as a



comfort food. Even this large girl, just after a day, would snuggle in and drink a bottle as if she was a 1kg joey.

I am not optimistic on the eventual outcome, but it is impossible not to love these trusting macropods that grab at your heartstrings....Donna



What are our macropods doing lately? The cute little swamp wallaby and eastern grey kangaroo joey were orphaned when their mothers were killed by cars. The little greys eye ulcers have just healed.



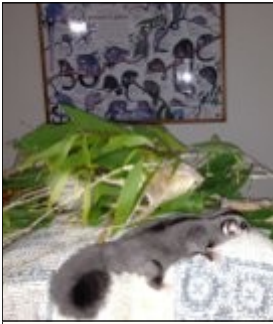
This poor little red-necked wallaby's mother was killed by a dog, and he ended up in a terrible state. He is recovering from fractures to his forearm and his tail, along with an eye

laceration. He was a lucky joey to be rescued by someone witnessing the incident.

Caring for our wildlife entails more than just looking after incredibly cute animals. If we really care about Australian wildlife we will contribute to their survival in any way we can, and want to help all native wildlife. It's not about what we get from it, it is about what we can do to help to help our unique animals that are suffering badly due to human impact in many forms.



Saunders' case moth caterpillar



**WILVOS** have long been against the habit of stitching of the patagium on gliders—thanks to the expertise and wise advice of Lyndall Pettett, our Environmental Officer and advisor of many years. We

have seen some pretty horrendous barbed-wire damage on squirrel gliders. Nevertheless, with basic wound treatment the gliding membranes have repaired and the glider has been able to return to normal activities. Unfortunately, there have been negative outcomes from gliders having their patagiums stitched.

I would encourage everyone to read the article on this in the latest Queensland Glider Network News. Newsletter 22 June 2013. This gives detailed cases on the success of rehabilitating gliders, injured by barb-wire, by allowing the membrane to heal itself.

WILVOS also don't recommend the cutting of the barbed-wire in cases of barbed wire entanglement. Where possible some barbs can be cut from the fencing wire with pliers. Preferably with two sets of hands, the glider can be covered with a towel and carefully rotated, and removed carefully from each barb. Often this may initially look impossible, but with careful planning it can be done. On arrival at the site some pain relief can be immediately administered. Those at Dr Howard Ralph's workshops had the necessity of pain relief reinforced.

A member of the public brought me a glider a few years ago. You would swear he had read our WILVOS possum manual, because he removed the glider in the perfect manner with minimal damage—small puncture wounds in the gliding membrane. He did an amazing job and avoided those needle-like teeth though the animal was too comatose to even want to bite him at the time. Admittedly the adult squirrel glider was totally ungrateful the next day after recovering from shock, and was very vocal and obnoxious, but it was the very best outcome.....Donna.



Our thanks to Bob Whiting and his helpers, Max Collings and Kev Buchanan, for all the possum and glider boxes so well constructed during the past years.....and yes, of course, you do a great job of painting and stencilling them ambidextrous Sylvia!

Thank you also Max for doing such a brilliant job of making the "Max" cages. They are such a versatile cage.



**NEED A CAGE? PLEASE CONTACT SYLVIA AS SOME HAVE BEEN DONATED.**

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](mailto:enquiries@wilvos.org.au) or post in a request for a form from the PO Box. 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—see details are in this newsletter.
- Release Officer must be advised prior to release.
- Copies of fauna returns to be attached to the claims. (Originals to be sent in normally, for WILVOS records.)
- The minimum of two WILVO workshops per year to be attended by carer, as is necessary to retain 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. The subsidy does not cover costs of expensive extra 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 certain species, they should not form a major part of the diet of wildlife in care. Marsupial carers will receive subsidy for their formula, not for items such as Impact.
- Subsidy will be assessed at the cheapest available price for the product.

It would be expected that those receiving the subsidy contribute in some way to the organization ie doing at least one shift a month on the phone, as all carers are expected to do.

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One of these large bags has just saved my sanity arriving same time as a big injured kangaroo. This large 'roo bag is huge. I have it stretched out at the back of a long wooden 'bus' seat. Check measurements. Would be good hung from ceiling.



The feedback from Dr Howard Ralph's workshop was amazing. Carers felt that they not only acquired so much knowledge in the two days, but that they were given the confidence to feel they could deal with challenging situations in wound and burns care. The emphasis put on pain relief in wildlife is always good to hear. Painstop Daytime (**NOT FOR USE WITH BIRDS**) is available at pharmacies, and Howard recommended its use even for mammals when going to pick up an animal and finding it needs to be euthanased. An animal deserves pain relief in the time between pick up and euthanasia at the vets.

The workshop weekend was a busy one, but totally enjoyable. I had 11 people and 22 in-pouch macropods for dinner on the Saturday night, though only 5 people and their macropods stayed for the night!

Macropod carers amaze me with the amount of tissues they go through toileting their joeys. The best way to toilet joeys, from when they start cutting fur, is go sit on the toilet backwards and toilet them straight into the toilet bowl. That's what it is for! I was going to put a photo of my 'technique' in this newsletter but didn't get the photo....next issue!

On the Monday it was a privilege to see Howard work with Trish's little red-necked wallaby that had 2 fractures in the leg and the leg was turning in quite badly. To see that little wallaby be able to face eventual release back to the wild, instead of euthanasia, was wonderful. Howard just said "It is a fifteen minute process and I do these all the time at my clinic". What a special and inspiring man!



Wildlife carers paid \$60 for the privilege of attending Dr Howard Ralph's workshops at Murphy's Creek, near Toowoomba and carers attended from a long distance. WILVOS provide the same workshops for members free of charge, so it is strange that every carer isn't at these workshops. You've heard it all before? I don't think so!

We already have almost 20 people from Brisbane, RSPCA and other wildlife groups, booked for Manfred Zabinkas' workshops. It is hoped our carers will show the same interest.

The next WILVOS monthly meeting will be held at the 60's & Better Hall, Nambour, 7pm on Monday 26th August, 2013.

This will be followed by the Annual General Meeting at 7.30 pm. All positions on the Committee and Co-Ordinating Team will be vacant. We would encourage everyone to fill in the enclosed nomination forms, and proxy form if you are unable to attend the meeting. If you are interested in any of the positions, talk to the team about how you can help. If you don't want to be actively involved, still come along for a 'cuppa'.

Thank you to Brien who has just joined and has offered to help Paul with releases.

We wish Paula and her family all the best in their travels up to the Northern Territory. We'll miss you Paula! Don't stay away too long!

Thank you to Paul and Paula for all the possum and glider releases this year. You've done a great job!



This mangey little ringtail possum, "Archie" had been through a cocktail of antibiotics after a cat attack. His sparse fur and 'pot belly' didn't point to a promising outcome.

When he was brought to me from one of our carers it was 'love at first sight' and I love a challenge. It was a long haul getting him fit and well and looking good. Because I was very worried about him, I immediately took him off formula and put him on Oxbow Critical Care in water for three days. I then gradually reintroduced his formula, but added Oxbow CC to every feed. No supplements—just formula and heaps of leafy tip which he loved. Exercise was part of his health regime and he did many laps of the house, looking like a maniacal rat, each night!

It is a joy to see him with his friends now, ready to return to the wild. They get a treat of their favourite syzygium, eucalypt, banksia and callistomen leaves while I put in the branches of foliage each afternoon.. Possums bloom on a big variety and volume of foliage. Supplements of apple, corn and grapes are full of sugar and are best avoided. Also keep their milk to a max of 15% as they grow bigger. They should be filling up on foliage not an excess of formula.....Donna



**DON'T FORGET MANFRED ZABINKAS' WORKSHOPS.**

**MANFRED'S KNOWLEDGE, RESCUE EXPERTISE AND SENSE OF HUMOUR MAKES FOR GREAT PRESENTATIONS.**

## REMINDERS FOR BIRD CARERS

- Use glass feeding containers rather than coloured containers. Then when birds go out into the wild they don't see a red, yellow, green or blue dish (that belongs to someone's cat or dog) in a back yard and identify it as their familiar food source.
- Try to discourage people from putting out wild bird seed. A container of water, out of range of domestic pets, or a planted native fruiting/flowering shrub, is a much better option for caring for our wild birds.
- Wild bird seed has a good percentage of seed not eaten by birds, even the large species. Cockatiel mix, or combination of budgie and canary mix means better nutrition and no waste with our birds..
- Feeding such foods as mince to wild birds can lead to ill health in many forms. Leg fractures can also result from this practice. Our wildlife have specific dietary needs.
- Provide water dishes wide enough for the bird in care...this needs to be at least twice the length of the beak. A narrow deep dish is not suitable for a kookaburra.
- Iodine is the choice for wounds. Bathing with saline and use of iodine are tried and true treatments. Iodine has very valuable antiviral properties. Teatree oil is not recommended. Oils are detrimental.
- It is **not** uncommon to have nestling birds in care die from starvation. 80—100gram birds need at least 6 feeds a day, and may well die of starvation on 4 feeds a day. Once over 150 grams birds will survive on just 4 feeds a day. Of course, all species need to be correctly identified for dietary requirements.
- To encourage rehabilitating wild birds to feed in captivity: In a tray, place live mealworms on the bottom, and then place the thawed out frozen crickets or grasshoppers on top of the wriggling mealworms. The insects look like they are moving and the bird will be more inclined to eat them.
- When there is a good supply of grasshoppers and crickets, they can be caught and frozen for later feeding to birds that come into care.
- Bandages on birds limbs: Change every 3 days to prevent joint arthritis.
- If undigested bird seeds are seen in bird faeces, then there is a malabsorption problem. If you see fruit come out in the faeces of a fig bird, looking the same as it went in, then commonsense would tell us there is a digestive problem. Cockatiels especially are very prone to Avian Gastric Yeast (known also as Megabacteria).
- Kingfishers require a very dense amount of foliage in their cage—so you can hardly see the bird!
- Weigh your birds—orphaned and injured adults. This is to show their progress, as well as providing records of weights of birds in our area. As with mammals, weights are not the same as those living in other regions of Australia.

**W**ildlife carers should NOT handle bats unless they have had the appropriate injections. If a bat carer asks you to help with the rescue of a bat then you need to say 'sorry, no.' In the event on a non-immunized carer being bitten or scratched by a bat, it is not fair to the bat or the wildlife carer.

Photos: Donna Anthony



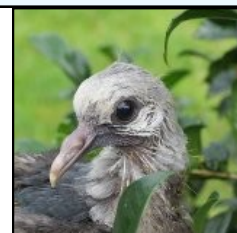
This white-headed pigeon chick came in looking like he wasn't long for this world.....



The secret recipe of "warm, dark, quiet" followed by rehydration and food worked wonders.....



Those tendrils of gold were beautiful



Oh where have those golden threads gone?..



Photo: Ruth Stinson

Now I have joined new friends at Ruth's place.  
**Another happy ending!**



## WILDLIFE VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION INC. WILVOS TEAM 2012/13

**\*\*\* Please try to direct your calls to the relevant people when making enquiries \*\*\***  
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**PLEASE PHONE HER AND OFFER YOUR HELP.**

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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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**[www.awrc.org.au](http://www.awrc.org.au)** Visit this website to see the papers presented at all past Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conferences. This is a great source of education for carers.

If you as a WILVOS member ever feel that you have been spoken to rudely by another member, then please contact our chairperson Sylvia and have a confidential chat. We do not like to think a member may be upset and disappear into the sunset thinking this is acceptable behavior. It is not. We have an obligation to be polite to all fellow members. In saying this, some of my visitors probably think I have been rude in the last week. I have had to fly to the front door and answer the knock, explaining "Sorry, I can't talk—here's your formula, or whatever—I have a kangaroo in my garage on 24 hour care alert! People that know me usually understand that rehabilitating animals are my top priority and I will catch up with the human species as time allows!

It is a mobile time for echidnas. They should **not** be moved.

### **REMINDERS FOR HOTLINERS**

- Always answer the phone with a smile and **"Wildlife Volunteers, Mary speaking. How can I help you?"** That first impression counts!
- Immediately mark on your list those that are away, when Julie advises you.
- Give out the three numbers but always ask the caller to ring back if he/she cannot contact anyone.
- An answering machine is not a successful rescue—check that the message has been received.

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

Read Roobee's story on our WILVOS website in news articles or Facebook.

Express delivery from Police Constables to our WILVOS monthly meeting.



Activated charcoal powder can be helpful with tawny frogmouths that display poisoning symptoms in winter time. Lack of food leads the birds to draw on their fat reserves which may contain toxins.

Use minimal detergent when washing pouches. White vinegar used as a softener takes away the detergent residue.

We are all sending loving thoughts to fellow-WILVOS Helen and Mark Minton. Mark was suddenly rushed off to hospital and is in an induced coma as doctors try to find out just what 'superbug' caused this sudden onset. Be well soon Mark.

The new 2013 Code of Practice is now on the Dept of Environment & Heritage Protection's website.  
[www.ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/caring-for.../code-of-practice.html](http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/caring-for.../code-of-practice.html)

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Photo: Vanessa Starkey

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***'I am too blessed (with wildlife) to be stressed, and too anointed (with possum pee) to be disappointed!'***



**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUR HELP**  
*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 ...it is the first step in saving our wildlife and that we can still have a phone line, manned by a 'real' person, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year is a credit to you all. Thank you Rosemary and Julie for maintaining this roster process.*  
*Rosemary and Roslyn are ever-thankful to their helpers on stalls. The management committee and co-ordinating team have been a wonderful, committed and dedicated group of people who make WILVOS what it is today. Their 'behind the scenes' work ensures the smooth, efficient operation of this organization.*