

WILVOS Wildlife Whisperings



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PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF POSTAL ADDRESS.

The closure of the Nambour West Post Office has meant that WILVOS now has a new postal address. After more than twenty years of the same address this will take some adjustment!

DR HOWARD RALPH TRAINING DAY Saturday 5th August 2017

I expect that if you are actually an active and genuine WILVOS wildlife carer, you would already have booked for this training day. If you haven't, then please book as soon as possible. It would be a sad reflection on our WILVO carers that wildlife rehabilitators from outside our area fill up the seats first.

This is a very expensive course for WILVOS to provide, but the goal is always to educate our WILVO members, regardless of cost. That is why it is free of charge to paid up members.

These high profile presenters can't understand that our WILVO carers don't have to pay anything for their training days...some feel that it devalues their wildlife expertise but I always explain that WILVOS just see education of carers as so important, especially as there is so much incorrect, actually dangerous, information on the internet, and on wildlife carer sites. Go out and observe wildlife!

Howard Ralph is one of the top wildlife veterinarians in Australia. In this case, after much negotiation, Howard's assistant compromised by saying that all attending carers could pay them \$20 direct for the days reference notes. Non WILVO members have to pay another \$30 workshop fee as well as the \$20 course notes fee.

It has been stipulated that carers should attend this workshop if they wish to remain on the WILVOS contact list. This is because it is such an important training day, and our wildlife deserve the best. The first twenty-four hours of care so often means either the life or the death of that animal.

When wildlife carers ask how many workshops they have to do to remain permitted, I am speechless. Is the goal to do our best, or is it to indulge in the novelty of wildlife care with a cute little animal?

Take a chill pill, Donna, I hear you say! It just saddens me to see any lack of interest in providing the best for our wildlife.....Donna

PS: Update on workshop bookings: 25% from other wildlife groups in south-east Queensland. Thank you for caring.



There is always special joy in taking macropods to their release site, but even more so when they travel well and arrive relaxed. (Thanks AWH vet Dr Danny!)

Four big macropods, with Sylvia strapped in the back seat, made for a full car. We think our constant monotones tranquilize them! ..Donna



Our nimble tree climber, Sylvia, has been at it again. No photo taken as only the feet were visible about 4 metres up the tree. The dedicated rescuer didn't know her hair was nicely decorated with leaves and twigs till she was greeted with giggles at the vets!

Check out WILVOS new website Thanks Ben from Ausgraphics for an excellent job at such short notice. All forms will be able to be accessed from the Members page. Thank you Barb and Rachel for your website expertise and input.

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the WILVOS organization but all contributions are welcome. DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE 17th October 2017 Email: newsletter@wilvos.org.au



Detection Dogs for Conservation, at the University of the Sunshine Coast

In 2008, Dr Romane Cristescu, then a PhD student, was spending most of her days on her all four looking through the leaves and litter for koala poo. This gave her plenty of time to think... Especially, she thought: "Surely there is a better four legged way of finding poo!". She was thinking, of course, of a detection dog. Detection dogs are already the corner stone of search and rescue, fighting narcotic traffic, and border security, so why not wildlife research? The journey took many years, in particular because dogs are usually seen as a threat to koalas, not a conservation help. But in 2011, Maya, a rescued border collie, entered Romane's life, and change her path – and koala research – forever.



Maya, and her 3 canine colleagues, Baxter, Billie and Bear, are now working as part of a newly created research group at the University of the Sunshine Coast, "Detection Dogs for Conservation", under Dr Cristescu and Dr Celine Frere. The group also has 3 PhD and a Master students, all working in areas of koala conservation, research and obviously, detection dogs.

The stars of the show, the four detection dogs, have all been rescued from different organisations. Although that means they come with a bit of baggage and at times makes their training challenging, this is a point of crucial importance for Romane: "I have been volunteering at my local RSPCA (in France) and several others around the world since I was a kid. I have always been an advocate for adopting, and not shopping, for your forever furry mate." Detection Dogs for Conservation gives an abandoned, unwanted, dog a second chance at a happy life.

"The type of dogs we need can also be challenging as a family pet", Romane admits, "We need dogs that are high energy, want to play all day long, basically, we need OCD dogs...". The reason these make great detection dogs is their drive to play all day, which means they will enjoy working for their reward (which is their favourite toy). "We associate the dog's toy with the koala scent we want to find, and each time the dog finds the scent, the toy appears. Basically, our dogs all want to go to "work" (meaning, play) every day. They get jealous if it's time for another dog to come with us to work!"

Two of the detection dogs, Maya and Baxter, are fully fledged koala scat (poo) researchers, Billie is still training on the koala scat odour, and Bear, sponsored by the International Fund for Animal Welfare, is training on koala.

"We would never have been able to do all the research we have without these dogs. They work so much better than humans, in fact we have tested it: they are about 150% more accurate", says Dr Frere, the head of the group. "The dogs and their handlers have performed more than a thousand surveys last year alone, and collected more than 400 scats for genetic analyses. With that data, we are improving koala distribution mapping, as well as gaining an understanding of their genetic landscape".

The research using detection dogs for koala conservation is ongoing, and you can follow it online:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DetectionDogsForConservation/>

[DetectionDogsForConservation/](https://www.facebook.com/DetectionDogsForConservation/)

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/usc_detection_dogs/

twitter: [@USCDetectionDog](https://twitter.com/USCDetectionDog)

Detection Dogs for Conservation operates as a non-for-profit and donations are gratefully accepted and tax deductible.

THANK YOU ROMANE & YOUR CREW –HUMAN & CANINE!



It is always rewarding to receive positive feedback from workshops. Everyone at Ann's workshop was mesmerized by her knowledge. It was a fun and educational morning enjoyed by all. It was a great follow-on from the Wildcare Native Plant workshop with Rachel Lyons. I thoroughly enjoyed it also.

Thank you to those who attended Ann Morans morning at Ewan Maddock Dam. Our native plants are what our rehabilitated wildlife depend on for survival so we need to equip ourselves with knowledge of our local flora.

Jeannie remembered the name of the tree I was interested in as Ann has mentioned that it was a good tree to grow for food for birds in the Winter—the Celery Wood Tree *Polyscias elegans*. I couldn't believe it when I found one self-seeded in my front garden only two days later. Actually it was pointed out to me—I may not have recognized it myself!...Donna

Thank you to Mona Abbas who emailed her lovely recollections about the day:

"Hi, Just wanted to share my notes about today's lovely event.

On a beautiful crisp Sunday morning an intimate group of us met at Maddock Park joined with several joeys all snuggled up in their human made pouches.

Ann Moran lead this native plants workshop. She first helped those who brought plants to identify. Of the many talked about I will share those that I remembered and found interesting for me.

Tuckaroo (*Cupaniopsis anacardioides*) mainly found in coastal forests and often along water courses. These produce yellow to Orange 3 loved fruit.

The soap tree (*Alphitonia excelsa*) a tree common in open forests on well drained soils. One that attracts butterflies.

Quinine bush (*Petalostigma pubescens*) common shrub or small tree. Yellow to red fruit. This is non-edible!

Blueberry ash (*Elaeocarpus reticulatus*) a tree with small blue edible fruit.

Weed species: *Duranta* (*Duranta erecta*) Erect shrub or small tree. Warning this has highly poisonous berries.

Scrambling Lily (*Geitonoplesium cymosum*) this leafy climber is found mainly in moist forest. The leaves that are pale green and still folded are edible and taste like snowpeas!

After a sit down and seeing those plants people had brought in we then took a stroll around the park. I highly recommend for others to check this park out as there is lots to see and do there on a beautiful walk exploring the area.

This is where I stopped taking notes and enjoyed helping to carry one of the joeys and decided to take in what ever I was meant to. What I learned is the importance of supporting those within WILVOS whatever their task, as we are all in this together and no one should be left to feel alone or unsupported.

This was a wonderful event as participants got to learn more about the native plant species and the animals that like to eat them. This learning will surely help us in caring for our wildlife and has also helped me and others with our knowledge of plants in this area.

It goes to show the wonderful work that WILVOS does and the effort they make into connecting its members and friends as well as the continuous work to always learn more about our animals and plants that we share this wonderful coast with.

Regards Mona"

Handrearing Guide for the Beginner - Kellie Stewart www.kcbbs.gen.nz/lori/ar/handrear2.html

Day 1-7	2 - 2♦ hourly- last feed at midnight first feed at 5- 6am
Day 7-14	2-3♦ hourly- last feed at 11pm first feed at 6am
Day14-21	4 hourly- last feed at 11pm first feed at 6-00am
Day21-28	4- hourly- last feed at 11pm first feed at 6-30am
Day28-35	4♦♦ hourly last- feed 10-30pm first feed at 6-30am
Day35-42	4♦-5 hourly- last feed at 10pm first feed at 7am
Day42-49	5 hourly- last feed at 9-30am first feed at 7am
Day49-56	5-6 hourly- last feed at 9-30am first feed at 7am
Day56-63	6 hourly- last feed at 9-00am first feed at 7am



Lorikeets hatch out of the egg with closed eyes and wisps of white down. Their eyes open at 14 days old and gray down covers their body by the 20th day of life. A chick who is nearly covered with juvenile feathers is approximately 40 days old. At 60 days, the chick has flight feathers and will begin trying her wings. Rainbow lorikeets begin developing adult coloration at this age as well although plumage is not as brilliant as their parents. Prevent parental aggression toward the now independent young by providing fledgling with their own cage. By 1 year old, the lorikeet has full adult plumage and her beak has changed from black to bright orange. Immature birds have pale eye rings, which turn to bright blue by 18 to 24 months of age when they are ready to breed

The following is from the Wombaroo website. Passwell handrearing mix. www.wombaroo.com.au

Feeding Chicks from Newly Hatched:

The first feed of the day for 3 days should be a quality yoghurt with high live micro-organism count. This provides a reliable source of live bacteria (probiotics) that may have a beneficial effect on a bird's intestinal microbial population. This is cheaper and more effective than using a commercial probiotic powder, that usually have short expiry dates and are inactivated by heat and processing.

Next feed young birds a dilute mixture of **Passwell Hand Rearing Food** to begin with, and then gradually increase the solids content as they get older. House chicks in a warm, draught-free brooder, at an appropriate temperature for their age.

Feed Preparation:

Chick Age	Hand Rearing Food (1 heaped teaspoon+5g approx.)	Warm preboiled water (at approx. 50 degrees C)	Brooder Temp (degrees C)
Day 1	10 g	60 mL	35-37
Day 2 to 5	10 g	50 mL	33-36
Day 6 to 10	10 g	40 mL	31-33
Day 11 to 15	10 g	30 ml	29-31
Day 16 to 20	10 g	25 ml	27-30
After Day 20	10 g	15 ml	-27

Allow prepared mixture to stand for 2 minutes to absorb all the water. Remix, and if too thick reheat the mixture and add a little more water to make the desired consistency. Feed at a temperature of 36-38°C with a spoon or syringe. Feed until the crop is full, taking care not to introduce food into the windpipe.

Feed prepared **Passwell Hand Rearing Food** 6 times daily when chicks are very young, reducing this to 3-4 feeds per day as the chick gets older. Feed small amounts frequently and allow the crop to empty completely at least once each day (ie overnight). Thoroughly clean utensils before food preparation. Food must be prepared fresh for each meal. Discard all uneaten food.

Note: Do not add vitamin, mineral or concentrated food supplements to **Passwell Hand Rearing Food**. This may seriously alter the nutritional composition of the formula,

Growth of Chicks: Weigh chicks at the same time each day. Daily weight gains will fluctuate but on average healthy chicks should gain from 10 -20% of their body weight each day. Weight loss could indicate the onset of disease, but often means that the chick is not getting enough food. Otherwise healthy chicks that are not gaining weight may need more solids in the mix, more food at each feed or more feeds per day.

This information is from a training weekend with Jim Pollock which WILVOS held about eight years ago. Sadly, the same mistakes are still being made. Joeys are kept confined in pouches they can barely stretch in, and they are not put out in the yard at an early enough age. It is cruelty to hold them back. You don't have a safe yard? A small circular pen can be made with shade cloth and pickets where you can sit out with them when they are very little.

Fractures in Macropods Jim Pollock B.B.Sc. Fractures Caused by Poor Husbandry Fracture of the Calcaneus Bone (Heel Bone)

After much questioning and observation I came to the conclusion that this is a husbandry problem associated with lack of exercise and weight bearing in juvenile macropods that are restricted to their artificial pouch for too many hours in the day when they should be out exercising and weight bearing on their limbs.

After having 5 cases in one year including one joey that fractured the calcaneus on each hind leg a month apart I started giving talks to macropod carers at the local care group meetings to make people aware of the problem.

It appears the major problem is with macropod carers that live busy lives and rear joeys, taking them to work but never having time to sit and watch the joey get out of the pouch and hop around and fossick outside in a large safe yard. These carers are very dedicated but do not have safe pens that they can leave the juvenile macropod in for hours to get his exercise.

Weight bearing is essential to develop strong bones as bone is a dynamic issue and the canaliculi or microscopic building blocks of bone align to cope with the direction of stress placed on the bone in weight bearing and movement. Spending little time out of the pouch weight bearing and moving about does not help strengthen the main bones. What happens is we end up with a young animal that is gaining weight but his bone strength is not keeping up with the weight gain to support it. Something has to give. And when he hops the pull of the Achilles tendon working to extend the hock causes the calcaneus to fracture.

Other factors?

I also believe that the majority of these joeys are kept inside and possibly don't get enough sunlight which is essential for vitamin D synthesis. Vitamin D is essential for calcium metabolism and transport. Most of the replacement milk formulas should have sufficient calcium included to prevent a calcium deficiency so it should not be diet related.



These two have spent time lying out in their bags since 1 kg. At 1.5 and 2kg they feel secure enough to hop around and then lie down in sun. Mum nearby of course.

So why do these fractures occur in young healthy hand reared macropods with no history of trauma?

Calcium Deficiency ? – unlikely
Vitamin D deficiency – possible

Dynamic stress factors of weight bearing and exercise are definitely missing in almost all cases.

The good thing is that I can say that, since we have alerted our carers about the need for exercise and weight bearing, we have only had one case in the last 5 years. This has often meant people passing on a joey to another carer who has the facilities that allow the joey to get that safe exercise for extended periods. ***

(For full paper email donna info@wilvos.org.au)

Bones and muscles both become stronger when muscles push and tug against bones during physical activity. Children who are bedridden, or have prolonged periods of immobility, are at increased risk of juvenile osteoporosis because they're unable to participate in weight-bearing activities that encourage bone density. (www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health) Our wildlife are no different. Exercise is crucial to their early development. Joeys can have room to somersault in their pouches but still feel secure in well cushioned pouches.



Sunshine
through
glass
doesn't
provide
Vitamin D

This red-necked wallaby would return to my place every few months. Note this pinkie, which spent a lot of time with head out of the pouch. Soon after, I'd watch Mum tip the little 'seal-furred' joey out at a very early age to toilet. Then it would quickly dive back in again. Steady, steady—Mum did not keep joey stuffed in pouch and throw it out at furred stage to see how fast it could fracture its legs!

To keep joeys always contained until fully furred is sad. It is detrimental to keep a kangaroo joey firmly pouched until it is almost 2 kg and expect it to then hop around with no muscle tone and no bone strength. It is a recipe for disaster.

It is time consuming but worth it to lay the joeys on the grass in their padded pouches (as if in reclining mother's pouch) while you sit next to them. They soon feel secure with your presence. By 1.5kg my eastern grey joeys are finding their way around my yard, as long as I am sitting nearby being 'Mum'.

Much can be learned watching animals in the wild.

A big CONGRATULATIONS to **Ranger Stacey Thompson** and the **Totally Wild** team on 25 years of Television production. We have had some fun filming with them over the years. A great show!



Photo: Channel 10's Totally Wild team on a visit to WILVOS some years back.

The last visit over a year ago was a highlight. The pademelon was a showoff, and the young echidna actually drank its milk while being filmed. Something I couldn't guarantee! My pinkie wallabies in the humidicrib were stars for their brief appearance while feeding. The next stop was to Sylvias where possums and larger macropods were filmed.

The Totally Wild crew always film with complete respect for the wildlife.

If you have no wish to attend the upcoming Dr Howard Ralph workshop, then I would strongly suggest that you look at why you are doing this.



I'd even recommend that you take up a hobby—one that doesn't involve animal welfare. Wildlife caring is NOT a hobby. It is a commitment to provide the absolute best for our wildlife in care.

I am proud that WILVOS can facilitate this training day for wildlife carers. Some people are travelling large distances to take up this opportunity.

It is the wildlife that will benefit greatly from this training day.

Our thanks to Howard. It is not easy for him to schedule in training days so far away from his constant wildlife work down south.

For some interesting reading on "Artificial incubation applied to bird eggs", visit the HARI website. The Hagan Avicultural Research Institute.

Many little possums are brought to experienced carers because they 'won't lap'. Usually one feed, held in good headlock and firmly held on your lap up against your body, and the little darling gladly laps out of a shallow lid. Maybe he/she is just so damn pleased not to have a syringe shoved into its sensitive gums by these strange aliens. **RELAX! KEEP IT SIMPLE!**

Also don't get confused by 'expert' ideas on the 'net'.

HELP SAVE THE BILBY

In the Greater Bilby 2017 competition, Australian school students of all ages have the opportunity to produce a film / animation, piece of creative writing or poster to inspire greater public support for saving these threatened marsupials through action, education and raising awareness.

The best entry in each of the three age categories will **win a real live bilby visit to their school.**

Entries close on **Friday 18 August 2017.**

The winners will be announced on Friday 8 September, School's Bilby Day



OR

THE BILBY NEEDS CITIZEN SCIENTISTS

Bilby Tracks is a citizen science program operating inside the Bilby Fence - a predator- exclusion area at Currawinya National Park in western Queensland

8—16th September 2017

4 –11th November 2017

OR

2nd ANNUAL FUR BALL Saturday 9th September.

www.savethebilbyfund.com

<https://blog.csiro.au/atlas-of-living-australia/>

Oxbow Critical Care or Vetafarm Critta Care is recommended for use with ringtail possum joeys from 80g. (Some have used it even younger, but extensive research hasn't been done in the very young.) See the Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference website 2010 Herbivore Nutrition Supplements, presented by Beverley Young OAM of Sydney Wildlife. Read the case histories.

EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES :

Milk Powder, Teats, Bottles, pouches/car carry bags for possums and macropods, Oxbow Critical Care, Wild Forage (brilliant product for any recovering wildlife) or Charcoal Powder. Phone/Email Donna.

Possum Boxes/ Dreys available when animals reach size requiring same. Phone/Email Sylvia.

Pet and produce shops may give a discount. Please show your Membership Card when buying food for wildlife.

The best food we can give our animals is what they would be eating in the wild. Supplement foods are just that! Needless to say there are supplements such as Calcium that are necessary.

20% discount Petstock, Noosaville

**ALL AVIARY MOVEMENT ARRANGEMENTS
MUST GO THROUGH SYLVIA.**

Please email all electronic monthly fauna and phone returns to returns@wilvos.org.au with cc to membership@wilvos.org.au

Please send an email to returns@wilvos.org.au to request a form template and instructions

OR Post to PO Box 4805 Sunshine Coast Mail Centre Q 4560

"He's 88 going on 58. When I asked him what the secret was and he said that when you reached that age you shouldn't do anything you don't like, you shouldn't do anything you just like, you should only do things that you love. If you don't love it, don't do it, because life is too short. That has become my mantra." Ray Martin on interviewing Sir David Attenborough.

WILVOS FOOD SUBSIDY

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 to 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. Otherwise there will be no response.**

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

- Species Co-ordinator must have been advised when animals came into care—**see their details in this newsletter.**
- Release Officer advised prior to release.
- Copies of fauna returns to be attached to the claims. (Originals to be sent in normally, to returns@wilvos.org.au or by post.)
- The minimum of two WILVO workshops per year to be attended by carer, as is necessary to retain permit.
- The person claiming must be an active WILVO carer listed on the Contact List. People may belong to any number of wildlife care organizations but must decide with which one they are 'active'. This has been done at the request of other major wildlife rehabilitation groups in Queensland. Unfortunately, people were joining and sourcing benefits from a number of groups, but were accountable to none of them. Animals were not being registered with co-ordinators and release details were not recorded.
- 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. It is the responsibility of carers to grow their own, or entice someone else to grow them for you! Similarly, with fruit/vegetables, carers should seek out sources from local fruit and vegetable suppliers. Generosity doesn't extend to organic blueberries, figs, or the like! As these are a supplement only with most species, they should not form a major part of the diet of any wildlife in care. Native food is out there—harvest it!

It would naturally be expected that those receiving the subsidy reciprocate in some way to show appreciation to the organization ie doing at least one shift a month on the phone, as all carers are expected to do. We are all extremely busy but it lightens the load when the chores are shared.

Formula or food is not to be passed on to anyone outside WILVOS.

If you can't do your rostered hotline shift — please 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 through to, advise your replacement on who they should switch to, and advise Hotline Co-ordinator Rachel Aspinall for her records.

Please mark your Hotline Rostered time down in a calendar or put an alert on your phone. The person doing the shift before you may need to switch over immediately.

Ligaments, Muscles and Tendons.

Ligaments join bones to other bones to strengthen joints. Skeletal muscles run from one bone to another, usually passing at least one joint. They are connected to bones by tendons, which are the long thin ends of the muscles.

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/bones-muscles-and-joints>

Please ensure if you pass wildlife on, that the person is a member of WILVOS. We have had a complaint about a 'wildlife carer' representing as a WILVO and picking up wildlife from a veterinary surgery.

Please show your membership card when picking up wildlife from a vet surgery so they don't have to ask you for it, and they then know you are a permitted wildlife carer. Our wildlife have enough to contend with, without falling into the hands of people untrained in wildlife care.

A little knowledge can be a dangerous thing!

Some WILVO carers are multi-skilled. A recent visit to the Lynd Theatre in Nambour saw Rachel Aspinall 'strutting her stuff' in a great local production of "Will You Still Love Me In The Morning". It was absolutely hilarious.

Rachel joins the ranks of another great actress and possum carer, Yvie Somerville, who we saw act in "Calendar Girls" a couple of years ago!



Here is a bird net you can build to catch injured birds. Some polypipe, suitable net, attached so room inside to catch bird, string attached off from the centre so can be tilted off ground, string can run into house, where you will be hiding and waiting for injured bird to walk underneath.

WILVOS AGM

7.30pm Monday 11th September 2017
60's & Better Hall Nambour

Nomination/Proxy forms are enclosed with this newsletter. Please scan and email back to secretary@wilvos.org.au or post to WILVOS PO Box 4805 Sunshine Coast Mail Centre Q 4560

Become part of the WILVOS management team in 2017/18. Nominate yourself or someone else (who agrees to the nomination!) to take on one of the many administration jobs. Otherwise, offer to help out in some capacity. Many hands make light work.

RSVP 4TH SEPTEMBER 2017

secretary@wilvos.org.au

Wildlife Volunteers Association Inc. (WILVOS) Co-ordinating Team for 2016/17

Please direct your calls to the relevant people when making enquiries

ie Membership enquiries to Sylvia (Or advice, complaints, praise!)

~THANK YOU TO ALL MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBERS. YOU HAVE BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH IN 2016/17~

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MEMBERSHIP WAS DUE 30.06.17 PAY NOW TO RETAIN PERMIT PLEASE RETURN THE INVOICE WITH YOUR PAYMENT.

If there are any changes to any details on the invoice, please add these but still please return the invoice. It is much more convenient for Sylvia to consult the hard copy file when enquiries are made re members details. For any payment by EFT then please put your SURNAME and MR as reference for membership renewal as our treasurer, Annette, isn't psychic either!

It's always good to catch up with ex-WILVO carers. I had two moorhens arrive at my place last week. I had never seen any here before and I wondered if they were two of the ones I had hatched out from eggs and released up at Wappa Dam. Yes, a bit far fetched? ...but that's what brought Lesley Rodgers to mind and I gave her a call to say 'hello'.

Lesley was a wonderful carer of very small birds. A purple swamphen raised by Lesley from a tiny chick, was released on the western side of Nambour at Kulangoor. Somehow, three days later this bird arrived back at Lesley's house, where she lives on the road out of Nambour heading to Maroochydore. How it safely traversed this disaster zone of vehicles and domestic pets is amazing!

Another released bird, a white-headed pigeon, returned long after release. After checking out Lesley, the pigeon flew off and returned minutes later with two young birds. A proud mum! Lesley didn't see this bird again for a couple of years, when it returned injured with a puncture wound. Happy to be a patient for a few weeks, it then returned again to the wild. WE MISS YOU, LESLEY!Donna & fellow carers.

Obstacles are the things we see when we take our eyes off our goals.

To become a wildlife carer you must hold a rehabilitation permit and meet standards described in
Code of Practice—Care of Sick, Injured or Orphaned Protected Animals in Queensland
www.ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/caring-for-wildlife

AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE HOSPITAL DETAILS:

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<http://wildlifehealthaustralia.com.au/Resources.aspx>

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