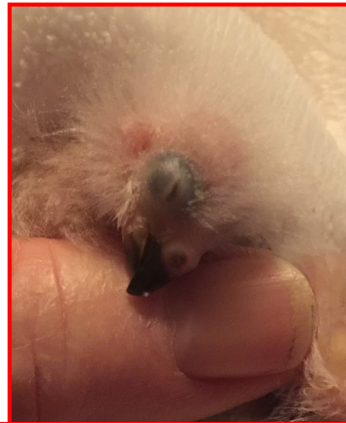


# WILVOS Wildlife Whisperings



This lorikeet chick likes to take a nap on a thumb immediately he finishes his feed.

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**PLEASE NOTE POSTAL ADDRESS CHANGE.**

On behalf of the WILVOs organization, I must thank you all for the amazing job you do, day after day, week after week, all year around. This year has been particularly challenging as more habitat is destroyed, and what is left is tinder dry which means the wildlife are severely compromised on all fronts. Deprived of food and housing our native animals are all suffering.

Though I don't rehabilitate bats, our Hotline takes calls for Bat Rescue and I have never seen so many calls come in for bats on barbed wire fences and other predicaments. Bats are appearing in people's back yards where they have never been seen before. Large numbers are being seen dead on the sides of the road. It is a tragedy of major proportions and bodes ill for the future.

Our Hotliners have never worked under such continuous trying conditions. While trying to sort out calls, another rolls in. Nevertheless, you have all done a wonderful job, with calls coming through at any time of day or night.

Besides our WILVO volunteers, a special thank you also to our wonderful emergency service workers. Without their incredible dedication and hard work we would be seeing even more destruction of habitat and property wreaked by bushfires.

Our Hotliners, Carers, Vets and Wildlife Hospitals are all weary and stretched to the limit. My own apologies for a late newsletter. Time and energy are overtaxed!

Thank you all for everything you do. You do make a difference.

.....Donna

## Hotline Training—An Invitation from Lisa Domagala

I am hoping to run a Hotline Training Session on the 29th September - this will be subject to getting at least 3 attendees and most likely will be run at our place in Kiamba. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. This is also a great opportunity for some of our "old hands" to get a refresher and to pass on some of your knowledge. All are welcome. Book direct with me at

[hotline@wilvos.org.au](mailto:hotline@wilvos.org.au)

And in closing - I'd just like to say what an awesome job you are all doing. Hotline has been extremely busy (haven't done the stats yet, but I think they will be impressive). It is a privilege to work with such a great bunch of volunteers - the team work is astounding and as you have all heard me say before, it fascinates me how the 24/7 Hotline just works!

**THANK YOU TO THE SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL FOR INCLUDING WILVOS IN THEIR THREE YEAR ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY PARTNERSHIP. This funding contributes \$10,000 per year for operational expenses—aviary loan, workshops, food subsidy etc. Great support!**

## STATISTICS, STATISTICS, STATISTICS.....

The following research article shows the importance of data. If we don't have our statistics we have no future for our wildlife. Enter your wildlife as soon as they come in. Statistics from those animals that have died are just as important as those that have lived. Location, species and reason for admittance are all important.

When an orphan is saved from a dead mother, enter her details as well in your records. Every animal counts. It is not an accurate picture unless we record the dead wildlife as well as the rescued.

This research article is from the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital and highlights the importance of advising AZWH when an animal dies, is released, or is passed on to another carer. Your records are in this article.

## RESEARCH ARTICLE

### The impact of human activities on Australian wildlife

Alyce Taylor-Brown<sup>1,2</sup>, Rosie Booth<sup>3</sup>, Amber Gillett<sup>3</sup>, Erica Mealy<sup>4</sup>, Steven M. Ogbourne<sup>1</sup>, Adam Polkinghorne<sup>2</sup>, Gabriel C. Conroy<sup>1</sup> \*

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**REMINDER:** Please email your outcomes and transfers of wildlife received from the Australian Wildlife Hospital. Email to:

**[hospital@wildlifewarriors.org.au](mailto:hospital@wildlifewarriors.org.au)**

Advise the Accession Number of the animal. Put this AZWH Accession Number on your WildMan record entry, where it says Vet No. If you enter AZWH 34658, for example, then all those records coming from the wildlife hospital are easy to be found later when you do a Control F.

## Wildlife carers needed daily!

Wildlife are coming in to AZWH and Eumundi RSPCA Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre at an ever-increasing rate. Please read Kay's emailouts each day and check on the Carers FB page. Don't be shy –ring up and offer to take a bird or three. Ring up and ask for help if you aren't familiar with the species. Working with an experienced carer will see you on your way to more knowledge and experience over a range of species.

***"If you get tired, learn to rest, not to quit."* - Banksy**

**Thank you to Maroochy RSL for sponsoring the lorikeets care.**

**Thank you to Steve and the RSL staff for caring !**



Just had to flip this photo over so it looks like lori is standing up!

I have found the lime green edged car polish cloths are great for little chicks too. Really keeps them warm Easy to wash and quick to dry.



The first rainbow lorikeets arrived as 3 tiny chicks and 3 eggs to incubate. These were followed the next week by 5 chicks and 8 eggs. The 8 chicks thrived and then were followed by 5 of the chicks hatching. 13 little lorikeets to cropfeed every few hours wasn't as time-consuming as it sounds, compared with feeding and toileting macropods. You can read about this Maroochy RSL gang of lorikeets and the Coolum Industrialists in Wildlife Watch on the website.



.....and then the plover chicks began emerging from the eggs. Only 2 eggs have hatched from the Coolum site. The four eggs have hatched from the Mountain Creek site. Another lone egg hatched. 7 cute chicks.



**T**hese were the bookings for presentations from Roslyn Leslie from a month ago. There are even more added to the list now. This knowledge of our wildlife, and the presentations done with PetPep at the schools, increase the awareness of members of the public, and gives them the chance to ask questions that may have been in their minds. The school visits with PetPep are a great way of educating our young people on responsible pet ownership, and helping them realize how they can help our wildlife by containing their domestic pets.

11/07 Coolum S/S Vacation Care  
 19/07 Bli Bli Edge Water Retirement Village  
 24/07 Coolum Beach 'Sparrow Early Learning'  
 02/08 Meridan State College  
 06/08 Nambour State College  
 12/08 Hibiscus Buderim Meadows Garden Retirement Village  
 18/08 Cooroy Mountain Spring Festival  
 28/08 Alex/Mooloolaba C/Kindy Group 1  
 30/08 Alex./Mooloolaba C/ Kindy Group 2  
 04/09 Buderim View Club  
 06/09 Currimundi S/S year 5 [4 presentations]  
 09/09 Kawana C/Kindy Group 1  
 15/09 SCARS/4 PAWS walk  
 19/09 Kawana C/Kindy Group 2  
 20/09 Bli Bli S/S Under 8's Day  
 27/09 Noosa Parks Ass.

Should anyone require a presentation on wildlife at their school or community organization, as them to email:

**awareness@wilvos.org.au**



**I**t is so good when young Tawny Frogmouths (No, I am not an Owl—I am a Frogmouth!) have the little poo sac. Then as they get older it just becomes SPLAT. Smelly little devils but totally delightful

Please read your Hotline resources in the Members Page—the Phone Manuals 'Animal Guidelines' has information on all species and will usually have the answer you are looking for.

Lisa's 'Calls from the Wild' news is also great reading each month. Thank you for the name, Christine. Love it!

Interesting where some of our wildlife originate. One of my little grey kangaroos came from Meandarra, a little Queensland town where I had my first year of school

## DON'T FORGET TO WEIGH ALL YOUR WILDLIFE IN CARE.....

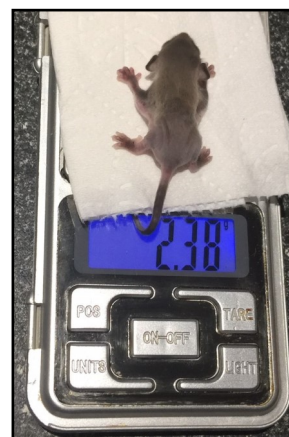
We need to weigh and record our weights so we know if our wildlife are putting on weight. It is very difficult to judge the weight when the animal is covered in feathers or fur.

We do not know how much to feed our animals in care if we don't know how much they weigh. Look up the Wombaroo Bird booklet to see how much food you



should be feeding that bird or marsupial. Everyone at the bird workshop received one of the Wombaroo Bird booklets and they are a very useful resource.

These charts are based on animals down south. This is why it is important to record weights on WildMan so we can create our own south-east Queensland information.



**T**he hot weather is coming and we need to have our aviaries heatproof. Animals will die of heat stress in an aviary if they become overheated. You cannot expect an animal to live in an aviary with a hot metal roof. You can cover with a thick covering of palm frons, pallets and corflute insulation, or big blocks of polystyrene from packaging. Whatever you use, weigh/wire it down for safety in high winds. My choice is old sleepers or pine planks. If you have your aviary under trees, this also prevents a falling branch from spearing through the roof. Yes, this did happen to a carer some years ago.

## BIRD TRAINING DAY AT AUSTRALIA ZOO WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

Attendees at the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital bird training day were extremely impressed with the amount of information imparted in just one day. With almost 200 pages in the manuals, there is much to read up on. They will be great reference material. Though the printed matter is great, there is so much extra actual knowledge gained on the day by those attending training days.

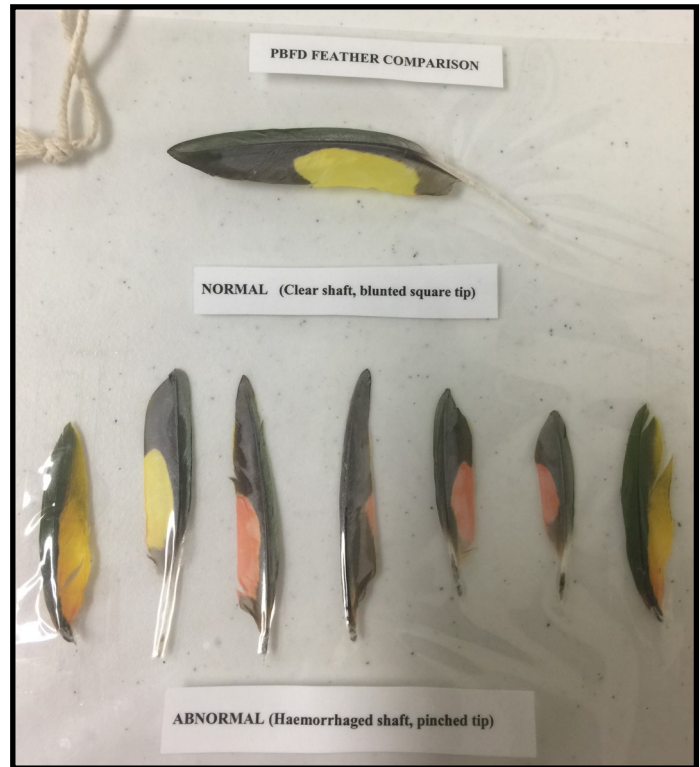
I hope to return again, but without so much wildlife to feed during the day next time, so I don't miss so much. It always astounds me that of the one hundred plus carers on our contact list, barely one third are regular attendees at workshops. I see the same faces each time and I know who I would trust to hand my wildlife on to.

Dr Danny Brown (BVSc (Hons) BSc (Hons) MANZCVSc began the day with Tips, Tricks and Myths –Avian Rehabilitation. There were some great ideas for encouraging birds to eat. For example, by taking a bird out of their comfort zone their response is to eat. ('I'd better eat, it might be my last supper?!') Hopefully carers now understand that Peas, Corn and Carrots are not a sole diet but the basis of a diet when enough natural foods cannot be sourced. The combination was developed as a bland replacement, closer to the natural dietary flavours than the sugary diet of the supermarket fruits, which is detrimental to the health of the birds in care.

The Triage was also fascinating with Dr Ludovica Valenza BAVBSc (Hons) BVSc (Hons) It also gave carers more insight into what to look for when initially rescuing the wildlife.

To rehabilitate any orphaned and injured carers need to have an understanding of the basic anatomy and physiology of the animal. Dr Rebecca Millers BSc (Hons) BVSc (Hons) covered this perfectly with the avian species.

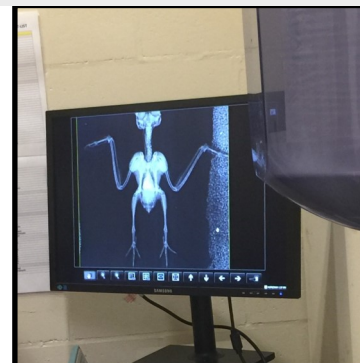
Along with housing and nutrition, and so much more, it meant a very busy morning. There was a short morning tea break, and a lunch break before the afternoon session. This incorporated a practical session. We broke up into groups of eight and visited the more practical aspects of wildlife caring.



These feathers show the difference between a healthy birds feathers and those of one with Psittacine Beak and Feather Disease (PBFD)



A tawny frogmouth being 'spreadeagled' for his Xray.



No fractures indicated on the Xray. Always good news.



In the AZWH afternoon practical session Jordon gave a great demonstration on capture techniques. A good tip was leave enough of the towel at the top to flip over the birds head when you pick it up. Also the technique in picking up raptors was interesting.



The crop feeding section gave carers, who hadn't tried it before, the confidence to perfect that technique. I gave that a miss. After sliding down over 50 crop needles a day I didn't want to have to do any more!

Thank you so much Dr Wendy for your great liaison work advising of program, times and manuals. Also I mustn't forget to thank you for your great presentations during the day. Your final talk on euthanasia in emergency circumstances was an interesting and necessary part of wildlife care.

AZWH were happy to present this inaugural workshop for free but we decided that everyone could pay \$10 and we would donate this to the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital. Small thanks for a brilliant day.

The planning and work that went into creating the manuals, plus the juggling of the vets' roster for the day were marathon jobs. WILVOS really appreciate your time, effort and expertise. This day has marked a new era for training for local wildlife groups.

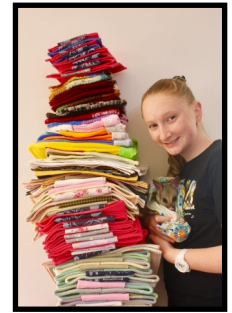
### ***THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED***

**IF YOU ARE A WILDLIFE CARER AND YOUR PERMIT IS NOT CURRENT, THEN YOU ARE UNABLE TO CARE FOR WILDLIFE. PLEASE ALWAYS KEEP YOUR PERMIT WITH YOU IN CASE YOU ARE ASKED FOR IT.**

**Please don't ask Sylvia for another invoice. Find yours!**



Photo: Sylvia, Donna, Rachel, Dale, Esther, Wendy.



Amazing young WILVO, Esther, has raised thousands of dollars for the Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors over the past few years. After the bird workshop she presented AZWH vet, Wendy, with a huge bag of sewn pouches.

Support Esther in her latest mission.

Hi Family & Friends,

How are you going? I (Esther) was wondering if you would be able to sponsor me? You may be aware that I am a Visionary Wildlife Warrior, meaning I help raise funds and awareness for Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors. This year I am running a POUCHATHON! Trauma season is almost here, with that comes more displaced babies of the bush that need a safe and snuggly pouch to live in!

You can help by sewing or knitting pouches to help me reach my goal of 1000 pouches by the 31st of October, or donating to help treat the precious orphaned babies of the bush. For every \$5 donated one pouch will be given to either the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital or one of the local wildlife caring groups. We have already reached 325 pouches, thanks to everyone how has donated some to help our gorgeous babies of the bush!

I believe that if my generation don't make an effort to preserve our native species, there won't be any left for our children to enjoy. I find it hard to comprehend what our world would be like without God's beautiful creations, so please help me to help them. From Esther McPhie

P.S. You can sponsor online by visiting:

<https://australiazoowildlifewarriors.everydayhero.com/au/esther>

or you can sponsor/give with cash. All donations via the online link are tax deductible.

For the pouch sewing instructions and inquires please email:

[pouchpile@gmail.com](mailto:pouchpile@gmail.com)



## Just another day for WILVO William Watson

These photos in the local Noosa newspaper, some months back, show the lengths that William will go to in the rescue of wildlife. This was another plover chick in a stormwater drain—a favourite scenario for them. It took some help from the 'furies' to remove the cover and they checked the air quality before William proceeded down to rescue the chick. Even the Council turned up to help, though the plover chick had already been retrieved. The parents were very happy to have him back, though showing no gratitude!

I was reminded of this, and many other incidents, at our stall at the Nambour Garden Exp. I had two people within an hour tell me that they had rung the WILVOS Hotline because of injured birds they were unable to catch. Both people enthusiastically told me what a great job William did in capturing the birds.

Recently, he's been determined to catch a kangaroo that has a bucket over its head. William will persevere till he can somehow capture this poor animal. He just doesn't give up.

*Thank you for all you do to help our wildlife, William.*

Welcome to all our new members at our recent induction day. What a great group of future wildlife rehabilitators. Two of them were lucky enough to go to the AZWH training day at very short notice after last minute cancellations.



### CHICK NOT GIVEN THE FLICK

Big rescue effort for a little bird ... see page 10.

### The editor's desk

It was heartwarming to see the effort made by about half a dozen men on Monday to save a tiny baby bird no bigger than a cricket ball.

And the joy on everyone's face when it was rescued and returned to its parents - priceless.

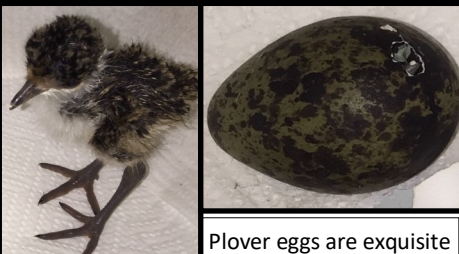
There was no thankyou and it was agreed the parents would continue to swoop passers by but no-one cared.

The dedication of wildlife carers around Noosa is to be applauded particularly in this their busiest time of year.

Also look out in next week's Noosa Today for our house and garden magazine Inside Out Noosa.

It'll be included in each paper. ●

- Margaret Maccoll



Plover eggs are exquisite



Mum reunited with lost chick.



William Watson heads down to rescue the chick.



Noosa Council brings in heavy machinery.



Firefighter Colin Dick with the rescued plover.

## Wildlife Volunteers Association Inc. (WILVOS) Co-ordinating Team for 2019/20

Please direct your calls to the relevant people when making enquiries

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

**THANK YOU TO ALL TEAM MEMBERS & HELPERS WHO GIVE SO MUCH OF THEIR TIME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. It may not be as rewarding as active caring, but it is a very necessary part of an efficient organization.**




WILVOS team members are very sorry to see Annette, our former treasurer, and Leslie, our former secretary, move on. Both gave us fair warning that they would be retiring at the 2019 AGM and were more than happy to help new people if required. Annette has been amazing as treasurer, taking it on back in 2002 until someone else filled the position! Being Annettes field of expertise we were very fortunate. Not an easy spot to fill but Sharon loves a challenge and Annette has trained her and will be available for any questions. Annette will now have more travelling time, for more walks around Europe, when business allows! Leslie has been with WILVOS forever too! A long-term carer and then secretary, Leslie has seen many changes, especially with the amount of mail coming to the WILVOS Post Office Box. Everything is now electronic and Lisa will do a great job. You'll both be missed but we will make time to catch up for a coffee occasionally. All the very, very best and THANK YOU.

### \*\*\* Management Committee

Monthly meetings held 2nd Monday of each month. All welcome. Email secretary for details.

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	WILVOS Raptors		Jackie Fraser	5499 9057



**PLEASE remember to email:**

**releases@wilvos.org.au** with

cc to

**neetyneets@hotmail.com**

**a month before your possum is due for release and again two weeks before. Anita and Ash are very busy on weekends and need to have plenty of time to co-ordinate releases.**

Winner of \$50 Bunnings  
gift voucher. Orange  
ticket F14 Lnese.  
Congratulations

**T**o 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](http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/caring-for-wildlife)

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**I**n the next few months every wildlife carer will be needed. Great to see new carers doing so well and always asking for advice. As is always said, "There is no such thing as a silly question." Remember we have all started wildlife caring with no knowledge of rehabilitation techniques and I see some new carers who are up there with the best. They have the necessary skills of commonsense, a willingness to learn, and the initiative to keep up with ever-changing ideas.

*CONGRATULATIONS*

*KATE MILNE & AINNSLEY WINDLER*

*WILVJs wish you many happy years  
together.*

