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WILVOS Wildlife Whisperings



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CLEAN ENERGY IS NOT ALWAYS 'SQUEAKY CLEAN'.

It is wonderful to see that people across the world are beginning to understand that we have to look after our planet. It would be beneficial to see long term decisions made to benefit future generations.

Energy sources have advanced in the past twenty years, but we have to give thought to the alternatives that are used. Wildlife globally need us to get it right, and learn from past mistakes.

Bladed wind turbines have massacred millions of birds, gliders, bats and other flight animals. New technology now available, such as the Vortex bladeless wind generators, are the wind harvesters of the future.

Let's hope consideration is given to the wildlife when making decisions on harnessing energy.

<https://vortexbladeless.com/technology-design/>

It has been a harrowing few months across the country. Fires followed by floods. Let us hope the people and animals get the help they need sooner than later—or sadly it will be too late for some. Hopefully steady rain will fall where it is needed.

So much wildlife will be in care for many months to come. Our thanks to all the amazing vets who are happy to ease the pain and suffering of our native animals. Our wildlife hospitals and our domestic animal veterinarians have all had extra wildlife to care for over the extended dry period. Thank you all for your time and expertise.



Mr Whippy

Thank you to all the kind and generous people from across Australia and overseas who have been so supportive of our native animals.

Though WILVOS chose not to ask for help, the donations of pouches, goods and money has been most appreciated, and a wonderful help to our wildlife in care. Drought and development alone led to severely impacted wildlife in 2019.

We saw the despair of those in disaster impacted areas and have tried to help there as much as possible.

WILVOS have no paid staff. All donations go to wildlife care.

The extremely cute Whiptail Wallaby in the above picture has been reared from a furless little bundle by Rachel and Esther McPhie. They did so well in rehabilitating Roxy, the little red-necked wallaby, that Mr Whippy was then entrusted to their care.

At the risk of repeating myself once again—without habitat there will be no wildlife. We contribute greatly as wildlife rehabilitators, but we must have habitat for the released animals.

I read this recently on the Andrew Isles Natural History Books website, and it just reinforces the fact that we have to protect our bush.....Donna

“For all of you wanting to give money to bushfire conservation I would urge you to donate to organisations that focus on science and habitat preservation, even if those organisations do not control property directly impacted by the fires. Here are some suggestions:

Bush Heritage <https://www.bushheritage.org.au/>

Australian Wildlife Conservancy <https://www.australianwildlife.org>

Trust for Nature <https://www.trustfornature.org.au/>

Wettenhall Environment Trust www.wettenhall.org.au “



WILVOS Community Awareness Officer, Roslyn Leslie, has jumped in to another busy year with presentations.

Already this year, Roslyn has visited schools along with the Australian Veterinary Association, and PetPEP. This is a wonderful initiative that educates children on responsible pet ownership. Thank you to the LiveLife Pharmacy at Noosaville for their donations which will go towards setting up rescue baskets for schools that Roslyn visits.

WILVOS are going to miss Lois Bateman on the Hotline. Due to family circumstances, Lois is unable to continue on the Hotline.

Thank you Lois for your many years of volunteering on the phone. You have always done it so perfectly, knowing just what to say to calm the caller and find a solution.

All the very best, Lois.

Check the milk powder you are using is good to use. It is really important to store all your wildlife food in a cool dark place. Even if it is well before the expiry date milk powder and other products may go 'off' in heat or incorrect storage.

When weaning possums off their milk, do it gradually. Don't just suddenly take them from the maximum of 40ml down to 20ml. Attend the next possum course for a 'refresh' and to access free products.

PLEASE CHECK THE WORKSHOP CALENDAR ON THE WILVOS WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND UPDATES.

UPDATE ON the Federal Government's Communities Environment Program Grant— with thanks to Ted O'Brien MP Fairfax Queensland.

Once approved, WILVOS were straight onto this project. Thanks Irene for submitting application, and Sylvia and Bob for making it happen so quickly.

Before you could blink, the materials were purchased and Bob was sawing away. Anita and Ash offered the help of the young Rovers who were visiting the Dunethin Rock Scout Camp and this was great community involvement.

It is astounding to see the efficiency and productiveness of volunteer organizations when they have such hard-working, selfless members. We don't need to have an Enquiry, a Royal Commission or endless meetings to achieve results. Volunteers just get in and get the job done, quickly and efficiently. We don't have time to procrastinate.

PROPER PLANNING PREVENTS POOR PERFORMANCE

(Yes, I did miss a 'P' word there but this is a family publication!)

Please remember that to be entitled to food subsidy you do need to attend the two workshops per year. No excuses. Government permit regulations require this attendance.

Wildman Report January 2020

Hotline - 661 calls were recorded in Wildman in Jan 2020. 103 out of 124 shifts had data entered – 83%

Outcome	Jan-20	2020 - All Calls		Reason for Call	Jan-20	2020 - All Calls
MOP taken to vet	187	187		Injured - Cause unknown	193	193
Advice Only	177	177		Enquiry for well being of animal	106	106
Referred to another organisation	47	47		Abandoned young	92	92
At Australia Zoo for treatment/ observations	46	46		Other - See Notes	82	82
In Care	41	41		Motor Vehicle Accident	41	41
Other - See Notes	33	33		Seeking Advice - See notes	27	27
WILVOS took to vet	23	23		Out of nest	25	25
Euthanased	22	22		Needs carer	19	19
Aust Zoo Rescue Team to attend	21	21		Dog Attack	14	14
Died	12	12		Hit window	14	14
Awaiting Rescue	11	11		Membership Enquiry	13	13
Referred to Bat Association	10	10		Cat attack	12	12
Released	8	8		Blown out of tree	9	9
Contacted Wilvos member to provide phone adv	7	7		Seeking Removal - See notes	8	8
Dead on Arrival	6	6		Caught in barbed Wire	3	3
Escaped	6	6		Malnourished	2	2
Not Found	4	4		Electrocution	1	1
Unknown	0	0		Unknown	0	0
Total	661	661		Total	661	661

Animals in Care Summary

Species	Came into Care in January 2020	Released in January 2020	Total in Care as at 31 Jan 2020
Bandicoot	1	0	1
Birds	44	121	77
Echidna	0	0	0
Platypus	0	0	0
Possums	23	6	70
Gliders	1	0	7
Macropods	1	1	19
Reptiles	1	0	1
Dasyurids	0	0	4
Rats & Mice	0	0	2
TOTAL	71	0	181
Total released in 2020 to date = 128			

With all the publicity surrounding koalas during the recent bushfires, we would expect that retention of habitat would become a serious consideration. It appears not.

2010 Koala Bushland – no longer recognised (mapped) in 2020

Council	Low Value Bushland	Medium Value Bushland	High Value Bushland	Total Result
Brisbane City	1,644	2,952	1,109	5,704
Gold Coast City	2,366	6,125	1,091	9,583
Ipswich City	732	3,649	1,867	6,248
Logan City	1,743	4,402	1,974	8,120
Moreton Bay Regional	4,213	6,571	3,140	13,925
Noosa Shire	6,111	3,767		9,878
Redland City	2,135	1,176	1,481	4,792
Sunshine Coast Regional	11,414	11,444	390	23,248
Total Result	30,359	40,086	11,052	81,498

<https://seq-koalas.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MinimalGallery/index.html?appid=fb852a4b325f47fa8f6c58ddf8eefd7c>

Information from Biodiversity.



The CWA at Beerwah organized an incredible sewing bee. So many turned up that they put tables up outside for ladies to cut out the patterns for wildlife bags and covers. Some took 'homework' home.

There were so many kind offers of help. A lovely group of people!



It is said that 'it takes a village to raise a child'. This is the same for wildlife carers. Ideally, a native animal would go to one person and stay with them until release but this isn't the reality. Different carers are able to look after different sized animals, so our wildlife may have 2 or 3 different carers through their rehabilitation process.

This is why it is so important to be consistent in our caring methods. Our possums and macropods, for example, are in care a long time in preparation for release and we don't want their environment and their diet changing radically each time they change carers.

If workshops are attended by all members then we all get the same information and this means our wildlife are happy too!

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. It is most appreciated!

Though expenses do seem to have a habit of rising each year, WILVOS have made some productive changes over the past couple of years. Changing from Telstra to TPG meant a huge saving. Most mail is now sent electronically so postage costs have dropped substantially.

MORE NESTBOXES UNDER WAY

Part of the agreement, with the Federal Government's Communities Environment Program Grant, was to work with other community organizations in the creation of the wildlife nestboxes. Anita and Ash thought it would be a great education for the Rovers visiting the Dunethin Rock Scout Camp.

It was a great idea to get the young actively involved in helping our wildlife. Bob Whiting spent many hours organizing everything from glue pots to drills, to cutting up the timber into flatpack box kits. This was all transported over to the Scout Camp and allowed all the Rovers to be involved in the nestbox construction.

Here are Anita's words on the day:

Ash and I are caretakers of the Dunethin Rock Scout Camp. For the last year and a half we have spoken to hundreds of Scouts, Cubs and Girl Guide groups as well as general campers about WILVOS and the importance of our Wildlife., and more importantly what they can do to help.

So last Sunday the QLD Rovers helped Bob and us to assemble and paint habitat boxes. They had a great time and were so excited to be helping WILVOS. I'm so proud of what they achieved and so grateful for all they helped with. Such a massive effort ... (so if you get a nest box for your possum and it's not as perfect as Bobs usual creations.. this is the reason why...haha).

Editors Note: I'm sure Bob will go through them and check them out. He thought they did extremely well.



Thanks Anita, Ash, Bob and our thanks again to Ted O'Brien MP Fairfax Queensland for inviting WILVOS to apply for this grant.



These are some of my favourite animal photos that ended up on a calendar this year.



LOOK OUT FOR THE NEW DROP DOWN MENU ON THE WEBSITE, INFORMING ON CURRENT WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.



Now is the time to get those cane toad numbers under control.

<http://www.mooloolahwaterwatchandlandcare.org/cane-toad-tadpole-trapping.html>
<https://imb.uq.edu.au/canetoadchallenge>

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

Closing date for next newsletter 14th March 2020.

Please email to newsletter@wilvos.org.au
 Subject: Newsletter item.



RECRUITMENT

Do you think WILVOS need more wildlife carers? Yes, YOU can help!

Don't forget to print out some WILVOS recruitment posters. Laminate them if you can. You'll find these on the Members site, under Carer Resources. Ask your local vets and shops if you can put them up somewhere. Thank you Olivia for these. We always need more carers, hotliners and transporters.

Print off some WILVOS Wildlife Admission Forms for your local vet if they don't have such a form. It is a big help to them if they can give a form to the member of the public to fill out details of the wildlife they have rescued.

Sylvia and I recently attended a meeting with Council representatives on fauna movement strategies. We were informed on their progress in this field. Danger areas are being targeted and appropriate plans will be put in place to help allow the safe movement of wildlife in these 'black spots'....Donna

The 10% of Carers and Hotliners who don't enter their data make it difficult for others who may search what fauna are in care, in their quest to group species.

There really is no excuse for not doing it as Kay is always willing to help with input of data.

Lisa Domagala develops statistical data that helps our wildlife immeasurably.

Thank you Lisa and Kay.
 Let's get input up to 100% !

Thank you to the Endeavour Foundation, Nambour, for their BarBQue fundraiser for wildlife.

Your work, care and donation is much appreciated.

WILDLIFE REHABILITATION METHODS ARE EVER-CHANGING SO DON'T BE SURPRISED IF ADVICE CHANGES. JUST MAKE SURE YOU GO TO YOUR WILVOS EXPERIENCED CARERS FOR UP-TO-DATE ADVICE.

IF YOU READ 'EXPERT' OPINIONS ON INTERNET WILDLIFE FORUMS, PLEASE CHECK THE VALIDITY WITH AN EXPERIENCED WILVO. SOME OF THE 'EXPERT' ADVICE IS JUST 'SCAREY'.

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.

*** Management Committee

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

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Please remember: Our possums are brought up on milk formula and a variety of foliage and other plant materials. It is not acceptable for our animals in care to view our fruit and vegetables as standard supplement or diet. If carers do this, you are setting up your wildlife to die in the wild. We need them to go out equipped with the skills to cope in their natural environment.

If medication needs to be administered, then sweet potato or banana is ok, but otherwise 'no'. Our aim is to rear fit animals, not fat animals. Exercise is another crucial part of their care. Wildlife cover huge distances out there. They need to be fit and healthy.

Our thanks to the Wildlife Preservation Society of Qld for their support and their continuing work in the conservation and protection of our Australian native fauna and flora and their habitat.

**WILVOS celebrate
over 25 YEARS
of rescuing, rehabilitating and releasing wildlife
in south-east Queensland**

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

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 the accession number, AZWH 34658, for example, then all wildlife coming from the wildlife hospital are easy to be found later when you do a Control F and search AZWH



Greater Glider



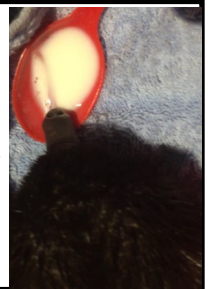
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ECHIDNAS

Young echidnas are emerging from their burrows and have to now make their way into the wild without parental supervision. They will occasionally be found quite dehydrated in the hot weather. Remember not to put an echidna on to a heat source. What they usually love is a big heavy shallow dish with a covering of clean fresh water on the bottom. They can have a drink and a bath.....This 'odd bod' echidna liked a red spoon!



www.awrc.org.au

This website contains all papers from the Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conferences. It is an extremely educational site on so many different species. There is information from the top wildlife veterinarians in Australia so please go through these past conference papers for good worthwhile information