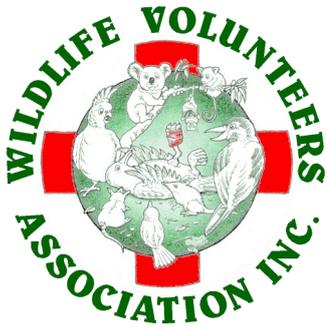


# WILVOS Wildlife Whisperings

JULY 2021



Thank you to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council for their regular support each year, through their grants funding. This enables WILVOS, as a volunteer organization, to continue to operate at the highest level of efficiency in helping our native animals and our wildlife rehabilitators. All approved food costs are covered and our carers have 24 hour support for their animals and for themselves.

**Carers:** On joining or rejoining as a permitted wildlife carer you will receive a membership card and a permit endorsed by the Department of Environment & Science. You need to retain this permit and have it with you at all times. You may be requested to show this when collecting animals from wildlife hospitals or veterinarians.

## Wildlife Volunteers Association Inc (WILVOS)

**Annual General Meeting  
Monday 13th September 2021 7.30pm  
Yandina School of Arts Hall**

All office bearers step down at this meeting and elections are held. The Proxy/Nomination Forms are on the website, or enclosed for those receiving their newsletter by post.

If you wish someone attending to vote on your behalf, please fill in the top part of the form. If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else for a position/s then fill in one of the lower windows. The nominee is to sign this nomination form to indicate they are willing to take on the position for twelve months. Nominations are to be in the hands of the secretary at least two weeks prior to the AGM ie 30th August 2021.

Please email [secretary@wilvos.org.au](mailto:secretary@wilvos.org.au) to confirm the venue, date and times of the AGM and your attendance at same, should you wish to attend.

RSVP 6th September 2021

**Don't miss out on the online Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference Darwin 2021 13-15th August. [www.awrc.org.au](http://www.awrc.org.au)**

### WILVOS TO THE RESCUE.

This had to be the cutest ringtail possum joey ever! Thank you Keith Porteous for the photo and for managing a very successful reunite for little possum with his family. Usually only Mum comes out to scoop up her little one, but this time, the two older siblings followed Mumma to the welcome home party. It was an emotional time for those watching from a distance as Mum lovingly groomed her missing babe!



### Have you decided to rejoin as a WILVO rehabilitator for 2021 22 ?

If you haven't already rejoined, you need to do so as soon as possible to obtain your permit from the Department of Environment & Science, through our membership secretary, Sylvia. This permit is a legal requirement needed to rehabilitate wildlife in Queensland.

[Click here](#) for the **Code of Practice for Sick, Injured or Orphaned Wildlife in Qld.**

# Wildman Report July 2021

- Lisa Domagala

**Hotline - 306 calls recorded in Wildman in July 2021. 99% of shifts had data entered ie 123 out of 124**

Outcome	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	June-21	July-21	2021 - All Calls	Reason for Call	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	June-21	July-21	2021 - All Calls
MOP taken to vet	107	100	69	74	70	48	44	512	Injured - Cause unknown	163	126	114	109	86	70	58	726
Advice Only	105	72	66	45	45	47	41	421	Enquiry for well being of animal	143	130	120	103	65	54	63	678
At Australia Zoo for treatment/observations	74	48	56	60	39	18	31	326	Motor Vehicle Accident	47	38	36	39	54	36	65	315
Other - See Notes	44	40	38	35	37	45	55	294	Other - See Notes	49	28	33	28	27	45	38	248
In Care	41	29	13	19	13	16	5	136	Seeking Advice - See notes	24	18	19	19	14	14	16	124
Referred to Bat Association	44	25	24	21	11	5	5	135	Orphaned young	22	26	13	11	16	13	12	113
At Wildlife Rehab Centre Eumundi	35	28	15	14	16	14	12	134	Needs carer	42	18	11	10	9	8	9	107
Euthanased	27	26	20	13	18	12	18	134	Out of nest	49	27	6	5	5	4	5	101
Died	36	20	13	17	8	8	17	119	Seeking Removal - See notes	15	10	17	14	8	4	9	77
Aust Zoo Rescue Team to attend	24	20	19	14	9	12	12	110	Dog Attack	19	11	10	8	9	5	10	72
Referred to another organisation	14	14	14	9	13	11	14	89	Hit window	10	14	11	13	10	10	4	72
WILVOS took to vet	23	9	15	8	8	5	10	78	Cat attack	8	7	8	4	5	3	11	46
Not Found	17	7	16	9	12	6	10	77	Caught in barbed Wire	15	7	6	6	9	1	0	44
Released	11	12	13	13	8	6	8	71	Blown out of tree	9	4	2	3	1	4	3	26
Escaped	8	8	5	11	2	6	9	49	Electrocution	2	2	3	0	0	2	3	12
Dead on Arrival	0	4	8	8	7	9	10	46	Membership Enquiry	1	2	2	0	1	2	0	8
Contacted Wilvos member to provide phone adv	11	6	7	4	3	6	3	40	Malnourished	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	6
Unknown	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	4	Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Awaiting Rescue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>2775</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>2775</b>

Species	Animals entered in Wildman July 2021	Released in July 2021	Total in Care as at 301 July 2021
Bandicoot	0	0	0
Birds	46	33	57
Echidna	2	1	0
Platypus	0	0	0
Possums	16	9	43
Gliders	0	2	0
Macropods	6	6	10
Reptiles	1	1	0
Dasyurids	0	0	2
Rats & Mice	6	0	5
Bats	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>117</b>



Nap and cuddle time in 'Mumma's' warm coat.

	Total Entered in Wildman	In Care	Euthanased	Left at Australia Zoo	Road Kill	Left at Wildlife Rehab Eumundi RSPCA	Left at Local Vet	Died	Released	Other - See Notes	Observed, no care needed	Escaped
Bandicoot	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Birds	41	21	2	1	0	1	0	4	10	1	0	1
Echidna	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Platypus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Possums	13	5	1	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0
Gliders	5	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
Macropods	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Reptiles	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Dasyurids	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Rats & Mice	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bats	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

Thank you to the carers who have emailed in to say 'thank you' to WILVOS for supplying them with their wildlife supplies.

Thank you all for caring for our wildlife!

### Hotliners & Carers:

WILVOS have a "Useful Numbers" list that gives details of other organizations—the pigeon society, frogs, bees, marine strandings. Familiarize yourselves with this List on the website.

On Hotline you may receive a call from anywhere in Australia. WILVOS can't list every wildlife carer in Australia but they are easily found on the internet. If you google a town/area it will help you track down a wildlife carer or group in the vicinity. Otherwise, based in NSW this is for all Australia: Wildlife Rescue Australia Hotline 1300 596 497

WILVOS help in every scenario. If an animal is non-native we will still assist by offering advice.

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As always, July and August have been the main months for vehicle impact for our macropods. Now it is time to read up on echidnas (see the facts on the main WILVOS Facebook page.)

It is also getting to baby bird season, and magpie swooping season, so it is important that we give the correct information to members of the public.

Most subjects are covered in the WILVOS Phone Manual on the website. This publication contains information all carers need to know.

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### Did you wonder what that pole was on the roadside?

The council and the University of the Sunshine Coast began a small trial of the fencing in August 2018, and with community support it has since expanded across the region.

The virtual fencing is based on European technology, and includes a device attached to a pole by the side of the road. The device is triggered by vehicle headlights and emits a buzzing sound and flashing light to warn nearby wildlife of approaching vehicles.

The use of wire fencing on the side of the highway has seen animals trapped on the wrong side of the fence. This is tragic, and better solutions need to be instigated as soon as possible.

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### Weaning our wildlife.

Weaning your animals needs to be a very gradual process. Don't wean too early or problems will surface. It is better to keep animals on milk formula too long than not long enough.

Weekly weighing gives you the information you need on how each individual animal is handling the transition.

### Plant Enthusiasts Needed

As always, carers enjoyed the recent plant identification workshop. Ann Moran is always a wealth of knowledge and Malcolm kept bringing in plenty of foliage that could be identified by using the key in Ann's booklet. (Ring Donna if you would like a copy of this booklet.)

So you are interested in what foliage your possums like to eat? How about helping compile a list of favourites, that can be shared between carers. If you go to WILVOS Foliage Check group on Messenger, you can put photos up for ID and they are also a record of what is popular with our possums, and what is not advisable to feed. Not that they all like to eat the same species. They have to keep us on our toes!

Please let me know if you would like to help in compiling lists of local plant species favoured by our wildlife. Malcom is happy to offer his expertise and a few helpers would spread the work around on the 'tree team'!

Phone/text Donna 0413 861 757 or email [donnaswildlife@gmail.com](mailto:donnaswildlife@gmail.com)

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### Temperature of milk fed to joeys

There has been discussion recently about feeding cold milk to our young mammals in care. What an awful thought! Maybe the epitome of laziness!

Sometimes we need to question science. It has been discussed that milk doesn't necessarily have to be warmed to feed to human babies. Yes, they even tried cold milk with premature babies. How sad is that? Of course this has created a question re our animals in care.

I don't think we need to be Einstein to know that milk does not flow from the mother at a refrigerated temperature. If we can't take the time to warm up a bottle in a mug of hot water to body temperature then I think it is time to give up caring for wildlife or human babies. Sure it's that little bit of time saved, but what is the next step. "Oh, we'll just put a teaspoon of milk powder in the babies mouth and let it dissolve!!!"

So just follow the instructions in your WILVO manuals, and always question anything that doesn't sound like good solid common sense!

Don't forget to check the Workshop Calendar on the website for upcoming workshops.

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Australia isn't the only country with Gapeworm in birds. This is interesting information for carers.

<https://wagwalking.com/bird/condition/gapeworms>

### Read about the decline of frog species in our urban areas:

<https://australian.museum/blog/amri-news/its-hard-to-live-in-the-city-the-decline-of-frog-species-from-our-urban-areas/>

## Wildlife Volunteers Association Inc. (WILVOS) Co-ordinating Team for 2020/21

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. It may not be as rewarding as active caring, but it is very necessary.

*** Management Committee		Meetings are held 2nd Monday each month. Please email <a href="mailto:secretary@wilvos.org.au">secretary@wilvos.org.au</a> for details. If you wish to attend.	
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**A**nyone wanting to listen to some interesting podcasts, it is always worth listening to Gisela Kaplan. Her passion for and knowledge of Australian birds really shines through. You may have heard her on the ABC Conversations program. If you have time to put your feet up and read a book, the local libraries have copies of all of Gisela's books. They are rather addictive, so also well worth the purchase price. They are the type of books you pick up and read bits of as time allows. The beauty of train travel!

**T**he Australian Native Bee Association have secured a Federal Government's Bushfire Recovery Grant. 'Bee hotels to boost bees after bushfires' - first in the world to use bee hotels to assist bees in fire affected habitat. The project, devised by Kit Prendergast will be providing presentations and assistance to the community. Over the next few months Kit will be providing information, educational resources and workshops – if you live in an area where fires occurred, are a member of Landcare, environmental or Men's Sheds groups near fire affected areas, please get in touch by emailing [kitprendergast21@gmail.com](mailto:kitprendergast21@gmail.com).

### OUR FROGS NEED YOUR HELP

Please send any reports of sick or dead frogs (and if possible, photos) via the national citizen science project [FrogID](https://www.frogid.net.au) or email [calls@frogid.net.au](mailto:calls@frogid.net.au)

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-07-29/dead-shrivelled-frogs-turning-up-eastern-australia-help-find-why/100331042>

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