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WILVOS Wildlife Whisperings



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WILVOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Yandina School of Arts Hall

7.30pm 5th September 2022

At this meeting, the current Management Team steps down, and a new one is elected. Please submit your [Nomination and Proxy Forms](#) to the Secretary, via Post Office Box or email, by 21st August 2022.

Please email secretary@wilvos.org.au to confirm details of the venue, date and times of the AGM and your attendance at same if you wish to attend.

RSVP 2nd September 2022.

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Thank you to the 2021-22 Management Team. You have all done an amazing job and put in endless hours of work in your various contributions to WILVOS. It has been great to see new faces on the Team and it would be good to see even more this year. Thank you to others who also helped in so many different capacities throughout the year.

Support is always there 24/7 for anyone taking on any position on the team.



It was incredibly saddening news to hear of the passing of the truly beautiful Sofia, vet nurse at Yandina Vet Surgery. A ray of sunshine in so many lives, Sofia loved and felt compassion for all animals—whether ferret or frogmouth!

Her bright smile and inimitable sense of humour was delightful. I always left the surgery feeling that little bit chirpier, even on a sad day. You will be so missed by all, Sofia....Donna & WILVOS Check out [Yandina Veterinary Clinic's Facebook Page](#) for details of a memorial to be held this Sunday 21st August.

Thank you so much to all the crew who did such a wonderful job at the Queensland Garden Expo in July. Judy Hemsall was a legend for taking over the roster, organizing it all and being available for the whole three days.

The following post on Platypus Plants Facebook page tells what a great job all our volunteers did.

"We went to the Qld Garden Expo recently and met some of the wonderful volunteers at WILVOS. Wildlife Volunteers Association rehabilitate and release injured native animals. So this month we've chosen to donate to them".

Thank you Michael (Trust), Jeff (for your two shifts), Carol, Shanna, Helen, Bronwyn and of course Judy for all your help over the 3 days. Well done all!

Many thanks to all who help out on our community awareness stalls. Rosemary says a big 'thank you' also.



Jeff ready for gates to open on Sunday morning.

The Sunshine Coast Council invites WILVOS each year to be part of their Living Backyard area of the QLD Garden Expo. It is most appreciated and it is always a yearly highlight

The following statistics are only possible because of the diligent recording by Hotliners and Carers. Many thanks to all.

Looking at these statistics reminds me of all the TLC, stress (heartache, devastation) and joy, that go into each animals' rescue, transport, rehabilitation and release. Just days before I took this kangaroo joey to Sylvias pre-release paddocks she greeted me with this face at bottle time.

Aaaagh, not my perfect joey, Pinda, who has not had one hiccup in care! I tried not to panic as words such as "Phenergan" and "Polarmine" raced through my head. Sanity prevailed and after a few deep calming breaths checked her over. Though a little confused, not agitated, she knew something was wrong with her nose. Breathing and heartbeat were fine. Rushing off to the vet would be stressful so 'watch and wait' was the decision. Having seen her only a short time before, it had happened quickly, and I suspected one of the multitude of bees in my yard could be the culprit.

It was a great relief to see the swelling quite quickly dissipate, with no after affects. Phew, I love good outcomes. She is now relaxed and happy with new friends, without this sad face!

The next day swamp wallaby 'Foxy' came over for a scratch, and then tore a toenail off in a mad rampage around the yard! Never a dull moment!.....Donna



Reason for Call	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	2022 - All Calls
Enquiry for well being of animal	115	135	101	70	90	75	586
Injured - Cause unknown	119	101	112	75	72	51	530
Other - See Notes	45	37	31	30	37	36	216
Motor Vehicle Accident	37	37	46	34	27	34	215
Seeking Advice - See notes	22	19	31	16	13	9	110
Out of nest	39	30	6	10	7	3	95
Orphaned young	32	17	20	9	8	7	93
Needs carer	20	18	22	9	9	3	81
Hit window	12	11	11	6	10	7	57
Seeking Removal - See notes	14	12	12	10	2	4	54
Dog Attack	16	12	6	5	3	3	45
Cat attack	11	6	7	0	4	7	35
Blown out of tree	3	11	4	2	2	2	24
Caught in barbed Wire	5	3	5	4	3	2	22
Malnourished	2	2	0	0	1	1	6
Membership Enquiry	0	1	1	3	0	1	6
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Electrocution	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
TOTAL	493	452	415	283	289	248	2180

Outcome	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	2022 - All Calls
MOP taken to vet	103	95	95	55	66	54	468
Other - See Notes	55	58	49	45	57	41	305
Advice Only	67	73	43	34	28	18	263
At Australia Zoo for treatment/observations	63	51	42	25	21	19	221
At Wildlife Rehab Centre Eumundi	27	26	38	27	20	14	152
Referred to Bat Association	23	20	19	9	6	14	91
Euthanased	25	19	14	11	9	7	85
Referred to another organisation	24	11	14	7	13	16	85
WILVOS took to vet	11	14	13	15	19	8	80
Died	17	18	11	6	3	11	66
In Care	17	13	15	9	5	2	61
Not Found	17	11	14	6	6	6	60
Aust Zoo Rescue Team to attend	5	10	16	8	10	7	56
Released	17	10	8	5	7	4	51
Contacted Wilvos member to provide phone adv	12	8	10	7	8	5	50
Dead on Arrival	5	6	6	8	4	9	38
Escaped	5	9	8	6	4	4	36
Awaiting Rescue	0	0	0	0	3	8	11
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
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If you missed the Online Hotline & WildMan training on Sunday morning, then consider the next training session even if you are an experienced Hotliner. It is a good refresher and a good chance to ask questions—all from the comfort of your own home! Don't hesitate to ask Lisa for help getting online if you have any issues.



Don't forget to go to the Hotliner Resources section of the Carers Page on the website and read up on the Useful Numbers List. When the Hotline gets busy at shift time, it is difficult to find contact numbers if unfamiliar with them.



Contact Donna for any food supplies when wildlife come into your care. Also pick up some brochures and business cards so you can give them to members of the public who have been kind and caring enough to phone us when they find wildlife in distress. We also have the yellow card tags to place on animals to show that they have been checked for any signs of life, as well as showing they have had 'pouch checks'.



Thanks Teena Chumbley and others for fighting for habitat retention. Without habitat our rehabilitated wildlife have no future.



Research of different species is an important part of being a good wildlife rehabilitator. There is so much to be read in the [past conference papers](#) from the Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conferences which are held bi-annually. The next one is in Perth 2023.



Echidnas have been visiting some of our carers' properties. Both Ki and Kate have had these incredibly exquisite monotremes pay them a visit.

It has been on the agenda forever but finally happened! These things take time! You would have all noticed our new membership management software program. It does feel so much better sending out a personalized email when the bulk emails are sent out with possum lists or membership reminders. It is certainly faster.

Lisa Domagala has done an exhausting amount of work in setting this all up so that it is easier for us in the adjustment from an antiquated system. Thank you for that! An integrated software program means anyone can step into any position on the team without a "hodge podge" of different programs. Everyone gets an understanding of all aspects, and it's all in one place. When renewing my \$20 annual membership, I paid by PayPal and received instant confirmation and receipt. Very exciting! It worked!

I love new technology and the challenges—as long as it is not Facebook! I have a definite mental block there and only do what I have to in that field....Donna

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Everyone is encouraged to keep an eye open for koalas across Noosa and surrounding Sunshine Coast areas. William Watson is on our contact list and may be contacted on 0419 046 999. It is breeding season and it is important to contact rescue services for any unusual or worrying sightings. The **Noosa and Sunshine Coast Region Koala Rescue Team** is interested in recording any sightings, **dead or alive, and will do rescues**. Text through details to **0417 078 432**

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Ozark, the Australian Wildlife Carer's Network, has been a well-monitored, educational and networking site for decades. "Progress" has meant that Facebook sites have now replaced this resource. Thank you Kathryn Keen for all those years of work maintaining Ozark.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID AT ENERGEX FOR PHONING THE WILVOS HOTLINE. IN ONE DAY HE FOUND THE ESCAPED YELLOW-TAILED BLACK COCKATOO AND FOLLOWED THAT UP WITH 4 ORPHANED DUCKLINGS WHICH HE TOOK TO THE EUMUNDI REHABILITATION CENTRE ! THANK YOU !

CHECK THE WORKSHOP CALENDAR ON THE WILVOS WEBSITE FOR UPDATES.

A call came through on the Hotline about an echidna swimming in a pool. They are strong swimmers in the sea and fresh water. It was mentioned that his back legs looked odd, as if facing the wrong way. Echidnas just have to be different. Yes, they do have their legs facing backwards. Even garden ornaments don't get this correct! In the Echidna Facts in the May/June newsletter I couldn't fit in all the information on these amazing monotremes. If you get a chance listen to listen to ABC Conversations "Platypuses' best friend", Jack Ashby from Cambridge University is wonderful to listen to.

It is always good to get positive feedback from members of the public. One received— "You all do wonderful work and it is my pleasure to have an opportunity to be associated with WILVOS". This was after 'a beautiful couple' (Ki and husband Rob) turned up at 8pm with a ladder to reach a bat that hadn't moved for two days. Well done. This is one of the many accolades received about our Hotliners, Rescuers, Rehabilitators and Transporters. We don't do it for accolades but they are welcome!

An enquiry came in about a just hatched chick with splayed legs. This is so fixable if tended to immediately. I have used micropore tape successfully, but there are some other recommendations on the internet, using straws and hair ties. I don't like using Velcro as it can catch on things. As with all injuries, ailments—don't sit around thinking about it. Act immediately or as soon as possible.

I hope many of you filled out the survey from the University of Tasmania, in the interest of resilience, health and well-being of people who work with animals. (A little bit more in-depth than— 'Yes, we must all be a little bit crazy'!) If anyone does feel a little challenged by the somewhat traumatic events we sometimes have to face, please visit the [two green threads website](#).

As always the two workshops with Dr Lyndall Pettett were enthralling. Such a wealth of knowledge. The initial information



workshop in the hall gave everyone the tools to put into practice at the habitat walk in the lovely Ben Bennett Bushland Park.

Numerous scratch marks were found on the trees from gliders and possums. The birdlife was interesting, and there were plenty of holes from the northern brown bandicoots.

There was so much to be learned on 'tracks and scats', and it was great to reiterate the theoretical knowledge from the fortnight before.

Macropod Workshop

Sunday 28th August 2022

10am to 2pm at Yandina

Book now for details

Bookings: workshops@wilvos.org.au

Book early for the Martin Fingland

Reptile Care & Handling Workshop

Saturday 15th October 2022

1pm to 4pm at Yandina

Quote your WILVOS membership number on booking for workshops.

Many thanks to Jacob for all those possum and glider releases. We can't forget the return of all of the brush-tailed phascogales to their home near Kenilworth. Jacob's son loved release days when he was able to go along, tromping through the mud in his 'gummies'! We hope you are enjoying your new job down in the 'big smoke', Jacob.

Thanks to Ollie and Kathryn who are now doing the releases. Those possums keep rolling into care! Our appreciation to Liam of Biodiverse Environmental for allowing us to use his staff for marsupial release.

RECORD KEEPING IS NOT OPTIONAL. IT IS A REQUIREMENT OF HOLDING A WILDLIFE REHABILITATION PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPT OF ENVIRONMENT AND SCIENCE