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WILVOS Wildlife Whisperings



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Noisy Pittas are such spectacular birds. Though his wings and legs appeared fine, this bird was very sedate when Jeff delivered him. Donna took him straight to the vet at Eumundi Wildlife Centre for a full checkup, where he was diagnosed with concussion. After a few days he was back to his old self, and thank you to Sharon Brennan for returning him to his home—an experience Sharon really enjoyed. On arrival at his home forest he began dancing around in his mesh carry container. He knew exactly where he was! Once realizing the door was opened he was off like a rocket. Great team effort!

These secretive birds nest on the ground. It is amazing that some still manage to survive feral cats and foxes in suburbia.

DON'T FORGET SATURDAY 23RD APRIL, 2022

WILVOS is privileged to have [Dr Derek Spielman](#) MVSc, BSc, PhD, MACVSc, Grad Cert High Ed. presenting a number of sessions on Australian native wildlife this coming Saturday.

Everyone is welcome to attend. It is a free day to WILVO members and \$20 to non-members. This will be held in Yandina, 9am to 5pm. I'm sure all carers will attend.

BOOKINGS: workshops@wilvos.org.au

Wear a name badge as it is a great opportunity to meet other members. We can put faces to that voice on the phone!

On Saturday, besides learning more about native bird rehabilitation and diseases, there will be sessions on common diseases/handling of macropods and common diseases/handling of possums. These are lectures presented to DVM4 students. They include case histories of common problems, and videos of handling including field anaesthesia and research of wild kangaroos.

This is a day not to be missed and will be fascinating for new and experienced wildlife carers, or anyone who has an interest in learning more about our precious wildlife.

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Wildman Report February 2022Lisa Domagala

Hotline – 452 calls recorded in Wildman in February 2022. 99% of shifts had data entered . **GREAT WORK HOTLINERS!**

Outcome	Jan-22	Feb-22	2022 - All
Advice Only	67	71	138
At Australia Zoo for treatment/observations	64	50	114
At Wildlife Rehab Centre Eumundi	27	28	55
Aust Zoo Rescue Team to attend	5	10	15
Awaiting Rescue	0	5	5
Contacted Wilvos member to provide phone adv	12	8	20
Dead on Arrival	5	6	11
Died	17	17	34
Escaped	5	9	14
Euthanased	24	18	42
In Care	17	13	30
MOP taken to vet	103	95	198
Not Found	17	10	27
Other - See Notes	55	58	113
Referred to another organisation	24	12	36
Referred to Bat Association	23	20	43
Released	17	7	24
Unknown	0	2	2
WILVOS took to vet	11	13	24
TOTAL	493	452	945

Reason for Call	Jan-22	Feb-22	2022 - All
Blown out of tree	3	11	14
Cat attack	11	6	17
Caught in barbed Wire	5	3	8
Dog Attack	16	12	28
Electrocution	1	0	1
Enquiry for well being of animal	115	134	249
Hit window	12	11	23
Injured - Cause unknown	119	101	220
Malnourished	2	2	4
Membership Enquiry	0	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accident	37	37	74
Needs carer	20	18	38
Orphaned young	32	17	49
Other - See Notes	45	37	82
Out of nest	39	30	69
Seeking Advice - See notes	22	19	41
Seeking Removal - See notes	14	12	26
Unknown	0	1	1
TOTAL	493	452	945

Species	Animals entered in Wildman Feb 2022	Released in Feb 2022	Total in Care as at 28 Feb 2022
Bandicoot	1	0	1
Birds	122	75	116
Echidnas	0	0	0
Platypus	0	0	0
Possums	18	7	52
Gliders	2	1	6
Macropods	7	1	22
Reptiles	2	0	1
Dasyurids	0	4	1
Rats & Mice	3	0	4
Bats	1	0	0
TOTAL	156	88	203



Carers, if you have any problem entering your fauna please just call for advice. These statistics are shared with authorities who use the numbers to improve the future of our native animals. It is great to see that in this era the importance of environmental data is recognized, and wildlife caring and rescue is not now looked on as just some fun pastime that people do as a hobby. Recorded statistics are the best way to ensure our wildlife a more optimistic outcome.



FROM THIS (This cute pinkie brushtail possum was raised by Nick Read, & almost kidnapped by babysitters Lisa & Mike!) **TO THIS.**

A big ‘thank you’ to Hotliners for doing such a great job. Lovely to see how someone always puts her/his hand up to fill in when needed in an emergency. Otherwise Lisa takes on the shift and we all know that lady has her hands full already with a mountain of WILVO admin. tasks besides drawing up Hotline rosters. This along with a full-time job. As Benjamin Franklin said, “If you want something done, ask a busy person.”.

Having 99% of calls recorded is a credit to the Hotliners. In January it was 100% of calls entered into WildMan by the end of the month. These statistics are a great help to our wildlife and their future.

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Good idea for all to keep numbers in your mobile phone for Euthanasia Technicians and PoliceLink. Whether on Hotline or getting an enquiry from any member of the public, you usually need these numbers urgently.

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In the recent wet weather it is often not possible to reunite young birds or marsupials with their family but they can still stay in care till the weather clears, in a couple of days time, and reuniting can be successful. Of course, the animals need the correct care in the duration.



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Don't forget, no matter where that phone call comes from—we can find help for our wildlife. WILVOS have had calls from every state in Australia, and with a little ‘googling’ we can find assistance for any native animal. If on Hotline and busy with other calls, just phone someone else to do some quick research!

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PROUD TO BE A WILVO

It is always sad to see any of our WILVO carers moving out of the area, when employment and family commitments beckon from elsewhere.

Nevertheless, it is rewarding to hear praises for the organization from people whose opinions are valued. Their involvement in caring, Hotline and attending workshops soon made them part of the WILVOS community.

Wendy and Gary are off to South Australia, Jess off to Canberra and Talara out Toowoomba way.

All the best. We'll miss you and thank you for your lovely farewell words. WILVOS is an ‘incredible’ and ‘amazing’ organization because of the wonderful members.

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Thanks to Rachel Radic for her generous offer of Yoga classes for our volunteers. Please contact Donna for more details if you've lost them.

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Thanks to the [Wildlife Preservation Society of Qld](#) for including Wildcare in their venture. This organization has in the field since its beginnings in 1962.



WILVOS and fundraising wonderful achieved so much environmental

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Check out the Workshops page on the website. www.wilvos.org.au Don't miss out on Lyndall's workshops. Book early. Thanks to attendees at the bird workshop. The two little lorikeets that arrived a few hours before were not ideal crop feeding models but at the next feed they soon had the hang of it. Lorikeet chicks are fast learners—maybe because they love their food so much. Plovers have to be even better. Love those birds that know how to feed themselves!

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When possums/glidens are ready for a nestbox - Contact Sylvia Email: chair@wilvos.org.au or Text: 0400 125 807

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For all wildlife food supplies contact Donna. Email: info@wilvos.org.au or Text: 0413 861 757

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Our thoughts are with all who have experienced the floods over the past months. It is unimaginable—trying to save animals along with trying to save yourself, your family and your property. People have been through so much these past couple of years. Drought, bushfires, floods, Covid, more floods.

Another successful eastern grey kangaroo release was engineered!

There is always a huge sigh of relief from Sylvia and myself when the kangaroos are let out of their car carry bags at the release site. Touch wood, we have never had any bad experiences with transporting these stress-prone creatures. Nevertheless, when dealing with animals anything can happen, so one has to be prepared for any eventuality.

It is now a very precise assembly line process, with preparation always being the secret to the success for any venture. Thank you to Lesley in Nambour who adjusted hanging bags for me and sewed good sturdy inside pouches.

With the floods, the road to the release property had become impassable, and the kangaroos were all growing fast, and getting heavier to lift! As the animals have all been with Sylvia for some months, she was the only one in the paddock with them. Lucky she is a strong little lady! Sylvia manoeuvred them into their pouches and then into the car carry bag. Bob then quietly brought it to the car and placed the bag on the seat headrests. I quickly checked they were positioned comfortably, suspended off the floor, and then tied the bag up so there was barely room for a toenail to emerge!

By the time Bob returned to the paddock, Sylvia had the next one waiting. There was only one that was a possible concern—Hannah—so Sylvia pouched her before she became too ‘antsy’, just as Hannah began thinking ‘what is happening here?’. Kangaroos have a high level of trust with their carer if they have been rehabilitated well in these last months. It is this trust that enables the peaceful transition into the vehicle.

Within 30 minutes we were driving out the driveway, with 5 relaxed kangaroos. They travelled well and almost an hour and a half later they were quite relaxed as they were let out of their bags.

The 2023 Australian Wildlife Conference will be held in August in Perth. Details to be advised at a later date. This will be the first ‘hybrid’ conference, incorporating online and onsite attendance. Check out past conference papers at <https://www.awrc.org.au/> These are a wealth of knowledge.

After a couple of weeks in their release paddock, they will have chatted to the local kangaroos through the fence, and will be ready to socialize.

Thanks to Bob for his help, and the gadget he manufactured to allow us to carry the five a little more comfortably. Though we have transported seven, five is a better number of kangaroos to travel with at one time. As always my trusty xtrail carried them safely and managed the rough sections of the road.

All done till next time. The next mob are on the way!.....Donna



Welcome to Katherine and Ollie who are joining Jacob on the Release Team. It is great to see young people so passionate and knowledgeable about their wildlife and environment.

Thank you also to their employer, Liam of [Biodiverse Environmental](#) for supporting WILVOS in their Release Program. Development brings massive destruction of habitat, over which such an environmental company has no control. Biodiverse Environmental works on habitat restoration to achieve the best outcome in the longterm. Nevertheless, it must be difficult to work in such a field where there is no ‘quick fix’.

CHECK THE [WORKSHOP CALENDAR](#) ON THE WILVOS WEBSITE. THERE MAY BE A NEW WORKSHOP OR CHANGES OF DATES/TIMES/VENUE.