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WILVOS Wildlife Whisperings



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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
& WISHING YOU ALL
THE VERY BEST 2022**



*WILVOS would like to thank you all for your support
over the last year. It is most appreciated.*



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It's the day before Christmas and you haven't made your cake yet!!!



Soak 1 kg mixed fruit in 3 cups black tea overnight, or a few hours.
 Stir in 2 or 3 cups of SR Flour. Ingredients don't have to be too precise!
 Spoon into a paper lined 22cm cake tin.
 Bake in a pre-heated 150 C oven for 1 1/2 hours or until skewer comes out clean. Cool, remove from tin. Tastes better as each day passes! Foolproof.

Thanks to Sylvia & Bob Whiting for hosting the Christmas party. A beautiful day, beautiful food, and beautiful venue, enjoyed by about 40 people, who were all great company too! Thank you to all those who sent emails of appreciation. They were quite overwhelming.



Keith's first trapping in the new WILVOS brush turkey trap. The bird was very happy to be relieved of the line around its legs and to then be released.

Thank you to ecologist Jacob Champney for releasing our possums so consistently every two weeks, often with a list of instructions— "maybe a sea view for poss, Jacob???"

Thank you to ecologist and environmental scientist Liam Pratt of Diverse Environmental for always being so supportive of WILVOS and allowing his staff to share their expertise. Oh for more companies like Diverse Environmental during this phase of immense development on the Sunshine Coast.

My heart is heavy as I see another mass clearing in Yandina. The destruction of habitat for our wildlife is so ruthless and sad....but we all want to live here and our beautiful environment pays the price.

Carers ...Do you have a question?

Please ask an experienced WILVO for advice. It is best that we maintain a consistency of care. Use the Carer's Resources on the Members Page of the website.

It is quite disturbing to see some of the information circulating online. Sometimes the advice is projected as 'new' but in fact it may be from care methods that were used decades ago and experience has shown there are better, more advanced, rehabilitation techniques.

If taking wildlife to the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital, please ring in advance, and if unvaccinated for Covid, please arrange to meet staff at the front door of the hospital for transfer of the animals.

*** KEEP YOUR ANIMALS COOL. INSULATE THE TOPS OF YOUR AVIARIES.**

*** KEEP YOUR WILDLIFE SUPPLIES IN A COOL PLACE.—AIRCON TEMPERATURE.**

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR WIRES ONLINE RESCUE TRAINING YET???

It was very good of the WIRES organization of New South Wales to share their online training modules with carers across Australia.

For more experienced carers you may be familiar with the content, but it is always worth reading new material. There may be information about a species which we don't see too often, so it is a good refresher.

Thank you so much to all those who have already sent in their certificates. Please send these to Sylvia and it will be registered against your training records.

One of our first carers to participate in the training with her parents was an 8 year old. Pia answered all questions correctly, which included identifying all the species shown. Congratulations Pia!

Training needs to be completed by the 31st December. It is quite easy to return to it at intervals during the day. WIRES will send you a reminder, as will I. Too busy???. Aren't we all!!! But it's doable!

Thank you to Unique Health Products (distributors of Natural, Organic, Eco-Friendly, Fair Trade Health Products.) These lovely people held a morning tea Fund Raiser for WILVOS, with Roslyn giving a presentation backed by a slideshow of our wildlife. \$1185.95 was raised from donations and raffles, along with milk powder and bird food being donated.