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WILVOS Wildlife Whisperings



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CHRISTMAS PARTY



SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2022

RSVP workshops@wilvos.org.au by 23.11.2022

RSVPs are needed for catering purposes.

You will receive a confirmation email with the location of the workshop and/or the Christmas Party once we have received your RSVP.



Thank you as always to Laurie and Tom Wall for providing us with a site at Collectorama. It is a chance to chat to people about our unique wildlife, and answer some interesting questions.

This event would not be possible without the massive amount of work done by Sylvia & Bob Whiting. Loading, unloading donated goods, erecting marquees, sorting, selling etc. Thank you to the wonderful helpers Friday and Saturday. Rosemary was overjoyed by funds raised to help wildlife.

When on Hotline it is so good to have the list of local vets separate from our Carers Contact List. Makes me think, "Why haven't we done that before." Of course it takes a while to get used to, but less pages to go through, and the vet list rarely changes so it is unnecessary repetition. As Lisa has already advised, it is on the Carers page of the website, along with the continually updated phone Contact List of carers and transporters.



A highlight of Sylvia's wildlife caring in 2022. These 3 emu chicks hatched in her humidicrib and grew so quickly. They were transported back home not long before needing a horse float to move them!

It was sad those responsible at the mine didn't leave the eggs under the male emu, as they began hatching within 24 hours of removal. City or country, our wildlife just can't win.

RECORD KEEPING IS NOT OPTIONAL. IT IS A REQUIREMENT OF HOLDING A WILDLIFE REHABILITATION PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPT OF ENVIRONMENT AND SCIENCE. THESE STATISTICS ALSO HELP TO ENSURE A SAFER FUTURE FOR OUR WILDLIFE.

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As always, thank you to all our wonderful Hotliners who do a great job in finding transport and care for our injured and orphaned native wildlife. Thank you also to Sharon Brennan who co-ordinates with the Eumundi Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre and the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital to find carers for animals. Please, when you collect one of these animals, let Sharon know as soon as possible so she doesn't waste time in continuing to look for a carer.

Michelle Fleming is excelling as Assistant Hotline Secretary - one less Hotline duty for Lisa, who also provides these statistics!

Outcome	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	2022 - All Calls
MOP taken to vet	103	95	95	55	66	54	42	48	70	80	708
Other - See Notes	55	58	50	45	59	42	59	57	58	81	564
Advice Only	67	73	43	34	28	18	16	30	57	72	438
At Australia Zoo for treatment/observations	63	51	42	25	21	20	26	23	28	42	341
At Wildlife Rehab Centre Eumundi	27	26	38	27	20	14	18	18	25	29	242
Referred to Bat Association	23	20	19	9	6	16	15	15	8	24	155
Referred to another organisation	24	11	13	7	13	16	7	12	20	22	145
Euthanased	25	19	14	11	9	8	14	9	12	17	138
WILVOS took to vet	11	14	13	15	20	8	7	5	5	14	112
Died	17	18	11	6	3	11	5	6	18	10	105
Aust Zoo Rescue Team to attend	5	10	16	8	10	7	10	8	18	11	103
In Care	17	13	15	8	5	3	5	5	14	11	96
Not Found	17	11	14	6	6	6	9	8	2	6	85
Released	17	10	8	6	7	4	4	2	11	8	77
Contacted Wilvos member to provide phone adv	12	8	10	7	8	5	6	3	9	8	76
Dead on Arrival	5	6	6	8	4	10	8	5	0	3	55
Escaped	5	9	8	6	4	4	1	4	5	6	52
Awaiting Rescue	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	8	14	28
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	493	452	415	283	289	248	253	261	368	459	3521

It was upsetting to hear about William Watson's car being stolen, trashed and his wildlife rescue equipment stolen. Why do people commit these thoughtless crimes? William is a person who dedicates his life to rescuing and saving animals, and caring for people. There is no ego there—just that there is a need for helping wildlife and he does it. As well as being a WILVO member, William is also founding member of Wildlife Noosa.



Kerry Roberts was a persistent Magpie trapper last year, and followed up this year with the incubating of brush turkey eggs. It's not the ideal scenario for these eggs to be removed from their mound, but it was the only option. For so many to hatch and be released was a great success. Of course Kerry wanted a 100% success rate but that's not realistic! It was a wonderful achievement. While submerged in a deluge of tiny swallow chicks, Kerry was given the above little Forest Kingfisher chicks that had hatched the prior day at the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital. Five weeks later these chicks are looking exquisite. Well done, Kerry.

MANAGEMENT TEAM 2022– 23

Monthly meetings are held 2nd Monday of each month.

*** Management Committee

***WILVOS Chair	Sylvia Whiting
***WILVOS Treasurer	Susan Ryland
***WILVOS Secretary	Lisa Domagala
***WILVOS Vice Chair (1)	Donna Brennan
***WILVOS Vice Chair (2)	Roslyn Leslie
Community Awareness Officer	Roslyn Ann Leslie
Environment Officer	Lyndall Pettett
Enquiries	Donna Brennan
Fundraising Officer	Rosemary Dax
Grants Officer	Joyce Thompson
Hotline Secretary & Hotline Training	Lisa Domagala
Assistant Hotline Secretary	Michelle Fleming
Media PR Officer	Donna Brennan
Membership Secretary	Sylvia Whiting
Newsletter Editor	Donna Brennan
Release Officer	Ollie Scully
Release Officer Administration	Katherine Best
Website Co-Ordinator	Lisa Domagala
Wildlife Co-Ordinator	Sharon Brennan
WildMan Training Co-Ordinator	Lisa Domagala
Workshop Co-Ordinator	Helen Stewart

PICK UP TIMES FOR WILDLIFE SUPPLIES:

TUESDAY & FRIDAY 3PM & 5PM

CONTACT SYLVIA FOR POSSUM BOXES & POSSUM DREYS.

Please advise a week in advance.

It is a privilege as a wildlife carer to incubate eggs and watch them hatch. This only happens when the eggs have been found or have to be relocated for a variety of reasons—but always because it will save the lives of the little embryos inside the egg.

It is always tempting to help eggs hatch when it seems to take forever. It is actually very interesting why the chick ideally needs to break out itself. The egg membrane may still be attached to the chick with blood vessels. By just cracking the shell the chick may bleed to death. The chick needs to absorb the yolk and blood.

The chick needs to struggle inside the egg as a way to push its way out. This desperation to get out comes from the need for oxygen as the carbon dioxide builds up. The pipping muscles cut in and the work starts! Some are in a great hurry to get out—others slower.

To assist an egg to hatch, it is best to candle it to see what is happening inside. Should the chick need help to hatch, then it is best to start the opening in the air cell area. If it appears to be asleep, with the little beak moving then it may still be taking in the yolk.

Patience pays off and usually we don't have to intervene. Brush turkey eggs and the hatched chick really test the patience. They are very individual birds from the initial breeding through to the hatching. They hatch, lie on their back twitching away, paddling the big feet and should be happy they are in a humidicrib and don't have to dig all that way out of the mound!



Brush turkeys. Very hard eggshells. Very big feet!

Such an ugly little chick!



He should be grateful he didn't have to spend days digging out after incubating for 7 weeks.



A VERY MERRY



CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!

BE RESPONSIBLE WHEN GATHERING FOLIAGE

It doesn't seem that long ago that Myrtle Rust was first found in our Australian trees. It was actually back in 2010 and was a very concerning time for plant nurseries at that time. This year it has surfaced in the Northern Territory.

Vehicles need to be thoroughly washed down if coming out of an infected area. Clothes and equipment should be washed and disinfected. We need to disinfect our secateurs when cutting foliage. I have a supply of donated alcohol wipes which I use as I gather vegetation for wildlife.

The following information is a good reminder of the danger that [myrtle rust](#) poses to our native forests.

Myrtle rust (Austropuccinia psidii 'exotic strains') is a fungal disease that causes deformed leaves, heavy defoliation of branches, dieback, stunted growth and often plant death.

The exotic strains of myrtle rust are different to the strain which was introduced to Australia in 2010 and has since spread across the eastern states, Tasmania and the Tiwi Islands in the Northern Territory, slowly altering ecosystems as susceptible species die.

Myrtle rust (exotic strains) infects plants belonging to the Myrtaceae family, a large plant family that includes eucalypts, paper barks, bottle brushes and lilly pillies as well as other important Australian species.

Myrtle rust (exotic strains) is one of the most serious exotic threats to Australia's natural environment. It also threatens commercial native forests. Myrtle rust 'exotic strains' and myrtle rust strain present in Australia combined would be highly damaging to our eucalyptus trees. (D.A.F.F.)



Crow eggs (Left) Currawong eggs (Right)

These eggs are quite similar. The crow eggs are a little larger and a green tinge in between the 'splotches'. The currawong eggs have a mauve tinge to them.

Photo (Right): Cheeky the Bush stone-curlew is at her release site.

It has been a strange springtime in wildlife rehabilitation, with fewer birds coming into care. Magpies usually abound! Let's hope it is not because the nests have been demolished along with the trees as development takes its toll.

On the other hand, possum joey numbers have increased. Maybe they are easier to find and rescue.

