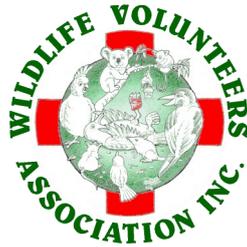


WILVOS Wildlife Whisperings

OCTOBER 2020

Thank you to the Sunshine Coast Council for their ongoing generous support through their Environment Levy Partnership Program.



Thank you to MP Ted O'Brien, Fairfax Qld, for supporting the grant for the WILVOS nestbox program for possums and gliders. This project received funding from the Australian Government's Communities Environment Program.

CONGRATULATIONS to our new macropod carers. After the macropod workshop a number of joeys came into care within a couple of weeks of the training day.

Nick, Kay, Darrian and Samantha have done so well with their first joeys. As one of them so aptly said— It's easy if you just follow the WILVOS Macropod Notes. So true, but for some people it is difficult to just follow simple directions for animal care. Often Google or Social Media beckons and disaster follows! If an 'expert' says it on Facebook it must be true!

If carers work with their WILVOS Carer Notes they'll be fine. Consistent care between all carers is so important. A 'stress-free', no 'show and tell' environment is equally important.

When another Whiptail Wallaby came in I was more than happy to pass it on to Nick to go with his Georgia. Of similar size, I know they are in good hands. Nick researches his animals, follows the notes and understands their requirements. These two joeys, just over a kilo, have the freedom to do their fast hopping and develop those muscles—so necessary to support those lovely long legs!

It is cruel to see people contain well-furred macropod joeys in pouches, inside houses for way too long. It is an unnatural environment and joeys suffer. Their mothers would have them zapping around, eating grass and then returning to their pouch. Being pouch-bound and unable to graze causes a number of major health problems—diarrhoea, fractures, jaw problems etc.

Also it is fun seeing them go through that initial stage of venturing off away from 'Mum'. I'm enjoying that as I babysit Samantha's 'swampy' at the moment. Not 700g yet, he is just feeling that urge to explore, and trying to be brave! He's a credit to Sam too.

It is great to see new carers ensuring that their joeys behave the way they would with their mother in the wild.....Donna



Red-necked wallaby ('Traviata') meets Whiptail wallaby ('Possum' aka 'Atlanta').



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 29th November
1 - 3PM

**Yandina Historic House
3 Pioneer Road Yandina.**

Afternoon tea will be provided. It would help if people could bring their own chairs. It will save the staff going through the 'Covid deep cleaning' routine!

It is always a lovely place to sit outside and catch up with everyone and have nothing to do!

Great to see so many already booked. See you there!

RSVP by 25th November 2020 to
[Sylvia membership@wilvos.org.au](mailto:membership@wilvos.org.au)



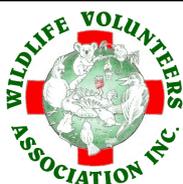
You can't miss the Yandina Historic House with this beautiful mural by talented local artist, Fiona Groom.

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Wildman Report September 2020 - Lisa Domagala

Hotline - 668 calls recorded in Wildman in Sep 2020. 95% of shifts had data entered ie 114 out of 120.
- **WELL DONE** -

Outcome	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	2020 - All Calls	Reason for Call	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	2020 - All Calls
MOP taken to vet	70	89	145	997	Injured - Cause unknown	90	94	128	1064
Advice Only	61	98	168	844	Enquiry for well being of animal	71	91	115	805
Referred to another organisation	25	33	48	314	Abandoned young	35	64	117	563
At Australia Zoo for treatment/observations	18	22	42	303	Motor Vehicle Accident	53	52	79	444
Other - See Notes	30	31	48	267	Other - See Notes	30	32	40	368
In Care	17	28	62	259	Seeking Advice - See notes	12	22	26	170
Euthanased	18	25	20	200	Out of nest	2	19	38	127
Aust Zoo Rescue Team to attend	26	20	24	190	Needs carer	7	12	30	122
WILVOS took to vet	14	21	25	189	Seeking Removal - See notes	10	10	16	120
Died	11	19	18	144	Dog Attack	5	5	19	106
Referred to Bat Association	12	9	9	137	Cat attack	9	13	15	100
Not Found	21	14	11	106	Hit window	9	7	12	86
Contacted Wilvos member to provide phone adv	5	9	14	79	Blown out of tree	4	12	22	57
Released	2	8	11	72	Caught in barbed Wire	3	5	6	44
Dead on Arrival	14	10	8	69	Membership Enquiry	2	1	4	28
Escaped	1	4	14	50	Malnourished	0	0	0	12
Unknown	0	0	1	3	Electrocution	3	1	0	6
Awaiting Rescue	0	0	0	0	Unknown	0	0	1	1
	345	440	668	4223		345	440	668	4223



Animals in care summary

Species	Animals entered in Wildman September 2020	Died, Euthanased in September 20	Released in September 2020	Total in Care as at September 2020
Bandicoot	0	0	0	0
Birds	178	34	46	81
Echidna	0	0	0	0
Platypus	0	0	0	0
Possums	32	4	20	44
Gliders	4	0	0	14
Macropods	11	1	1	35
Reptiles	2	1	1	1
Dasyurids	1	1	0	0
Rats & Mice	1	1	3	0
TOTAL	229	42	71	175
Total released in 2020 to date = 762				

TURTLE NESTING SEASON

Turtle nesting season on the Sunshine Coast is just around the corner and you can help by switching off lights from 8pm, keeping our beaches and waterways clean from litter and reporting turtle tracks, new nests and emerging hatchlings:

- Sightings on the southern end of the coast call Sunshine Coast Council's Turtle Care Hotline 0437 559 067.
- Sightings from Mooloolaba north call Coolum and North Shore Coast Care contact 0403 370 157. (Bush Hands November 2020 edition)



After wild storms the night before it was lovely to go for a walk through the Maroochy Botanic Gardens on a Vegetation ID morning with botanist, Ann Moran.

We need to know our plants so we can give our wildlife the food they need.



Everyone had a fun afternoon, under the gazebos, making dreyes, hand nets and drop nets to take home. A few people said it felt like Xmas!

It was a great networking time for WILVO members. There'll be another one next year.



(Right) Sylvia demonstrated how to get a glider off a barbed wire fence without cutting the wire (just the tops off the barbs) Carefully 'unwinding' the animal minimizes damage done to the delicate membranes. and can mean the difference between living or euthanasia.



THANK YOU SYLVIA AND BOB FOR HOSTING THIS DAY. SO MUCH WORK WENT INTO ORGANIZING THIS, NOT TO MENTION ALL THE GADGETS BOB CONSTRUCTED TO BE USED IN THE MAKING OF THE CATCHING NETS. A PHENOMENAL EFFORT WHICH WAS MOST APPRECIATED.



Good pliers for barbed wire rescue.

Don't forget: To qualify for WILVOs very generous food subsidy, you need to be listed on the Contact List and have your WildMan fauna records up to date. See details on website. It is wonderful to rescue and rehabilitate wildlife, but without data our wildlife have no future.

For those who missed this in our September and earlier newsletters:

Two Green Threads

When you have a really depressing day with wildlife, Two Green Threads is there for you. For support when needed go to the Two Green Threads link on the WILVOS website, on the Carer Resources page.



A lady called a few weeks ago from Victoria about a 'blind' squirrel glider. Gliders are well furred before their eyes open so all was good! The best way to feed them is off a coloured teaspoon, just a few drops at a time till they lap well—usually at the first feed!

A few people have asked about our Containers for Change ID. Sorry for the delay in replying. It is up on the website also. WILVOS don't advertise it as there are so many organizations out there who are doing it tough this year.



WILVOS ID for Containers for Change:
C10243699

Would you like to see more carers in your area to share the load?

Have you printed off the WILVOS recruitment poster from the Carer Resources page on the WILVOS website. I'm sure there are plenty of businesses that would be happy to display the posters. They look even better if you can laminate them.

Thank you to Joyce for taking around posters to the Vet Surgeries so after hours visitors will see the number to call on their door.

Would you like a WILVOS car magnet? These are \$10 each
Email/text Donna 0413861757



Macropod carers loved their set of jewellery scales in their welcome bag at the Macropod Workshop. These are invaluable for weighing many tiny items from medications, to formula, to feathertail gliders!

It's a little difficult to estimate the weight of a feathertail on arrival and it is really important to weigh them daily to check their rehydration and weight gain.

Welcome to our new members:

Hopefully you can come along to the Christmas party and meet fellow WILVOS.

New carers: Research as much as you can before that first animal comes into care. Have your bird mix made up all ready. The plastic rescue baskets can often be found in the discount stores. If anyone sees them in a particular store let people know on the Facebook page. Donna can organize a bulk order if needed.

WILVOS have various cages available, some for purchase and others to give away so email Sylvia should you need one.