

NEWSLETTER

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

VENUE: QPWS BUILDING (via back entry)
Mandalay Rd
Jubilee Pocket

DATE: SUNDAY 16TH MAY

TIME: 1PM

An opportune time for all FRW members to get together, to elect a new committee and to meet new members and like minded people in a face to face situation.

Would be great to see you all there.

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Don Ray Parnell
 Monika Gabor
 Susan Cobham

Amelia Morton

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**HOPE YOU ALL
 HAD A WONDERFUL EASTER
 AND THAT
 THE EASTER BILBY WAS GOOD TO YOU**



Photo Sandy
 BILBY NWConference Freemantle 2007

<http://savethebilby.icemedia.com.au/>
http://www.easterbilby.com.au/Project_material/factsheet.asp

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

29/3/10

Mother Nature has certainly been unkind to the Mackay & Whitsunday Regions, unleashing Cyclone Ului upon us. I hope you all survived with minimal damage to animals, properties and homes. My office looked like a zoo with not only my pet birds but also the rescue critters including 3 tawnies, 1 kookaburra, 1 little friar-bird, possum & echidna. There certainly is a lot of debris to clear up. I know we have 18 trees down on our property, not to mention all the other fallen branches and leaves from trees still standing. Whilst we were lucky not to receive any damage to our house, I cried when I went out in the morning to see one of the beautiful gum trees had collapsed the flight aviary. It also took a hit from a couple of other trees too. We lost the roof to the chook shed and the old goat shed roof has just peeled off to one side. I was amazed that the chooks and Louis, our goat, were all in one piece, going about their business as if nothing had happened and looking forward to breakfast. I was doubly amazed when I realized most of the usual birds had returned to the garden, even the flock of finches, then later that evening the insectivorous bats were out as usual. One would think that such small creatures would have just been blown away!

Some of our members have sustained some damage to aviaries and wallaby enclosures. If I have not spoken to you yet, please let me know if any of your caring facilities were affected. The committee is currently investigating options for possible funding to assist with the cyclone damage, however we may find that our household insurances will cover some of our costs.

We are looking for people to assist with repairs and also relocation of some aviaries plus we need someone who can pick up some 120 metres of chain mesh from Gerry's at Conway and get it down to Wendy & Roy Adams at Septimus for their wallaby enclosure. If you can help please register with one of the committee members.

Our power and phones were also out until Friday afternoon, including the FRW hotline, but luckily the message with the RSPCA hotline continued to work and we did receive some calls via them. Di managed to divert phones on the Thursday. Luckily we did not have too many animals who needed us. I guess the most remarkable was the Sulphur-crested Cockatoo taken to Di. He had been sitting in a gum tree during the cyclone with his mates. The tree collapsed, killing 20 or so birds, some were lucky and flew away. Luckily he was rescued and is now on the road to recovery.

Praise does need to be given to everyone who helped in the aftermath of Ului. The local Council, Ergon Crews, SES and others who have come from further a field to help with the cleanup and get us all back on track as quickly as possible. I believe many of our local community groups were out to help too including Lions who helped feed the hungry backpackers in Airlie. Also to ABC Tropical North for keeping us

up to date with what was happening and being not only a sympathetic ear to many but also the voice for a lot of people. Thank you and well done to you all!!

Wishing you all a safe and speedy clean-up!

Cheers

Jacqui

Photos Jacqui



TREASURER'S REPORT

28/3/10

Treasurers Report 28 03 10

Account Balances

The figures provided below are as at PM 27/03/10.

FRW Acct.

Balance \$2,099.79

Maxi acct.

No activity since end of Feb, Balance \$8,423.43

Outstanding Business

Annual figures have been prepared and an Audit is required.

Membership

Renewals are flooding in and there are membership applications from: Monika Gabor, Dan Ray Parnell, Susan Cobham.

Col

GENERAL MEETING REPORTS

There are no general meeting reports as a quorum was not reached.

FEEDING NATIVE BIRDS



Photo K Ward

Kookaburra

Is there anything more wonderful than seeing the birds flock to your garden?

This is probably why so many people see the need to feed wild birds.

The problems with this practice are many, the wrong food is often provided, thus resulting in the birds suffering from dietary deficiencies, deformed young, spreading of disease, overpopulation of particular species.

When birds start to rely on being fed they stay in the area, whereas before they may have gone further afield to find food.

If it is lorikeets or parrots you are feeding the little nectar eating birds that would normally be in the area would have to vacate the area or die of starvation, as the larger birds multiply and deplete the food source.

The larger meat eating birds like Kookaburras, Magpies, Butcherbirds are all territorial and when they are hand fed they claim the area as home territory.

The smaller birds now have a major problem raising their families as the larger birds eat their eggs and young, the insects the smaller birds were relying on are now eaten by the swollen population of larger predator birds. The balance is no longer there.

Alternatives if you wish to have more bird life in your garden, plant native plants, this will encourage the birds into your garden without upsetting the natural balance. Put a birdbath in a shady spot in the garden. Remember to clean it regularly as with everything when you have a lot of different species using it, it needs to be cleaned regularly so disease is not spread or mosquitos bred..

Make sure you have many different kinds of plants to ensure flowering at different times of the year.

LET'S NOT SLOWLY KILL OUR WILD BIRDS WITH KINDNESS.

Leigh

WARNING! ALL BATS

Please remember that no-one is allowed to handle Insectivorous Bats or Flying Foxes unless vaccinated. Our only vaccinated carers are currently living on Daydream Island or in Collinsville. We are currently waiting on vaccines to be supplied and should have 3 members fully vaccinated (Peter Basso, Linden Baker & Jacqui Webb) in about a month's time.

Until then, unfortunately there is nothing we can do to assist these poor creatures and euthanasia is recommended.

MUDLARKS

A Peewee or Mudlark is singing happy songs outside. Talk about glass half full or maybe for them it is totally full.

The three latest soft release Peewees, Indy (a boy), Indira and Lacey, are staying close to the house as the mate of last years Peewee orphan "Olivia" is on testosterone overload because they have chicks in the nest. "Oliver" as we call him is taking the opportunity to beat them up as often as possible. Indira from one such beating has a wound on a leg and her belly and a toe partially missing, but, she is still singing about how wonderful the world is because she has a belly full of food and her siblings nearby. I wonder how you or I would be handling this situation. Would we be whingeing and complaining about how tough life is?

Cyclone Ului is coming and I try to catch them to house them somewhere 'safe'. They are too quick and clever and I can't catch them. Oh well I will just have to trust that instinct will kick in & they will keep themselves safe. The freight train roared (the sound of the wind) for several hours, when it quietened I slept. Next morning I was awakened by three hungry voices, Peewees calling for breakfast. This was the best sound I could have wished to hear.

They seem changed after this. Much more grown up and self confident, so much so that by the end of the next week they no longer needed me to feed them or know they were OK. Now they have grown & flown. Leigh



Photos L Skead

Peewees Indy,

Indira & Lacey

Thank you to

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for printing of the hard copies of this newsletter.

CYCLONE BIRD CARE

Twas the night before Ului and all was still not a bird sound could be heard, except down stairs in my spare bedroom. I had brought all my charges in, 1 Magpie Lark, 2 fig birds, 1 Peaceful Dove, 7 Manikins (and a partridge in a pear tree).

I am sure most of you were awake at midnight. Col and I had gone to bed upstairs when we heard this almighty bang and roar, we both said time to go downstairs.

I had planned in my mind what to take downstairs and grabbed a flask of hot water, egg and biscuit mix, seed, meal worm, insects, fruit, all the essential if the roof blew off.

I laid down to try to sleep then a thought struck me what about us, so I raced up to get us some snack food. Col said what did you forget, I said food for us, he said typical Birds first, me second, if at all ! We had a little chuckle which eased the tension for a few minutes.

The following morning our house guests made coffee, Ted asked his wife did you put sugar in my coffee? she said of course I did, out of that jar there, Col laughed saying that's the Egg and Biscuit mix for the baby birds. Oh well said Ted won't need my weetbix this morning then. Di.

CAT PREDATION

An excellent article online.

Pussyfooting around the issue of cat predation in urban areas. Just cut and paste the link.

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayFulltext?type=6&fid=7468240&jid=ORX&volumeId=44&issueId=02&aid=7468236&fulltextType=ED&fileId=S003060531000027X>

TRY AND LEAVE ME WITH MY MUM, SHE KNOWS BEST

I had a visit from my neighbor yesterday who had been watching a nest of Spangled Drongo's (a black insect eating bird) and their chicks whose nest was high in a gum tree.

However yesterday morning it was gone. The parents were still quite active catching insects and taking them into the long Guinea grass where the babies had obviously fallen, we could hear the chirping of the babies as the parents disappeared in the grass to feed them.

Like most people she was concerned what the best thing would be to do. Leaving them there meant they would not survive the night with all our nocturnal predators, but she was concerned that if the babies were touched or moved the parents would reject them.

Luckily with birds, like us, the instinct to care for their babies is very strong. We found them amongst the long grass and picked them up and kept them safe whilst we built a nest out of a bunch of hay screwed into a ball and secured tightly with string. This we then tied into a branch of a small tree

(without green ants as they often attack young birds). We made a depression in the bundle and put the babies in. They settled in quite well and seemed happy to stay put, so we stood back and waited to see what mum and dad would do. Within 10 minutes one of the parents was at our makeshift nest feeding the babies.

Today all still seems well both chicks are still in the nest and the parents are as attentive as ever.

It is always best to get the advice of a wildlife expert before attempting this yourself as different birds have different nests and the incorrect use of string can cause problems in itself by tangling and trapping a birds legs. The Baby must also be checked carefully for injuries.

I guess what I would like everyone to know is that it is not always necessary to take a baby bird away from its parents if a nest is damaged or fallen. The old nest can be re attached or a new one created. If the baby is trying to fly and can perch by itself, it can often be put up on a branch where it is safe from ground predators and just observed to be sure the parents are still able to care for it. Again get advice from an expert as all birds are different.

The care, diet and life lessons a parent bird gives its young are always better than we can supply, no matter how hard we try it is impossible to duplicate what a bird does for it baby.

Linden



Photo Wikipedia

Drongo chicks in nest

CANE TOADS

An article appeared in the Cairns post on Wednesday the 27th January 2010, talking about the feature film based on the dreaded Cane Toad. However as you read this article further, it mentions a "*unique method of cane toad control.*"

The method states: "This involves adding hydrated lime and water to a 20 litre drum, collecting toads each night, and dropping them into the mixture to kill them within minutes.....But when they die, they seem to die with a smile on their faces"

To read the article either search the Cairns Post at Cairns.com.au or here's the link.

http://www.cairns.com.au/article/2010/01/27/89891_local-news.html

Can anyone explain to our editor why this method is used, how it kills them, is it humane and why would they have a smile on their faces when they die?

CPR COURSE COMES IN HANDY

Two boys (tourists) having a swim in Horseshoe Bay in Bowen came across a thing floating in the water face downwards. The boys had just completed a CPR course so they decided to apply their new found knowledge. Amazingly, they revived this thing, it started breathing again. They then phoned Whitsunday Shire Council Offices in Bowen. They were given Betty's number as a Carer to contact in the area. The little thing was taken to Betty. Turned out to be a baby possum of 144 grams. Baby is doing really well and has a healthy red nose, and is not looking back.



Photo B Adamson

He has been named "Neptune" and has been passed onto Barb Adamson he is doing extremely well, she says he has extra long ears and is rather special. He now weighs in around the 500 gram mark,

Thank you to the two boys, to Betty and to Barb for a job well done.

MACAQUE MONKEYS



Photo Sandy

An Orphaned Macaque Monkey in Thailand

This little monkey seems so sweet but remember if you are in Thailand or any other country take heed of the warnings not to touch the little darlings, especially the larger ones with teeth. Macaques by the way are the most widely distributed genus of nonhuman primates. Read the reasons behind the warnings reprinted from

www.gsu.edu/~wwwvir/VirusInfo/index.html

B VIRUS INFO B Virus naturally occurs in macaque monkeys. While relatively benign in its natural host, the alphaherpesvirus can cause rapidly ascending encephalomyelitis with a fatality rate of approximately 80% if spread to humans (through bites, scratches, splashes, or needle-stick injuries). B virus directly affects the central nervous system

of infected human and nonhuman primates.

In the macaque host, B virus causes mild symptoms that are similar to that of herpes simplex virus 1 (HSV types 1 or 2) in humans. These symptoms can include oral or genital lesions, but virus can be shed in the absence of lesions as well. After initial infection, the B virus can remain latent in the dorsal root of spinal nerves subserving the region of exposure or cranial ganglia of both natural and foreign hosts. B virus is transmitted from a host when virus is shed from herpetic lesions or the affected mucosal sites. How often or how long the host sheds is not yet fully understood.

Photo Lee



WHITE BENNETTS WALLABIES IN TASMANIA

Lee has not long returned from her bickie trip around Tasmania. She has sent in photos of the White Bennetts or red necked wallaby (as it is called on the mainland). On looking up the Tasmanian Parks & Wildlife service website I found the following.

The Bennetts wallaby *Macropus rufogriseus* one of Tasmania's most commonly seen native animals. Often referred to as a kangaroo in Tasmania, males can weigh more than 20 kg and stand up to 1.5 m tall. They can be distinguished from the pademelon and Forester kangaroo by their black nose and paws, and white stripe on the upperlip.

Near the Fluted Cape entrance to the South Bruny National Park, a small population of rare, white Bennetts wallabies may be seen feeding in the open paddocks at dusk.

They appear to be albino having red eyes.

For further info check on line, just google white bennetts wallabies. A chap has breed 6, six white boomers for dragging Santas sleigh.

Photo Lee



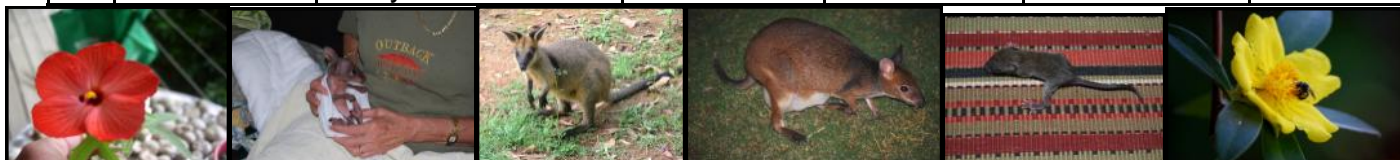
ANIMAL RECORDS

Please remember to update your animal hotline records on a regular basis. On checking the record system I realise there are a few of you who have fallen a little behind. It is important that these records are kept up to date as whilst not only being a requirement is also useful to glean valuable information on any problems or help with studies & research, eg bats on barbed wire and road kill data.

So please, if you have fallen behind please try and catch up within the next month. Jacqui

ANIMAL RECORDS 30 Jan to 30 April 2010

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Arrival</u>	<u>in Care</u>
<u>710</u>	BM	Tawny Frogmouth	In Care	Unknown	29th Mar 2010	1 day
<u>709</u>	Bird699	Sulphur-crested Cocky	In Care	Unknown	28th Mar 2010	2 days
<u>694</u>	from jacqui	Tawny Frogmouth	In Care	Unknown	26th Mar 2010	4 days
<u>696</u>	from jacqui	Tawny Frogmouth	In Care	Unknown	26th Mar 2010	4 days
<u>697</u>	from jacqui	Tawny Frogmouth	In Care	Unknown	26th Mar 2010	4 days
<u>698</u>	call from Jacqui	Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	In Care	Unknown	26th Mar 2010	4 days
<u>711</u>	jw220310	Little Red Flying-fox	Died	Unknown	22nd Mar 10	
<u>699</u>	Bird699	Sulphur-crested Cocky	In Care	Unknown	21st Mar 2010	9 days
<u>693</u>	DJ0097	Nutmeg Mannikin	In Care	Unknown	18th Mar 2010	12 days
<u>692</u>	Neptune	Common Brushtail Pos	In Care	Unknown	17th Mar 2010	13 days
<u>708</u>	LM071	Childrens Python	In Care	Unknown	17th Mar 2010	13 days
<u>691</u>	DJ0096	Bar-shouldered Dove	In Care	Unknown	12th Mar 2010	18 days
<u>707</u>	DJ0095	Magpie-lark	Trans	Unknown	12th Mar 2010	
<u>690</u>	DJ0094	Nutmeg Mannikin	In Care	Unknown	11th Mar 2010	19 days
<u>702</u>	Is	Laughing Kooka-burra	Released	Unknown	9th Mar 2010	14 days
<u>703</u>	BM Is	Tawny Frogmouth	Transf	Unknown	9th Mar 2010	21 days
<u>704</u>	LS	Little Friarbird	Released	Unknown	9th Mar 2010	15 days
<u>668</u>	Bird668	Australian Brush-turkey	Euth	Unknown	5th Mar 2010	



	Name	Species	Status	Age	Date of Arrival	In Care
675	Bird675	Magpie-lark	In Care	Unknown	5th Mar 2010	25 days
667	SC44	Sooty Tern	Released	Unknown	4th Mar 2010	6 days
673	DJ0092	Figbird	In Care	Unknown	4th Mar 2010	26 days
674	DJ0093	Sacred Kingfisher	Died	Unknown	4th Mar 2010	
666	from lola	Magpie-lark	Transferred	Unknown	3rd Mar 2010	2 days
665	Ebony	Common Brushtail Pos	In Care	Unknown	2nd Mar 2010	28 days
669	Sao	Agile Wallaby	In Care	17th Jul 2009	2nd Mar 2010	28 days
670	Baxter	Agile Wallaby	Euthanased	Unknown	2nd Mar 2010	
671	Lily	Agile Wallaby	In Care	23rd Aug 09	2nd Mar 2010	28 days
700	Lily	Agile Wallaby	to Rel/ Site	11th Aug 09	2nd Mar 2010	
701	Lily	Agile Wallaby	In Care	11th Aug 2009	2nd Mar 2010	28 days
689	Bird689	Figbird	In Care	Unknown	1st Mar 2010	29 days
672	angel	Common Brushtail Pos	In Care	Unknown	27th Feb 2010	1 month 3
681	SC44	Sooty Tern	Transferred	Unknown	25th Feb 2010	7 days
664	SC44	Sooty Tern	Transferred	Unknown	21st Feb 2010	4 days
680	SC-43	Tawny Frogmouth	Transferred	Unknown	21st Feb 2010	1 month 5
679	SC-40	Tawny Frogmouth	Transferred	Unknown	19th Feb 2010	1 month 11
663	BA51	Bar-shouldered Dove	Transferred	Unknown	18th Feb 2010	
684	jw-050210	Black Kite	Released	Unknown	18th Feb 2010	19 days
705	DJ0089	Bar-shouldered Dove	Transferred	Unknown	18th Feb 2010	9 days
662	BA48	Peaceful Dove	Transferred	Unknown	17th Feb 2010	1 day
661	Bird661	Sacred Kingfisher	Released	Unknown	12th Feb 2010	
688	jw120210	Black Rat	Euthanased	4th Feb 2010	12th Feb 2010	
659	LM660	Bush Stone-curlew	Euthanased	Unknown	10th Feb 2010	
660	LM065	Sacred Kingfisher	Released	Unknown	10th Feb 2010	2 days
678	BM-Thomas	Short-beaked Echidna	In Care	24th Dec 09	10th Feb 2010	1 month 20
687	jw100210	Sacred Kingfisher	Released	Unknown	10th Feb 2010	21 days
658	Bird658	Tawny Frogmouth	Released	7th Feb 2010	6th Feb 2010	6 days
683	DJ-0089	Bar-shouldered Dove	Transferred	Unknown	4th Feb 2010	1 month 5
676	jw030210	Australasian Grebe	Released	Unknown	3rd Feb 2010	19 days
682	BA-	Common Brushtail Pos	Died	Unknown	3rd Feb 2010	1 month 19

653	LM061	Rainbow Lorikeet	Died	Unknown	2nd Feb 2010	1 day
654	LM062	Rainbow Lorikeet	Transferred	Unknown	2nd Feb 2010	2 days
685	jw-020210	Blue-winged Kookaburra	Released	Unknown	2nd Feb 2010	1 month 28 days
655	Bird 644 Shortbread	Figbird	In Care	Unknown	1st Feb 2010	1 month 29 days
651	Itsie	House Mouse	Transferred	Unknown	30th Jan 2010	11 days
652	Titsie	House Mouse	Transferred	Unknown	30th Jan 2010	11 days



FLYING FOXES:

A Rational Approach To Their Interactions With Humans

By Anne Fowler

Flying foxes are currently getting a lot of bad press. Their role in our environment is not understood by the general public, or by many veterinarians.

Their populations are declining in the face of deforestation and climate change. Rather than understanding their importance in our world, when our increased interactions result in emerging diseases, it has been easier to demonise them rather than to see that these diseases are a symptom of the changes that we humans have created.

Flying foxes play an important role in the forest. Pollen and nectar feeding flying foxes are involved in the pollination of many Australian tree species in both rainforest and dry woodland forests. By landing onto flowers to feed, the flying fox picks up pollens from one tree and carries them to another. So, you may say, do many of Australia's honeyeaters. The difference is that as flying foxes can travel up to 40km in an evening, they assist in maintaining genetic diversity of these trees.

With increased fragmentation of the landscape, and thus smaller honeyeater birds becoming geographically isolated within the fragments, maintenance of this diversity our forest species is now more reliant upon the flying fox family. Why are these forests important? It is from these forests we obtain timber to build houses, paper for everyday use and fruits of commercial value (mangoes, coffee, for example). Similarly, the fruit-eating flying foxes eat rainforest fruit that must be partly digested before it becomes able to grow. Without this species, our northern rainforests will suffer from reduced floristic diversity. This will have an impact on the faunal diversity that can exist in these forests. The humble microbats also play an integral role in our economy by eating insects that feed on our crops. Millions of tons of insects are eaten annually and it is believed that without this species, humans would not be able to grow sufficient food for modern day society needs.

As tragic as each human death from viruses carried by flying foxes is to their families and the wider community, these deaths should serve as a reminder of the risks of zoonotic disease and working with animals. How many more people are injured yearly, sometimes fatally in handling cattle and horses? Rather than condemn the messenger, it is more important that each and every one of us shows a greater

consideration to the risks that we as veterinarians take every day with the animal species that we deal with.

In conclusion, a balanced and scientific approach is required to our interaction with this species. Flying foxes are not the evil vampires that they are portrayed. It is simplistic and very human to reduce the complexity of a changing global landscape, climate variability and increased urbanisation pressures to vilify one species as the cause of the problem. In fact, this group of mammals is acting as our modern day "canary in the mine shaft" to highlight the impact that our urbanisation is having on the remnants of natural vegetation that have been preserved until now.

Their populations are under threat from deforestation, habitat fragmentation, climate change, drought, extreme heat events and intentional culling. Their numbers do not need to decline to zero before the impact of their loss is felt in our forest ecosystems. It is human activity that is the catalyst for modern emerging zoonotic diseases. How we go forward with our interactions with this species should be based on science and common sense, not demonising them based on the perceptions of a story-hungry and emotive media.

Photo K Ward

Sunbird



AFTERMATH OF CYCLONE ULUI

Monika Gabor and her two little birds were fine, most members seem to have survived the Category 3 Cyclone Ului very well. Most homes appear intact but some with minor tree damage. The trees appear to have come off the worst, trees across roads, driveways, and the occasional house. Falling on power and phone lines appeared to be the biggest problem. Some members were unable to continue with their hotline duties as they only have wireless phones powered by electricity, luckily we kept an ancient phone which we plug in during times of outages, it uses no electricity so was still usable. A thought for others but then most of you have mobile phones which you can still use until the battery goes flat. Di

has the solution to this, a wind up re-charger for her mobile phone and she says it worked like a charm. Linden lost her aviary, well it was on its side in a different place in the yard maybe it can be repaired. Jacqui had a few trees hit her flight aviary demolishing it. Wendy Adams lost her compound and her wallabies, who over subsequent days all returned for their bottles. The compound is back up, the wallabies back and things are returning to normal. Most damage appears to be minor, all can be replaced, rebuilt or repaired, fortunately there were no human losses. Not so sure about the animal and bird life not many calls for help considering.

A SAD STORY OF COCKATOOS & CYCLONE ULUI

Barricaded inside and surrounded by candles was how we spent the night of Cyclone Ului. The wind has such a menacing cry to it as you could hear tree's falling over in the distance and flying debris hitting the glass. Out of all the noises, the saddest to hear was the cries of the poor cockatoo's while their homes are being brought down by the ravaging storm. The storm continued on blowing massive gust's around the house until finally it stopped. It was dead quiet outside and it had an eerie effect to it. We were now in the eye of the storm.

We stepped out into the darkness to find the ground had turned white. Hundreds of cockatoo's had taken refuge on the ground to help from being blown away by the ferocious winds. Some lay dead, while others hobbled on the ground trying to nurse their injuries. It was concerning the way that you could approach them and get near enough to see how badly they were damaged.

They didn't raise many alarms and watched with wary eye's as we all assessed the damage the cyclone wrought. You could see other curious eye's looking at you, and it was then that we also noticed other cockatoos had taken cover in the tree's falling down on the ground. We took note of the animals that looked like they needed help to make a reference for when the storm was completely over, to see who may still need some help in the morning.

We went back inside and waited for the storm to pass once more. It was in the early hours of the morning that we all finally got to sleep at last.

Destruction came with the sun. Furniture was tossed, pot plants broken, debris everywhere, and almost 40 of our trees were taken down. Most cockatoo's were still stunned but had found solace in the fallen trees. Some still lay on the ground and clearly needed help otherwise they would not survive. I monitored all the birds throughout the entire day and rang Barb for some advice and it was agreed that I would continue to monitor them without causing them anymore stress until late afternoon. If by then, there was still any that were on the ground that needed help, she would arrange someone to come out and get them. Come late afternoon, there was still three birds that I was very concerned about so

I rang Barb back and by the time they got here, I could only locate one bird left for them to pick up. This lone bird was huddled on the ground, clearly distraught and clearly injured.

This cocky was then taken away for treatment. Unfortunately it was the next day when one of the others that I had been watching but couldn't locate when Barbs husband had arrived, I found it beside the house and it died. The other one, I do not know what happened.

Debbie and Tricia

ps Unfortunately the cockatoo was nursed for a couple of days but died of internal injuries. Editor

MEMBERSHIP WAS DUE AND PAYABLE ON THE 1ST APRIL.

If you have mislaid your form give me a call or email me and I will send you another.

Sandy Cleeland 49473324 or email sandyc19@bigpond.com

COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee has recently sent off 2 grant applications one to Whitsunday Regional Council for aviaries and rescue baskets. Thanks to Lola for her hard work on that. And one to the Gambling fund to send 2 members to the National Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference to be held in Adelaide in June.

At a recent general meeting there was a suggestion we look at a more central venue and as Secretary I looked at the Community centre which is now \$40 for an hour and also the Whitsunday Tennis clubrooms which is the same cost. So it has been decided to stay with the National Parks deal for now as this is free. I am also this month looking at CWA in Proserpine with the thought of maybe the odd meeting there.

All of the animals in care failed to heed the cyclone thanks to the care of our carers.

Barb Adamson
Secretary

Gloria Macapagal Arroyo

The power of one, if fearless and focused, is formidable, but the power of many working together is better.

FROM THE EDITOR error

Last newsletter in error I put on the front page January 2009 instead of 2010, apologies.

NOTICEBOARD

FAUNA RESCUE MARKET STALL

A regular column for you to advertise items of use to either give away or sell specifically related to Rescuing or Caring for wildlife.

Please contact Lola Mudie 07 49461281 or email Lola on melo@mackay.net.au. These items will be available at our meetings, workshops and get togethers.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Book Marks \$ 1.00 (14)

Husbandry & Rehabilitation of Marsupials
Course notes by Anne Fowler (4) \$ 10.00

"Possum Books" by Sonya Stanvic (6) \$ 12.00

"Rescued" Compiled by Jodie Blackney (19)
\$ 12.00 members \$ 20.00 non-members

Reusable Heat Pads \$ 20.00

T Shirts \$ 30.00 1x12, 2x 14, 1x16

ITEMS TO GIVE AWAY

Disposable Cage Liners

Small Mammal Pouches

Towels

Pouches suitable for Joeys or possums

ROTARY RAFFLE TICKETS UPDATE

Rotary Raffle ticket sales are going really well.

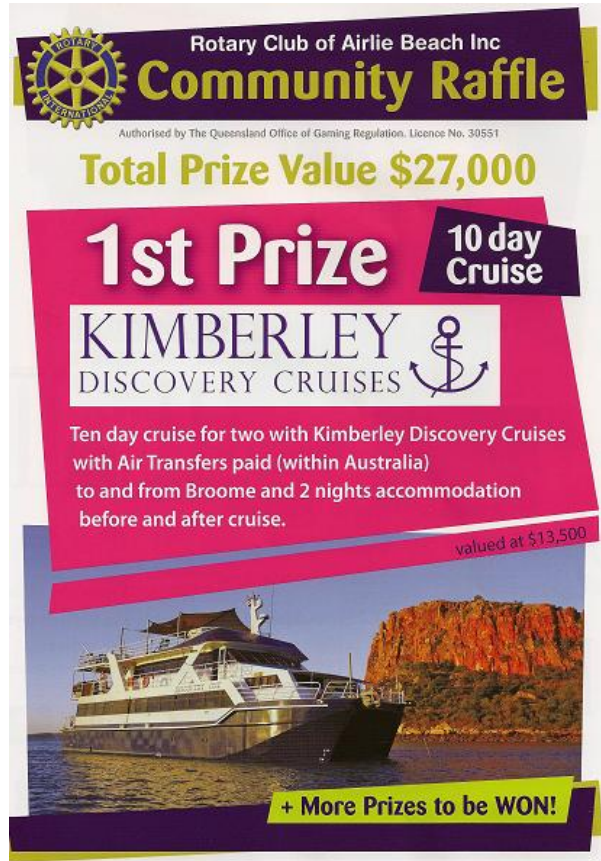
For members who have sold books please either drop the books and monies into First Agency at Suite 4, 121 Business Centre, Shute Harbour Road, Cannonvale or mail (cheques only made out to Fauna Rescue Whitsundays) to PO Box 806, Cannonvale QLD 4802.

For people unable to sell tickets please contact Rebecca on 0427 675 507 or drop into the above address or send to the PO Box so that we may have a chance to sell them.

You may also bring books and money to the AGM for collection.

PET MARKET TIPPED TO SAVE ENDANGERED WILDLIFE

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/04/11/2869458.htm>



NATIONAL WILDLIFE CONFERENCE SA JUNE 22-24 2001

The Australian National Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference SA 2010 is the 7th national conference for those dedicated to the welfare, rescue and rehabilitation of native wildlife. The conference has been held annually since the inaugural event in Melbourne in 2003, with this conference being the first pursuant to the new biannual model. The timetable and speakers are now up on the website. <http://nwrc.com.au/nwrcsa/timetable.htm>

POSITIONS VACANT

- Macropod Species Liaison Officer
- Small Mammal Species Liaison Officer

POSITIONS VACANT MAY

- Newsletter Editor
- Membership Officer
- Hot-line Co-Ordinator



FAUNA RESCUE WHITSUNDAYS ASSOCIATION INC
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM
YEAR 2010-2011

(Please use block letters when completing)

Completed Nomination forms must be received by the secretary no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the annual general meeting to be held Sunday 16th May 2010 at 1pm at the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Building in Jubilee Pocket.

Address to:

The Secretary

Fauna Rescue Whitsundays Association Inc

PO Box 806

Cannonvale, QLD 4802

I.....am a financial member of Fauna Rescue Whitsundays Association Inc .

I nominateas a candidate for the position of: (please circle one)

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Committee Member

Signed By the candidate.....

Nominating member's signatures:

1.....Date.....

2.....Date.....

Notes:

- Any two (2) financial members must nominate another member (the candidate) to serve as a member of the management committee.
- Nominations are to be received by the Secretary not later than Sunday the 2nd May 2010
- Should there be no written nominations for any position, then nominations may be taken from the floor of the meeting.

For the Candidate: Fauna Rescue has \$10,000,000 public liability.



FAUNA RESCUE WHITSUNDAYS ASSOCIATION INC

PROXY VOTING FORM 2010

(Please use block letters when completing)

Fauna Rescue Whitsundays Association Inc:

Iof

(Address).....

Being a financial member of the association, appoint

(Full name).....of

(Address).....

As my proxy to vote for me on behalf at the annual general meeting of the association, to be held on the 16th day of May, 2010 and at any adjournment of the meeting.

Signed this.....day of2010

Full Name.....

Signature.....



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FRW Animal Records

<http://www.frw.org.au/AnimalRecords/AnimalRecords.php>

QPWS Jubilee Pocket 4967 7355

DERM/EPA HOTLINE 1300
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INCLUDES MARINE STRANDINGS

POLICE

Whitsunday 4948 8888 (24hrs)
Proserpine 4945 1333
Bowen 4761 3500
Collinsville 4785 5377

RSPCA Mackay 4953 4265

WHITSUNDAY SHIRE COUNCIL
4945 0200

ALL SNAKES

Peter Basso (fee charged)
0439 478140

Kylee Gray (fee charged)
0424 456254

Brian Dawson (fee charged)
0439 331 035
(Bowen area)

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Peter Basso (fee charged)
0439 478140

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