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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Fauna Rescue Whitsundays hopes all our members and their families had a safe & relaxing Christmas and enjoy a fulfilling and prosperous New Year.

## UNUSUAL PARTNERSHIPS



*Photo : Gerry  
O'Connor*

One of our members, Gerry O'Connor, recently noticed that some of our wallabies have made a few new friends. Our animals are forever adapting to suit conditions and, in the absence of any nearby cattle or horses these Cattle egrets have been spotted with some unusual partners. In addition to keeping our local wallabies company they may also be providing the added benefit of a mobile grooming service.

Often seen perched on the backs of cattle or horses (or at their feet) these elegant birds use their vantage position to feed on flies, ticks and other parasites not only on their host but also those living on the ground who are disturbed by the movement of the cattle and horses. We hope our wallabies are benefiting from the free pest eradication service provided by the egrets.

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# THANK YOU

**FRW WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO KINDLY  
OFFER THEIR ASSISTANCE AND WHO HAVE MADE  
DONATIONS INCLUDING**

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Whitsundays, Woodmans Mitre 10 (Proserpine) & Whitsunday Crocodile Safari,  
Freshfields Shopping Centre, Centro Whitsundays, Whitsunday Shopping Centre  
and all the members who donated goods or their time to the Xmas raffle**

**"SUPPORT THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US"**

## **Treating thrush & E Coli in Macropods IMPORTANT UPDATE to article published in Newsletter 60 - Page 16**

Many of you would have read with interest the article in our last newsletter (Newsletter 60 - PAGE 16 Carer Tips) regarding the treatment of thrush and e coli in macropod joeys. Unfortunately the author details I provided in this article were incorrect and the information actually came from Lynda Staker (Author of "Don't Step Backwards" – the "bible" of many macropod carers).

As editor I try to always give credit to the authors and/or photographers whose material I use in the newsletter as I feel it is important that their contributions are recognised and appreciated and I would like to sincerely apologise for not giving credit to the correct author.

Should anyone require any further information on the thrush/E coli article please contact :

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# RESCUE AT SEA

*Author : Lesley Knight*

A few weeks ago I had the good fortune to be spending a night on a yacht in Saba Bay on the Northern side of Hook Island. Trevor and I had a lovely day sailing there, snorkeling and exploring. All showered and ready for a 'sundowner' Trevor saw a Sea Eagle dive about 150 metres from where we were anchored.

There were six boats in the bay and the people on the one anchored furthest out had seen the Eagle dive as well. But there was a problem, the Eagle did not become airborne again and was flapping in the water. We saw the crew of the furthest boat head toward the bird in their dinghy, but soon turned back again. I became increasingly worried as the Eagle was still not airborne and I was scared it would drown.

We grabbed all we had to deal with a situation, a couple of towels and some thick gloves we used when snorkeling and headed toward the bird in our dinghy. By the time we reached it, the other people were there again with a knife in hand to cut the line. I asked them to hold onto our dinghy so we wouldn't float away and Trevor and I brought the Eagle into our dinghy by pulling it out on its back. There was no other way as it was wrapped in fishing line. We cut the line away and fortunately there was no fish hook.

I wrapped it in the towels and held the huge bird, which had a wing span of around 1.8 metres, and we headed to the shore so it could dry its wings. All through this its mate had been circling above the stricken bird. We reached shore and placed the bird on the high water mark. Straight away it attempted to fly away across the water to the side of the bay it had come from. But it landed in the water as its drenched wings could not sustain flight.

We waded in to the sea and rounded it into the shore again onto some low rocks. Here it spread its huge wings and attempted to dry them in the breeze. It was getting close to dusk so there was little warmth left in the sun to help with the drying. Then disaster struck! It attempted to fly again, only this time making it a lot further out into the bay and pretty well back where we had rescued it from.

The tide was going out and we needed to carry the dinghy back into the water to get back out to the bird. Again, I feared it was going to drown, but it started swimming in the closest stroke a bird could do to butterfly. We decided not to attempt getting the bird out of the water again but instead follow it from a distance, but close enough if it got into trouble.

The Eagle swam to the rocks on the other side of the bay, a good 150 metres. It dragged itself up onto the rocks and again started drying its wings. Light was starting to fade and its mate headed off for home on the other side of the bay. We sat in the dinghy watching for the next half an hour. As the bird dried it moved further and further up the rocks until it attempted to fly again. This time it took off and circled the tree tops a couple of times. We didn't see it again that evening.

At 6am the next morning we woke to see the Eagle fly from one side of the bay to the other. Going home, the happy part of this story. The sad thing about this story is not just the anguish and discomfort the eagle had to endure, it was the fact that the people in the other dinghy had set a float and long fishing line with a piece of meat attached to it and left it for the night. Little did they know what the consequences would be.

By the way, when we got back to the boat the previous evening we did have our 'sundowner' and it was one of the best we'd ever tasted!

**INTERESTING FACT : Koalas spend up to 80% of the day sleeping!**

# FRW'S NEW EQUIPMENT



FRW are now the proud owners of a release trailer. FRW would like to thank the Whitsunday Regional Council and the Whitsunday Fauna Rescue Fund for financing this project and for giving us the opportunity to purchase this new equipment.

The trailer, which is already in use, will be for the release of possums, gliders and birds, such as Kookaburras. Having this resource available will greatly improve our release program and allow us to safely release more of our wildlife each year without fears of overcrowding.



The Public Fund have also funded the purchase of a large and a small humidicrib. As it is breeding season we have had an increase in very young animals coming into care and these humidicribs will give us the opportunity to treat more of these specialised cases which require a controlled environment to help ensure their survival.

## CARER INFORMATION

**Fourth Crossing Wildlife** is proud to present **Fauna First Aid's** newest wildlife resource:

**The Wildlife Carers Dictionary** by Linda Dennis

I am so excited to bring you this new resource because - as far as I know - nothing like it has ever been done in the wildlife community before. I hope that this resource will be a very useful guide to new time carers and long term carers alike, vets, vet nurses, zoo and sanctuary keepers and just anybody who wants to learn more about wildlife.

To get your copy of this **free** resource just visit [The Wildlife Carers Dictionary](#) at [Fourth Crossing Wildlife](#).

Many special thanks to Alistair Brown (aka Dr Fish), Fiona Saxton, Annette Colling, Cheyne Flanagan and Marny Bonner for their help in getting this resource off the ground.

I truly hope that you enjoy this new guide - my **wild** Christmas present to you! I'd love to hear what you think about this new guide. Please email feedback to [linda@fourthcrossingwildlife.com](mailto:linda@fourthcrossingwildlife.com). Thank you!

Cheers,

Linda

Fourth Crossing Wildlife

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*dedicated to the conservation of Australian native animals..*

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# THE CATTLE EGRET - INTRODUCED OR NATIVE?

## (*Ardea Ibis*)

Author : Col Forster



Photo : Gerry O'Connor

The official view is that Cattle Egrets are self introduced and are therefore deemed natives and are fully protected as a native species. Like so many things, scratch the surface and the Native / Introduced argument, well, it's an argument.

**First though, were they Introduced? Yes it seems so. It is fairly well documented that:**

*'In 1933 a small colony of 18 birds was transported from India to Derby in WA as it was considered to be a beneficial species for cattle'.*

**Although it is almost as well documented that:**

*'It is believed that this colony was not successful.'*

**So are they Native? To Africa, yes:**

*The original distribution of this species was northern Africa, where it was commonly associated with large grazing mammals such as cattle, buffalo, wildebeest and zebra.*

**Then:**

*They flew north and inhabited deforested areas of Europe and Asia. They expanded their territory by flying west across the Atlantic to the tropics of South America, where the first sightings of cattle egrets took place at the end of the 1800s*

**Remembering that they were Introduced in 1933 (above) we then find:**

*They probably arrived in the Northern Territory in the 1940s*

**Or that:**

*The Cattle Egret is a relatively recent colonist of Australia from Asia. The first documented natural occurrence was in the Northern Territory in 1948*

**They are fast movers because:**

*The species is not native (mmm, officially it is) to Victoria and was first recorded in this state in 1949 but how it arrived here and where from is not entirely clear.*

**Or:**

*1949 coincides with the first records for the species in northern Australia which suggests that, unless the Victorian records were the results of deliberate releases, the Cattle Egret was probably present in the Northern Territory and Queensland many years earlier. It has been suggested that small numbers of birds had been irregular visitors to Australia from south-east Asia since before European settlement and that the rapid increase in numbers in the top end in the mid 1900s was due to the changes in landscape at that time. The cattle industry was developing during this period and the Asian Water Buffalo had become established as a feral species so the egrets found feeding grounds that suited them much better than those without large grazers.*

**But it is also speculated that:**

*The Cattle Egret may never have reached Australia unless people had introduced cattle and created the correct conditions for the egrets (deforested for pasture for the cattle) (NB. This statement could also include the introduction of the Asian Water Buffalo in about 1830, released to wild in 1849)*

**Whatever:**

*They are now found throughout most of Australia except the arid centre.*

**With the qualification:**

*They may even have been introduced by stock farmers to help control some of the insects that they feed on*

**They have only recently colonised New Zealand;**

*the first birds having been seen near Christchurch in the winter of 1963 although there were many unconfirmed sightings from the 1950s*

One thing though; The Cattle Egret continues to increase its' range and numbers which is in stark contrast with most of the worlds birds.

After reading a bit about Native /Introduced I will give an example to further cloud the issue. By common criteria most of the original European settlers in Australia were Introduced. Convicts and military personal were **sent** here, they didn't have a choice, thus **Introduced**. But if there were volunteers on board they became natives, they **chose** to come, as did all those who followed (and continue to this day) by choice. Best check your bloodlines to see if you are Native, Introduced, or of mixed blood.

**Cattle Egrets are one of the few species that are known to eat cane toads**

# A HELPING HAND

*I was forwarded this story through the Ozark Network and thought it was a great story to show that sometimes we only need to lend a helping hand and nature will take back over. Thanks to Alison Smith from Sydney for her permission to use this story.*

We live in a cul-de-sac pretty much surrounded by bush. We get regular visits from brushtails. Yesterday afternoon our neighbour called over with a 300g female brushtail which they found sitting on top of a big boulder in their front yard. It didn't appear to have any injuries and was very lively. It didn't want anything to eat or drink so I put it in a pouch and it went to sleep.

I rang one of our very experienced possum carers about the possibility of reuniting bub with mum. This has often been discussed on Ozark. I was dubious about leaving it outside for any length of time as our other neighbour is minding their sons entire tom cat which is left out at night to roam the neighbourhood. The experienced possum carer (Anne) suggested I put it out just after dusk and stay close by and keep watch. Just as I was thinking about doing that my neighbour came rushing over and said there was a brushtail in her palm tree.

Over the road we went and put the little baby in its' pouch on top of the boulder and down came mum almost immediately. The baby was calling loudly and the pouch started to roll off the bolder. I have bad arthritis in my knees, but for one little moment I was a gazelle catching the pouch and repositioning it. It rolled again and my short neighbour caught it this time. My tall husband came over and climbed to the top of the boulder and found a crook to safely position the pouch and baby. Mum reappeared and we all took a step back.

The mother possum put her bottom facing us and lifted her tail like a cat and straddled the pouch. I felt sick as I had a horrible feeling that maybe it wasn't the mum but a male brushtail and that it might attack the baby. We hatched a plan that if we heard or saw anything horrible we would leap forward and grab the baby.

Looking at the back end of the possum I thought it was going to wee on the pouch. Suddenly the penny dropped and I realised she had straddled the pouch and was leaning right forward to enable the baby to crawl out of the bag and straight into her pouch. That is exactly what happened!

I have been a bit long winded but wanted to portray the little story as it unfolded. We all felt brilliant afterwards. It really made our Friday night. The mum possum calmly climbed the palm tree and we checked our cotton pouch was empty. The next morning I went over and scouted around and there was no sign of the baby, so we hope all ended well for both.

Cheers  
Alison Smith.

## TO SELL/GIVE AWAY

If you have any useful items related to rescuing or caring for wildlife to either give away or sell contact Lola Mudie on 07 494 1281 or [melo@mackay.net.au](mailto:melo@mackay.net.au)

### Items for Sale

Possum books by Sonya Stanvic, "Rescued" compiled by Jodie Blackney, workshop notes by Dr Jim Pollock, re-useable heat pads, assorted FRW t-shirts (from \$12.00), rescue baskets, car signs, lawn signs

### Items to Give Away

Disposable cage liners, small mammal pouches, towels, pouches for pinkie joeys or possums. A sample of these items will be available at all our meetings, workshops and get togethers.

# POSSUM & GLIDER REPORT NOV/DEC 11

## **POSSUMS IN CARE :**

- 1 possums in care with Kimberly**
- 3 possums in care with Barb Adamson**
- 1 possum in care with Miranda**

## **RELEASED :**

- 3 from Barb**
- 1 injured glider**

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ADAMSON



## **EUTHANISED :**

- 1 glider from a cat attack**

I want to thank my new possum carers Kimberley and Hazel who have come on board and both attended the Anne Fowler workshop. Both have now had babies unfortunately Hazel now has to leave town and her baby has gone to Kimberley. **I thank them for caring.**

I would also like to thank Lorelle and Duncan who built the most fantastic possum pent house and have Ranger in care there, Lorelle for doing Wendy in the hot costume again at Centro for the raffle table and Ron who helped with transport when Col had to go away. I wish Ron and Cathie a safe trip away and a speedy return we will miss you.

**Barb Adamson - Possum / Glider Liaison Officer**

# FRUIT NETTING AND OUR WILDLIFE

With the warming of the weather and summer rains many trees are now flowering and bearing fruit attracting our native wildlife such as bats, possums and birds for a tasty treat. Sadly some of these creatures will become entangled in drape netting used to protect the fruit from attack. Animals entangled in netting die a slow and horrible death if not rescued quickly and many will often die or have to be euthanased even after being rescued due to the severity of their injuries. These animals suffer injuries from struggling to free themselves and may also be subject to attack from predators while entangled and immobilised.

Drape netting often has an impact on more than one generation. This time of year is also when many of our animals are raising their young and require more food. The tempting smell of ripening fruit attracts many for a meal only to become hopelessly entangled in netting. Birds caught in nets often leave young to die unattended in the nest while others such as possums and bats may be carrying their young on their backs when caught causing injuries or death to both the mother and the young.

How to protect your fruit AND our native animals :

Use netting that is animal friendly, check out "Hailguard" for a good alternative. Fernland Agencies stock this product and are happy to post anywhere in Australia. Call (07) 5441 1711 or email: [sales@fernland.com.au](mailto:sales@fernland.com.au)

Use fruit bags around fruit (or make your own from shade cloth) - as an added bonus these may also protect your fruit from insect damage as well. Auspacific Trading make a net bag available in three sizes. Call (03) 9801 4830 or email [auspacif@bigpond.net.au](mailto:auspacif@bigpond.net.au)

**CONSIDER SHARING. WHY NOT COVER WHAT YOU NEED AND LEAVE SOME FRUIT EXPOSED FOR ANIMALS TO FEED ON – THEY WON'T EAT THAT MUCH AND THERE IS NORMALLY PLENTY TO GO AROUND. AS AN ADDED BENEFIT YOU ALSO GET TO ENJOY SEEING OUR NATIVE FAUNA IN YOUR BACK YARD.**

# TALKING WILDLIFE

50 years of conservation with Wildlife Queensland

**Friday 7 – Saturday 8 September 2012**

Wildlife Queensland is bringing together some of Queensland's leading wildlife researchers and campaigners to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2012. The event, Talking Wildlife, will take place on Friday 7 and Saturday 8 September 2012 at Bardon Conference Centre and registrations will open in April. Talking Wildlife will feature topics such as traditional wildlife knowledge, how wildlife saves the world, achieving the balance with the resource industry, urban ecology, environment and the law, conservation campaigning, biodiversity protection and wildlife interpretation and community education.

Sponsorship opportunities are now open and can be viewed by contacting Chloe Popa – [chloe@wombatcreative.com.au](mailto:chloe@wombatcreative.com.au). Those interested in attending as delegates can be added to our mailing list by contacting Wildlife Queensland: [talkingwildlife@wildlife.org.au](mailto:talkingwildlife@wildlife.org.au). Further information will be available in the New Year at [www.wildlife.org.au](http://www.wildlife.org.au).

## IF YOU LOVE ANIMALS

We wildlife volunteers know never to think “it’s been a bit quiet with calls today” because, sure enough, all of a sudden a call will come through. A call to help a bird which has been blown out of its nest and has lost its mum, a turtle that is clinging to life with fishing line or plastic bags in its stomach, a wallaby that has been chased by a dog thru a barb wire fence and one more gorgeous native animal comes into care.

A call came thru recently from a family in Airlie Beach. A dog had chased a baby 900g wallaby into their yard, thru the swimming pool fence and into the pool. Luckily for the little wally the people were there and after swimming the width of the pool he was rescued, dried off and taken to a FRW carer.

After a feed of special wallaby milk and a warm comfy pouch like mum’s he was feeling a bit more comfortable and a lot safer. He is now doing really well. He sat in a bag for first three days very quietly, very traumatised - just watching all that was going on around him.

He could see the other wallys in care and, with quietness and affection from his carer, he gradually gained trust in her and on the fourth day hopped out (and then decided no I think it still a little too soon). He has slowly learnt this is his new life and maybe it isn’t all that bad.

Four days after his arrival the call came thru from the Brolgas Rest (Bowen) Vet Clinic to ask if we could take a little wallaby that had been found in the mouth of a dog in a family’s yard. So a quick drive to Bowen to collect the darling, plus a little bird who had lost its mum, and back home to Airlie to add them to the family. In the meantime Allen, the Vet in Bowen, had given him an antibiotic needle for the puncture in his back from the dog and he too is now slowly gaining trust in his new home.

These two little boys have now bonded and look at each other across the space between their hanging bags. It won’t be long before they are big enough to hop out and have a boxing match. The boys play and box for hours preparing them for later life.

There are so many reasons I love what I do but I so love the trust that our creatures have in us and watching them get well, thrive and have fun. I am daily thankful that I finally made the decision to help care for wildlife.

### **A Wildlife Carer**



# HOW YOU CAN HELP

**WILDLIFE CARER**

**DESCRIPTION :** Carers are desperately needed for all species. The only qualification needed is a love of animals. Work on the front line and help save lives. Carer packs available to help with setting up

**WILDLIFE RESCUE**

**DESCRIPTION :** Rescuers are needed for all species for calls received to our 24hr hotline. Love animals but don't have enough time to care – this is the perfect job for you

**HOTLINE CO ORDINATOR**

**DESCRIPTION :** Coordinating hotline operators and organising rosters, no experience required, good organisational skills a benefit, work from home with hours to suit your lifestyle

**HOTLINE OPERATOR**

**DESCRIPTION :** Answering 24hr hotline, no experience required, work from home with flexible hours (you could answer for an hour, ½ day), good listening skills an advantage

**ANIMAL RECORDS OFFICER**

**DESCRIPTION :** Person wanted to enter records into database - keep up to date with info on the latest rescues and how animals in care are progressing. Some computer experience required, work your own hours

**FUNDRAISING & EVENTS CO ORDINATOR**

**DESCRIPTION :** Friendly, outgoing person wanted to coordinate fundraising and events to help promote FRW. No experience required but good organisational skills useful

**IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ANY OF THESE POSITIONS – PLEASE GIVE THE HOTLINE A CALL OR CONTACT EITHER MYSELF (ALIX) OR ONE OF THE COMMITTEE – SEE PAGE 22 FOR CONTACT DETAILS.**

## **OUR ANIMALS NEED YOUR HELP**

### **OTHER WAYS TO HELP FRW**

HELP WITH SAUSAGE SIZZLES/HOT DOG STALLS OR MANNING DISPLAYS AT SHOWS/EXPOS, HELP WITH RESCUES OR RELEASE SITES, DONATE UNWANTED ITEMS AS PRIZES OR FOR USE TO CARE FOR ANIMALS, HELP A CARER WITH HOUSING MAINTENANCE ETC, SEW POUCHES OR MAKE OTHER HOUSING, USE YOUR EXISTING TALENTS AND SKILLS TO HELP FRW IN SOME OTHER WAY

# AMAZING

WORDS & PHOTOS : COL FORSTER

As you all know Dr Anne Fowler delivered a workshop for us late November. Di and I hosted her stay. When she arrived we discussed all the necessary stuff but also what she was going to do in her free day after the workshop. Basically she wanted to experience our marine environment and get wet. I checked the weather and it looked suitable for all options; these were discussed.

Over a beer and a few red wines we found that she is fairly keen on birds (well, we actually knew that!) and would like to sight all 500+ Aus species. It was fairly quickly apparent that we may be able to add to her well over 300. So it was decided that we would take her out for the day in our boat with Black Is (Bali Hi) and the Beach Stone Curlew as the targets.



Well the day dawned perfect, as promised by BOM. If you don't sail that means sunshine and moderate breezes from the right direction. This was maintained all day. Tides weren't quite right, oh well. We sailed to our destination with Anne steering and as we arrived the other 2 boats there left. We had the site to ourselves for the remainder of our visit.

We took Anne snorkelling. Amazing! She swam back to the boat where a small turtle was circling. She swam with it for close to 5 minutes. Amazing! Then lunch.

After lunch we walked on the beach. An Osprey flew up from the beach. Turns out that she claimed that as a first sighting. Amazing! We walked along the beach and talked about the White Breasted Wood Swallows. Seems that they were yet another first. Amazing! Further on some Whimbrells and then the prize, a Beach Stone Curlew. Amazing and a first!

Shortly after we spotted the Osprey again, again on the ground which I thought was unusual. It landed on the beach, behind us. Close examination through binoculars, showed it had a shoulder injury and a damaged foot – often standing on just the one and probably the reason it was not roosting. These beautiful birds are in decline all around the world and the pair that live here seem to successfully raise 2 or 3 chicks each year. It would be sad to lose one of the adults, the one sad point of a beautiful day. Also claimed as her best Osprey sighting. Amazing!

As we were examining the Osprey a pair of Brown Pigeons (Brown [Cuckoo] Doves, Pheasant Pigeons) broke cover. Amazing, apparently yet another first!

Anne again took the helm for the entire trip home. An amazing day (with a few firsts thrown in).

Col



## Hi from Bec MacRae

Bec MacRae (former Vice President and secretary) has asked that I pass on her good wishes. Bec hopes all FRW members had a merry Christmas and have a wonderful 2012. Bec has recently moved to Victoria but stays in touch with FRW and she thinks everyone is doing a great job for our critters. Bec greatly enjoyed working with both the animals and the members over the past three years and misses you all greatly.

We hope to hear more from Bec in future newsletters.....

# LIVING WITH SNAKES

The warm Whitsunday weather forms the perfect climate for many of our native reptiles, including a wide variety of snakes. While many view snakes as a “problem” animal they play an important role in helping to ensure the health of our natural environment by controlling rodents and insect species, some (such as keelback snakes) even eat cane toads. The main reason snakes come into contact with humans is in their hunt for food or shelter and they can provide a valuable service in keeping mice, rats and insects under control.

With temperatures rising we are getting more and more calls to the hotline for snakes in people’s houses and yards. Many of the snakes we encounter are non venomous and are more scared of us than we are of them. If you do encounter a snake keep your distance and keep children and pets away – most of the time the snakes will move on by themselves. You can reduce the risk of encountering a snake on your property by following the guidelines below :

- ✓ Try can keep the areas around your house free from “clutter” which may provide the ideal hiding spot for snakes
- ✓ Keep doors closed when not in use so “uninvited guests” don’t wander in
- ✓ When moving around outside pay attention to where you are walking – standing on a snake is sure way to inspire a bite in defence
- ✓ Use snake proof fencing to provide safe play areas for children and pets
- ✓ Ensure children know not to approach snakes and to tell their parents if they see one

**IF YOU DO ENCOUNTER A SNAKE - Don’t try to approach or catch the snake yourself – like most animals they may attack if they feel threatened and even non venomous species can inflict a severe bite**

**SHOULD YOU HAVE A SNAKE REQUIRING REMOVAL PLEASE SEE PAGE 22 FOR CONTACT DETAILS FOR KYLEE GRAY AND PETER BASSO WHO ARE ABLE TO ASSIST WITH RELOCATION OF PROBLEM SNAKES**

## FOR SALE

Property for Wildlife & Secluded Rural Lifestyle living

Are you a carer wishing to relocate or looking for that pocket of land hidden away? Then look no further!



Delightful, modern, well presented 3BR house on 120 acres comprising of open paddocks, natural bush & a pocket of rainforest. At the end of a dead end road, discover a very private world from the moment you drive up the driveway. With exceptional infrastructure, close to all facilities and central to the mines and Mackay this property also provides easy access to Kinchant & Teemburra Dams for water sports & fishing

Equipped with a study and fitted with A/C and ceiling fans throughout the house sits on a slight hill surrounded by rock wall gardens with automatic watering systems and 240V lighting. The in ground swimming pool has a running rock waterfall & is surrounded by tropically landscaped gardens. The front verandah and back patio provide stunning views of the natural beauty of your surrounds and are perfect for entertaining. Another great feature of this property is that it has areas set up for wildlife rehabilitation and release.

There are 2 kangaroo & native wildlife compounds with 6ft cyclone fencing, shelters throughout and a possum house. With 5 water tanks, 2 bores, a permanent spring fed creek and rainfall water will never be an issue. . There is just too much to mention about this property from the man’s shed (equipped with its’ own meter), the 2 car carport, the orchard, the covered cattle yards, the horse stables and the 13 paddocks (each with their own water supply).

If anyone is interested please contact either Harcourts on 4963 0100 or either Wendy or Roy on 4958 5661.



# LATEST NEWS ON



Do hope that you are continuing to visit the website [2012awrc](http://2012awrc.org.au) to keep yourself informed as our webmaster is continually updating the information.

## 215 days to wait until the 2012 Conference.....

For the reptile lovers coming to the 2012 Conference we have a great bonus for you to explore. “Blackadder Reptiles” will present two days of training July 21 and July 22, 2012 at a reduced cost for delegates. Expressions of interest and payment will be totally separate from the conference and the details are below. An extra opportunity for all those who say they have trouble accessing training in snake handling. Course cost is generally \$330 per person but is a special price of \$275 for wildlife carers attending on 21 or 22 July 2012. Maximum number of participants per day to be 16. This may increase if additional snakes are available for handling by then. The course is a 1 day course which is approved and recognised in Queensland and should also be recognised by other State authorities for wildlife management. Participants are graded on pythons, tree snakes, black snakes and brown snakes and issued with a certificate relevant to their competency. Delegates are encouraged to take advantage of this unique opportunity and explore their brochure below.

### **BLACKADDER REPTILES - VENOMOUS SNAKE HANDLING COURSE**

**This course covers the following topics & is approved and recognised by QPWS :**

- **Legislation**
- **Snake identification, characteristics and behaviour patterns**
- **Common misconceptions about snakes**
- **Preventive action to minimise snake interaction**
- **Venoms and the effects of snake bites**
- **First aid**
- **Snake removal techniques**
- **Snake removal protocols**
- **Snake handling: Pythons**
- **Snake handling: Tree snakes**
- **Snake handling: Venomous snakes (black snakes and brown snakes)**

While completing this course may assist you in obtaining a Damage Mitigation Permit to remove and relocate problem snakes, successfully completing this course does not necessarily qualify the course participant to be granted a Damage Mitigation Permit to remove and relocate problem snakes in Queensland as this is at the discretion of QPWS. Other States may need further enquiries.

**All training is presented by nationally accredited trainers.**

Course duration based on the above structure is 1 day for 10-16 participants. The theory session will run from morning through to lunch and the handling session will commence after lunch and run through the afternoon

All participants will be required to wear long trousers, socks and closed in footwear. Trousers should be of a comfortable fit and allow easy movement during snake handling stages

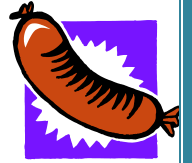
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# BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLES



On the 11<sup>th</sup> November we had our first Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings. Thanks to Leigh Skead, Lesley Knight, Lee Fleming, Sheena Barrett, Barb Adamson, Duncan Smith, Kylee Gray, Ron Lightfoot, Cathie Zanevra and myself, Sandy Cleeland, we came away with a nice profit of \$455 for the day.

Our second Sausage Sizzle, Sunday 11th December was held on a stinking hot day, with a few major hiccups but many thanks to Barb Adamson who pulled it all together and another successful day was had with \$95 worth of Xmas raffle tickets sold as a bonus. Thanks to our great helpers again - Barb Adamson, Duncan Smith, Leigh Skead, Lee Fleming, Sheena Barrett, Cathie Zanevra, Ron Lightfoot and Di Jessop. Another profit of \$320 odd.

If any new people would like to help us with the Sausage Sizzle please give me a bell on 49 473324 and I will add you to our roster. Two or two and a half hours help would be great or even just come and say Hi and purchase a sausage.

We'll have a rest next month then start again in February. A roster will be done and emailed for the year and if any of us are unable to be there can they swap times or get a replacement to stand in please.

Our FRW trailer will be operational by then and all items required will be stored in the trailer except for items we need to purchase or need refrigeration. With our trusty check list this will make it all much simpler.

Sandy

## HOLIDAYING IN THE WHITSUNDAYS

Words & photos – Col Forster

Every rescue is different but it is not often you are asked to rescue wild animals from an environment that resembles an animal holiday resort (see the photo below).



This family of Burdekin Ducks wandered into a Cannonvale suburban back yard. The property owners made them at home and then contacted FRW. They holidayed there for 3 days whilst we decided how and what to do with them. On the third day Peter Basso trapped them, describing the capture as *copybook* with little stress to the animals or their human hosts. They were relocated to the back of the Big 4 Caravan Park yet another holiday destination!

The owners of the Cannonvale property thoroughly enjoyed their temporary visitors but understood that it was best that they were relocated and we thank them for their co-operation. Thankfully they had no dogs or cats. We know that all 10 chicks may not make it to adulthood but the 3 day holiday (protected from predators) should increase their chances.

**SEE PAGE 17 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BURDEKIN DUCKS**

# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

## **DECEMBER 2011**

Well here we are, Christmas again and amazingly for this time of the year we have been relatively quiet on the animal rescue front. This may, however change, especially for the birds, as the recent rains have led to a lot of native plants starting to flower and fruit, more insects around, hence much better breeding conditions.

Also, cyclone season is fast approaching and I would just like to remind you all to not only make preparations for your family, home and pets, but also for the wildlife you may have in care. Cyclone Ului saw many areas without power for up to a week as well as quite a lot of flooding with shortages of food stocks in the shops. Stock up on food for your critters now and ensure you have emergency cages should you need to bring in animals in aviaries. Aviaries also need to be secured to prevent them moving in cyclonic conditions.

### **Dr Anne Fowler Workshop**

As most of you know, we recently held a training workshop with Dr Anne Fowler. Quite a few members turned out for the 2 day workshop and I trust most of us came away with updated knowledge on wildlife care and rehabilitation. Anne is a great presenter and we were very lucky to be able to get her here to update us on all the latest info and techniques. Thank you Anne, for sharing your experience, knowledge and humour with us. Thank you also to the committee for their help in organising the workshop and special thanks to Mel Mudie for cooking the BBQ on Sunday. I would really like to encourage all carers to attend these workshops as they are an invaluable resource for education and knowledge sharing, very important aspects if you are caring for wildlife.

### **School & Community Education**

Barb A with the help of Wendy Wallaby (Lorelle) have been continuing to educate our kindy and school kids on our wildlife, with further visits planned for the new year. Congratulations to Barb for organizing the Bloomsbury School to become our first official "Wildlife Carer" School. We also now have our FRW kids bags, packed with information on wildlife for our kids to take home after our visits. The hope is that not only will the kids benefit from this info, but their family and friends as well.

### **Christmas Raffle Update**

Our Christmas Raffle has been successful yet again for raising funds for FRW. We set up stalls in Proserpine and also Centro & the Whitsunday Shopping Centre and ran the stalls for about 4 wks. We raised about \$2000. Many thanks to Leigh Skead for organizing it all in my absence and to our wonderful helpers, Lola, Barb A, Brittney, Jean, Marita, Sheena, Barb M, Kyla, Cathi and Ron, Lorelle, Viv, Bobby, Kimberly, Lesley, Gay, Suzette, Col. Special thanks to Col, Cathi & Ron for also doing all the running around, delivering the stall goods between venues and helping with set ups and pack ups on a daily basis.

Winners were 1st Stan from Hamilton Island; 2<sup>nd</sup> Penny & Reuben from Conway; 3<sup>rd</sup> Shags from Brandy Creek; & 4<sup>th</sup> Cathy from Midge Point.

### **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**

Thanks to Sandy for organizing the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, where we also sold Christmas Raffle tickets. This was held on a Sunday and raised \$300. Thanks to Barb & Rick A, Cathi & Ron, Duncan, Leigh S, Lee F & Sheena.

### **New Code of Practise for Wildlife Carers**

This is still in the works with DERM hoping to have this finalized in the New Year.

### **New members**

I would like to welcome our new members, which we seem to have had a few of lately. The Species Liaison Officers (SLO) are hoping to be in touch with you re training needs and looking after animals, but if you haven't heard from one of us yet, please feel free to pick up the phone and give us a call, numbers are found in the back of this newsletter.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT *cont'd*

## Food Assistance

The committee voted at the last committee meeting in December that, as we have been doing really well with the donations and fundraising, that we would increase the food subsidy for carers from 10% to 30%. This is a trial and will be offered whilst funds are available. The same procedure applies for claiming expenses: Animal Records must be submitted via the online Longrass Animal Record database or sent to FRW Records Officer, PO Box 806, Cannonvale, 4802. You will also need to submit a claim form for food expenses incurred, along with receipts for purchases. You will find a copy of the claim form in this newsletter. See page 23.

## Equipment Loans

Don't forget that we also have equipment available for loan. We have cages, aviaries, humidicribs, heating sources, terrariums, library books etc. Give your SLO a call should you need to borrow any of these. You will be required to fill out a loan agreement for any items borrowed.

## Food for Sale

Linden is still keeping wombaroo food supplies, insects, rats & mice as well as bottles, teats and some basic first aid items for us. Please give Linden a call should you need to purchase any of these items.

# MYRTLE RUST AND OUR WILDLIFE

There is a new threat to our wildlife invading Queensland – Myrtle Rust. This disease attacks plants in the *Myrtaceae* family (such as lilly-pillies, bottlebrushes, tea trees and eucalypts) which many of our native animals rely heavily on for both food and shelter. Myrtle rust has the potential to become an enormous threat to the survival of some species of our fauna if allowed to spread unchecked.

Myrtle rust was first detected on a property in NSW in April 2010 and it is spreading rapidly with 828 cases confirmed in Queensland affecting 17 council areas including Cairns and Townsville and it is likely that it exists in many more regions but has not been identified yet. To date there is a list of 101 species of plants in the *Myrtaceae* family which have been found to be infected.

Myrtle rust is a serious fungal disease which can't be eradicated and spreads rapidly by producing large numbers of spores that are easily carried by wind, animals, clothing, equipment and infected plants. The ease in which this disease spreads mean it can become a serious problem for our plants. Myrtle rust attacks young, soft, actively growing leaves, shoot tips and young stems in addition to attacking the fruit and flowers of susceptible plants. The first signs of infection are tiny raised spots/pustules which turn a distinctive egg yolk yellow after a few days.

The photos show different stages of the disease.



Bright yellow spores and curled up dying leaves on the new growth of this broad-leaved paperbark (*Melaleuca leucadendra*) tree are typical of an early, heavy myrtle rust infection. Note - the older, hardened leaves are not infected.



Purplish-red lesions and curled up leaf tips are typical of late-onset myrtle rust symptoms, as shown on this broad-leaved paperbark (*Melaleuca quinquenervia*) tree. As the disease progresses, the bright yellow spores change to light grey spots



# MYRTLE RUST AND OUR WILDLIFE *cont'd*

New growth covered in bright yellow (younger) spores, light grey (older) spores, purplish-red lesions and dying curled-up leaf tips shown on this broad-leaved paperbark tree are typical of a heavy myrtle rust infection



To help slow the spread of myrtle rust follow the following guidelines :

- Check any plants you are planning on purchasing for any signs of disease
- Clean all gardening tools, equipment and clothing with detergent and water after use – especially if the items have been used on another property
- Regularly inspect plants in your garden for signs of myrtle rust. Early detection will help with the control of myrtle rust. If you do find suspected myrtle rust call and report the sighting on the numbers below numbers.
- If plants on your property do become infected monitor regularly and consider planting other species.

## REPORT SUSPECTED MYRTLE RUST SIGHTINGS TO

**Biosecurity Queensland on 132 523 or to the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881**

## AFTERNOON TEA WITH BARRY NOLAN

*Sandy Cleeland*

A good turn up of 20 people attended an afternoon tea with Barry Nolan Qld Parks & Wildlife on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Barry talked about the captive bred Proserpine Rock Wallabies released onto Hayman Island over the years. Barry spoke on the early releases and what they had learned mainly how to avoid premature deaths. The end results on Hayman speak for themselves the population is thriving. 2010 trapping was expected to be around the 90 mark but 156 animals were caught.

Film from cameras set in the wallaby habitat around the mainland, Conway, Proserpine State Forest, Dryander and Gloucester National Parks showed a cat hunting Proserpine Rock Wallabies. We should also remember cats spread toxoplasmosis an insidious killer of wallabies. A fox was also spotted up behind Proserpine Dam and many quolls, wild dogs were also photographed. The photos also included lots of thriving Proserpine Rock Wallabies. Now wallabies can't visit one another because of their habitat destruction they are all in small isolated groups. Wallabies placed onto Hayman Island are from all the mainland groups so there is a greater diversity in the genes.

A wonderful informative talk - thanks Barry.

Thank you : **JAN JARRATT'S OFFICE** for the printing of hard copies and to **QPWS/DERM** for the use of their offices for our meetings, workshops and other activities.



# BURDEKIN DUCK

## AKA Radjah Shellduck

Author/Photographer : Col Forster

The Burdekin Duck is one of my favourite birds; they always look so clean and majestic when you spot them, and their scientific name (*Tadorna radjah*) sounds like a great Indian Curry!

They are a little different to most ducks as they prefer a brackish environment and are not gregarious, normally being spotted in pairs or small family groups as they form long term pair bonds. Most of their food is of animal origin including molluscs and insects. Their nest is often in trees with little 'nest' about it. They roost.

At first glance males and females are alike but there are significant differences:

- Their calls vary. The male utters raucous whistles, and the female gives shrill, harsh rattles. Both are noisy at rest and in flight.
- The female rears the family whilst the male protects them. This male was seen to harass a Kooka that was eying of his offspring.
- Impress your friends by sexing them. The female has a narrower breast band (nearest camera)



I would describe them as black and white but they are quite colourful, mostly in flight. The following is an edited description I read:

*On the water or on land it appears as a fairly non-descript medium-sized duck with a white head, neck and belly and a dark brown back. However, this duck has an almost magical aura. I remember as a child being dragged around for hours on just the [rumour](#) that one of these beautiful animals had been seen in a billabong somewhere. The reason for the mystique is the duck's colouring. If you are fortunate enough to see one in flight from below, the dark wingtips and distinctive black "necklace" will be stunning enough. If, however, you somehow get above one in flight, a rare treat awaits. Burdekins have startlingly green bands on the top of their wings that are framed in white. It's almost like an insignia of some kind.*

They are sedentary and inhabit the mangrove forests and coastline of tropical Australia. They are also found in New Guinea, and parts of Indonesia and the Pacific Islands. Unfortunately, these beautiful ducks are a lot less common in this region than they used to be.

**THE BURDEKIN DUCK IS A PROTECTED SPECIES IN AUSTRALIA**

**BURDEKIN DUCKS FORM LONG TERM PAIR BONDS**

**BURDEKIN DUCKS LAY BETWEEN 6-12 EGGS WHICH TAKE ABOUT 30 DAYS TO HATCH**

# 2012 THE YEAR OF THE BAT

2012 is the International Year of the Bat. Australia is home to over 90 species of bats and of these 2 species are listed as critically endangered, 2 as endangered, 5 as vulnerable and 1 as conservation dependant – our bat populations are in rapid decline. Bats play an important role in pollination and seed dispersal helping ensure the continued survival of our native forests but often inspire fear and hatred – mainly due to bad press, media hype and lack of information. I am constantly astounded by the misconceptions some people have about our bats and the dangers they pose to humans.

So here are some facts :

## **Australian Bat Lyssa Virus (ABLV)**

*Identified in 1996 ABLV has claimed the lives of 2 humans (ie 2 in over 15 years).  
ABLV causes symptoms similar to rabies (to which it is closely related)*

*Both deaths were prior to the year 2000 and both victims had a history of bites and scratches from bats – ABLV rarely infects humans.*

*Both Flying Foxes and Microbats can carry ABLV and it is transmitted in saliva – generally through bites or scratches from bats which create an open wound allowing the virus to enter the body.*

*Research shows that ABLV is present in less than 1% of the population of wild bats and has been found in up to 10% of the sick, injured or orphaned bats tested.*

*There is an effective vaccine for ABLV and all bat handlers should be vaccinated.*



## **Hendra Virus**

*Identified in 1994 Hendra has caused the death of 4 humans (ie 4 in 17 years) and 68 horses.*

*Hendra Virus is only carried by Flying Foxes – not Microbats.*

*Horses transmit Hendra to humans – not bats. It is believed that horses are infected from eating feed or drinking water contaminated with bat urine, saliva or bodily fluids. Horses should not be kept in paddocks with fruiting or flowering trees (which bats may come to eat) and water /food sources should be kept covered to prevent possible infection if bats are known to frequent the area.*

*Hendra has been identified in one dog however the virus was transmitted from horse to dog not bat to dog. There is no evidence to show dogs can be directly infected by bats with Hendra. While the dog identified was euthanased he showed no signs of Hendra and developed antibodies to the virus.*



PHOTO – KATHRYN KEEN  
GREY HEADED FLYING FOX  
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*It has been shown that Hendra can develop in other species like cats, guinea pigs, ferrets and pigs in laboratory trials but there have been no occurrences of this.*

*A vaccine is being developed and it is hoped to be available in 2012/13.*

*The risks from Hendra can be greatly minimised by good hygiene practices and the use of appropriate PPE.*

While both of these diseases are extremely serious the lack of information has caused widespread panic in some areas, especially those who are fortunate enough to have a colony nearby. Calls to cull and vigilante methods used to try to relocate the bats are not the answer. There is even some evidence to show that the stress and fear relocated bats feel may cause them to excrete more bodily fluids INCREASING the chance of Hendra infecting horses.

The risks associated with both of these viruses need to be put into perspective. We have at least one death a year from mosquito related diseases – yet they do not inspire the same dislike that bats do. Humans contract Hendra from horses yet there has not been any call to cull them (and I would not condone any call to do so) despite the fact that they are not native and while they are beautiful and useful animals they do not play an important role in the health of our environment as our bats do – nor are they endangered – something to think about....

**PERHAPS BY PASSING ON THIS INFORMATION I HAVE HELPED PUT SOME OF THE FEARS TO REST – I CERTAINLY HOPE SO. OUR NATIVE BATS NEED OUR HELP – NOT OUR FEAR OR HATRED – OR IN YEARS TO COME WE WILL HAVE LOST THEM – AND THE NATIVE FORESTS WHOSE SURVIVAL THEY HELP ENSURE.**

# BATS WE HAVE HELPED

2 adult Black Flying Foxes (a male and a female) who were rescued from netting with wounds to their wings – unfortunately both died.

2 Eastern Long Eared Bats (mother and baby). The mum was euthanased due to injuries from a fan and the juvenile was successfully released.

3 Broad Nosed Bats (adults with 2 babies each). They were forced to evacuate their home after it was invaded by green ants. After being moved into a newly constructed home nearby they were seen flying the next day.

1 pregnant Microbat found in a swimming pool was rescued but unfortunately had to be euthanased.

1 Black Flying Fox found on a balcony at Neato Employment Agencies. This young one had lost its mother and is now in care with Carol on Hamilton Island.

**Thanks to all our dedicated bat carers and rescuers.**

# TRAINING PAYS

You may remember the workshop “Catching Injured Birds” with Rowley Goonan, covered in Newsletter 59? Well now the training has now been put to the test.

For several weeks now we have been getting calls from a local caravan park re a duck with fishing line around its legs. I have attended several times and so have Peter Basso, Kylee, Barb & Rick A, and Di. On all occasions it had flown the coup by the time we got there. I provided a snare and some training to one of the ground staff but the duck still remained elusive.

This morning I had another call from the hotline and, to be honest, I thought ‘*here we go again*’. I arrived and was guided to the site where the residents came straight out and pointed the duck out to me; a Plumed Whistling Duck. I had a look and then set a snare. I had the guests feed the other birds out of sight whilst I coaxed the lone bird in. And guess what – it works. First attempt I snared the bird! Lots of applause from the onlookers.

I covered the birds head with my shirt and some of the onlookers assisted with removing the fishing line. It was a mess. The hook was lightly in one leg with line deeply tangled around the other, a sinker hanging in between. The bird was both hobbled and weighted down.

We carefully removed all the tackle and surprisingly the injuries were not severe. A minor puncture wound in one leg (no sign of infection). Very deep indentations in the other leg but the foot still looked like it had circulation and the skin did not appear broken. So Betadine all round and a quick release. Barb A had suggested ‘*I thought the leg with the tight stuff would drop off it looked that bad*’, so a great result.

And, I’m pretty sure that was how Rowley told us it should be done!

Col

*(These birds are fed regularly which allows a close approach. The regular feeding to keep the bird in one place til we arrived meant it often had eaten enough and flown off before we got there and even if it had been there it would have been less co operative as it was no longer hungry.)*

# WENDY WALLABY'S FUN PAGE

## CAN YOU FIND THE FOLLOWING WORDS?

WATER, INSECT, GREEN, EGG, HOP, TREE, AQUATIC, TADPOLE,  
ARMY, CROAK, EYE

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Y	P	U	A
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## AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL BOGGLE

How many words of more than 3 letters can you find?

Words are formed from adjoining letters and may join horizontally, vertically, diagonally, to the left/right or up and down – **BUT YOU CAN ONLY USE EACH LETTER ONCE.** You can use plurals if available.

1 point – 3 letters, 2 points – 4 letters, 3 points – 5 letters and so on. **BONUS** of 2 points for each Australian animal you find.



## WHAT AM I?

Some species can have a wingspan over 1 metre

I normally feed on fruit, pollen and nectar

Sometimes I fly more than 100kms looking for food

My babies are called pups or kits

I am nocturnal

I am a mammal

I live in a colony

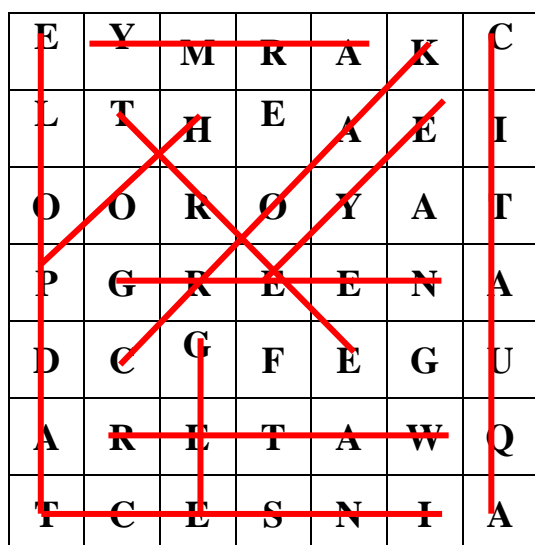


## UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

# FRW NOTICEBOARD

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	MORE INFO
Thursday mornings and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month	Volunteer for Landcare Activities	Contact Christine Peterson 4945 0267 for details	Learn how to identify and propagate native plants
January	FRW Committee Meeting	TBA	FRW Committee Members
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> March, 20102	Australasian Bat Night	Various events	ausbats.org.au
16 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> July, 2012	Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference	Townsville, Qld	<a href="http://www.2012awrc.org.au">www.2012awrc.org.au</a> AWRC Update - FRW Newsletter
7 & *8 <sup>th</sup> September 2012	Talking Wildlife Conference	Bardon, Qld	Page 8 of this newsletter

## WENDY WALLABY'S FUN PAGE ANSWERS



**WHAT AM I? - I AM A FRUIT  
BAT**



PHOTO : DAILY TELEGRAPH



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