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NOTICE OF AGM 2012

YOU ARE INVITED TO FAUNA RESCUE WHITSUNDAYS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WHEN : 12TH MAY, 2012

WHERE : QPWS BUILDING

**Cnr Shute Harbour & Mandalay Roads
(Mandalay Rd entrance)**

TIME : 2pm (afternoon tea provided)

RSVP BY : 5th MAY, 2012

Agenda

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Minutes from Annual General Meeting 28/05/11**
- 4. Presidents Report**
- 5. Treasurers Report**
 - a. Receive & consider Financial Reports**
 - b. Auditors Report**
 - c. Adopt the Above**
 - d. Appoint Auditor for year ending 28/02/13**
- 6. Public Fund Report**
- 7. Membership Report**
- 8. Election of Incoming Committee**
- 9. General Business**

Close Meeting

**COPIES OF REVISION 4 OF THE FRW POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL WILL
BE AVAILABLE AT THE AGM.**

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necessarily those of Fauna Rescue Whitsundays
Association Inc.*

THE BRUSH TURKEY

Article and Photos : Col Forster

The Brush Turkey is an unusual bird. It is mostly ground dwelling and seldom flies, which is a good thing as it's cumbersome when it does. It incubates its' eggs in a compost heap which the male tends carefully but the young are totally ignored by both parents once hatched.

We had a male select our garden as a suitable nesting site and he began raking together all the leaf litter and garden mulch to build his nest. I would go out several times a day, chase the turkey off, and return the mulch to its rightful place using a rake. No sooner was I inside than the turkey was back scratching. This battle continued for several days until I conceded defeat. It was quite obvious that the turkey was the more determined of the two of us. I thank the turkey for that determination as I enjoyed the show over the next few months. I do not thank him for the destruction of a large area of the garden.



WITH ONE OF HIS
LADYFRIENDS

It was amazing to watch the sheer volume of material shifted by the turkey, the distances he moved the material, and the single-minded determination required for the task. Rightfully he had great pride in the achievement and could often be seen atop the heap surveying the results of his efforts.

When the heap was well advanced he began being visited by the hens. I don't know how many but at least 2 and I suspect 3 or 4. They would come along and have a bit of a scratch around then leave. The male stood by surveying the destruction of his work and as soon as each left he rearranged the mound to his liking. This went on for some time before I saw any interaction between cock and hen. It wasn't till I realised that there were multiple hens that I began wondering about their fidelity. I have the feeling that the hens may have been visiting several mounds and as such the parentage of the eggs laid in our turkeys mound could be suspect. This could explain much of the behaviour of the turkey if you consider that the mound is the important factor to the male and not the eggs. It also goes some way towards explaining the abandoning of the chicks.

The turkey was so proud of his mound that he only tolerated the destruction that the hens wreaked in exchange for the sex. As soon as they departed he rebuilt it to his specifications. He obviously didn't view the goannas as objects of sexual desire. I identified at least 3 and all were fought off with gusto. If they managed to raid the nest whilst he was away he repaired the damage immediately upon return. If they approached whilst he was in attendance they were chased off. At least the smaller 2 were. They are quite timid and take off with any disturbance. The larger one is a very different proposition. It struts around and with any disturbance, stops, looks over its shoulder and glares, then continues whatever it was doing.

BRAVELY
DEFENDING HIS
NEST



The interaction between these two minds was interesting. The turkey chased and the goanna simply

looked over its shoulder. The turkey advanced a step closer and the goanna curled it's tail round under its chin. Another step from the turkey and the tail was whipped towards it. The turkey jumped, retreating the crucial step at the same time. The tail was back under the goannas chin. This was repeated until the goanna continued on his way as if he had never intended to raid the nest in the first place.

If Turkeys have adrenalin, during these encounters the turkey must have been pumped on them, it was a good-sized goanna! I never actually saw a goanna

raid the nest whilst the turkey was in attendance.

Despite timing the laying of the eggs and watching carefully when they should have hatched I saw no chicks emerge to begin their life as orphans. I don't know if the goannas got all the eggs, if incubation wasn't successful, or if I just missed the hatching.



A SUCCESSFUL
RAID

I don't think the turkey cared. Now that there was little interest (read disturbance) in his nest, both the hens and goannas had ceased visiting, it needed less care. He comes round to check there has been no disturbance, stands atop and you can just tell that he is planning next years extensions!

SEE PAGE 9 FOR SOME INTERSTING BRUSH TURKEY (MEGAPODE) FACTS

THANK YOU

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

**Coles Cannonvale, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service/DERM, Jan Jarratt's
Office, Whitsunday Regional Council, Bunnings, Brumbys, Ian Montgomery
(birdway.com.au), The Bunnings BBQ Crew, Sandy and Geoff
Cleeland for the donation of a projector**



"SUPPORT THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED FRW AND OUR WILDLIFE"

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ELLEN PAROZ WHO HAS (TO DATE) MADE
OVER 100 POSSUM POUCHES AND IS NOW WORKING ON WALLABY
POUCHES!!!**

Relaxing in one of Ellen's custom made
pouches – image Barb Adamson

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF A NEW CARER

I became involved with F.R.W. while working with Jacqui. I had previously cared for wallabies and a possum so it was really great to be able to help. Somehow I was talked into being Wendy Wallaby and participating in school visits with Barb – my possum mentor.

From there I decided to have a possum release sight at Woodwark as we had plenty of land to share with the local fauna. So poor Duncan was asked to build an enclosure. I was very excited when my first possum arrived. He enjoyed meals being served but then it was time for him to venture on with the next stage of his life.

While doing the hotline I received a call about a butcher bird that had been rescued from being lunch for a cat. So once again I somehow ended up with my spare bedroom being converted into an aviary. Poor Duncan, once again, was sent out to put together an aviary given to us by Di and Col. BB the Butcher Bird was released and would come back for visits - especially to help Duncan sort his nails. BB gave us so much pleasure.

We have on the other hand lost some of our feathered friends which can be so sad that I nearly wanted to give up. But the pleasure we get from giving others another chance outweighs the sadness. We now have Tawnie – a young tawny frogmouth - what an amazing creature.

Thank you to Di, Col and Jacqui for answering the questions of a first time Mum- feeding times, play equipment etc. Thank you to Linden for supplying meals on wheels. If you think you would like to care I say go for it.

Lorelle and Duncan Smith

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Fauna Rescue Whitsundays would like to extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Anne Dibben who sadly passed away on the 19th February, 2012, with her funeral being held on the 23rd February. Instead of flowers Anne kindly asked that a donation be made to FRW.

A long time member of FRW having joined in 2002 Anne has always supported our wildlife, including caring for birds when she could. It is members such as Anne who help ensure the survival of both FRW and our native animals and Anne's support will be missed.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR CARERS

COL FORSTER

Recently the Victorian Minister for Environment and Climate Change announced funding for Victorian carers of up to \$5000 through cash grants. Perhaps the Qld Gov't will soon follow their lead?

It is no surprise to find that the funding requires proof that you, or the organization, are carers. How do you do this? Through records. Now is the time to start keeping those records as you must have **at least 2 years** history (records) as a carer to be eligible for the Victorian grants. Were the Queensland government to bring in a program like this there would be similar requirements.

The following is an excerpt from the information pack:

Evaluation strategy

The assessment panel will evaluate all applications against criteria designed to maximise benefits to wildlife in rehabilitation. All applications will be given a score based on:

- number of years as a rehabilitator
- number of wildlife handled
- number and type of threatened species handled
- understanding and compliance with the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals during Rehabilitation....

How are you going to meet those criteria? The only way is through your records. Please note that as an organization the only way we can prove the '*number of wildlife handled*' is through **your** carer records.

So if you haven't been keeping your records here is an incentive to do so. For more information on our records keeping system talk to either Jacqui or Gerry (contact details on page 17). Hotline records are also important so let's keep them up to date as well.

You may be surprised to find that record keeping gives you the opportunity to reflect on the care you provided. Reflection is a very important assessment tool - could I do better next time?

Even more incentive:

From the last Newsletter (61)

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.

FREE CARING/RESCUE SUPPLIES

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

Various information brochures

Disposable cage liners

Pouch linings, hanging pouches and assorted pouches for small mammals (ie pinkie joey, possums)

Towels

Various medical supplies

SAMPLES OF THESE ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL OUR MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS AND GET TOGETHERS

SECOND HAND CAGES

Sizes - Width x Depth by height (approx)

550 x 400 x 400

450 x 450 x 450

370 x 250 x 400

450 x 350 x 650

Also s/hand snake mesh and shade cloth

CONTACT COL FOR MORE DETAILS

(POSSIBLE) BABY PURPLE SWAMPHEN

Just imagine you're a toddler and you are taken away from your parent, put into a cardboard box, and everything around you has changed. Then something very large looms over you speaking a foreign language. Would you be scared?

When I recently received a little black fluffy road runner (Baby Swampen) I had this in mind. So I covered it up, fed it, gave it oral antibiotics (as it had been in a cats mouth), and went about creating a suitable environment. It needed a safe, secure, stress free, and warm environment; the right food, water, and some TLC.

In a large tall plastic tub I put a towel, grass clippings, and leafy branches (for it to hide in). In one corner I placed a mirror (I always do this when I get a single baby bird). Next to the mirror a piece of brown fur fabric and a piece of black feather boa, (Mum and siblings), not for dress ups! And, of course, food and water.

The little bird took some time to settle and for the first day it called and called for its parents. To minimize the stress it seemed to help if I wrapped it up and held it, gently moving a little as if it was nestled under Mum.

Day 2. The bird has settled in and likes to sit next to the mirror, will eat by itself but prefers it when I drop the food (Crickets, mealworms, small worms, native figs, and any other small insects I can find) in front of it. I am just about to set up an enclosure outside as growing birds need space to grow and explore in their natural environment.



Note the title, there are quite a few birds that have black fluffy chicks and initially I thought the bird was a Buff Banded Rail. It was Linden who said its' feet were too big and it was most likely a Swampen. I think it is a Purple Swampen but we might just have to wait and see.

Di Jessop (Article and photo)

FOR SALE



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

Possum books by Sonya Stanvic
"Rescued" compiled by Jodie Blackney
Re-useable heat pads \$20
Assorted FRW t-shirts (from \$12.00)
Rescue baskets \$20
Car signs
Lawn signs



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 19 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

The Complete Guide to The Care of Macropods

By Lynda Staker

Author of 'Don't Step Backwards'

With a foreword by

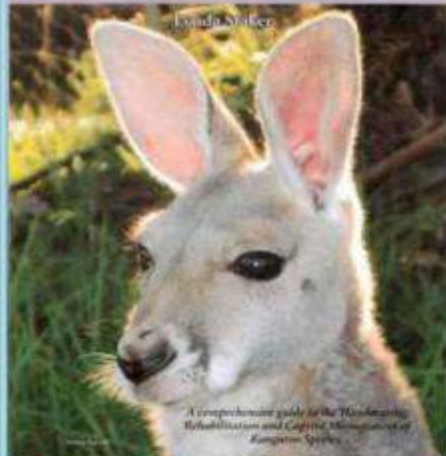
Associate Professor Dr. Richard Speare
PhD, BVSc, MB MS, FAFPHM, FACTM, MACVSc.

"It is a truly remarkable production and will benefit wildlife carers, veterinarians and others....."

"In Australia Lynda is currently recognised as possessing unique knowledge and skills on the care, management and rehabilitation of macropods. Internationally, she possibly has no equal in this area".

**ALL NEW
Completely
Revised
Edition**

The Complete Guide to The Care of Macropods



Lynda Staker has spent 23 years caring for, rehabilitating and studying many marsupial species. She pioneered vital aspects of macropod management, including the clinical signs and diagnosis of diseases over 15 years at her private wildlife hospital.

Lynda has conducted 76 lectures throughout Australia to wildlife carer groups,

including veterinarians and wildlife management rangers. She has presented internationally in Ohio USA, and was commissioned as an Australian marsupial consultant in Kentucky USA, during 2003-4. She recently conducted workshops at the American Association of Zookeepers Annual Conference held in Seattle 2009, and at Sharkarosa Wildlife Ranch, Texas USA.

Her previous husbandry manual titled 'Don't Step Backwards' has been the 'bible' for many thousands of wildlife carers, veterinarians, zoos and wildlife parks, world wide. 'The Complete Guide to the Care of Macropods' is currently used in 23 countries.

Lynda is generally accepted as one of the world's foremost authorities on the management, rehabilitation and treatment of disease of macropods.

- ★ Divided into chapters for easy reference and page navigation.
- ★ Cross referenced and detailed index system.
- ★ Expanded section on hand rearing, including captive management techniques.
- ★ Extended section on injuries, ailments, diseases and diagnosis.
- ★ Comprehensive identification data of 24 macropod species.
- ★ Specialised area devoted to strategies for veterinarians.
- ★ A comprehensive section on medications and remedies together with case histories.
- ★ Hundreds of coloured photographs including charts.
- ★ Extensive coverage of skeletal and soft tissue injuries and treatments.
- ★ Detailed x-rays of various, commonly presented conditions.

Enquiries: macropodology@optusnet.com.au

PIGEON PARAMYXOVIRUS

A paramyxovirus type 1 (PMV1) not previously reported in Australia has been detected in a number of pigeon flocks in Victoria. Recently the disease has also been detected in two other species- a Sparrowhawk and a Spotted Turtle Dove and it is believed that they were infected by feral pigeons. The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) is undertaking investigations to determine the spread of the disease and to detect affected properties.



While this disease has only been identified in Victoria as wildlife carers we all need to remain vigilant, especially as some birds migrate.

Should this disease spread to our native bird populations it could cause the possible extinction of some species. Carers and rescuers of birds in all States need to be alert to any signs of disease that are unusual or clusters of deaths in wild birds.

If you do have any unusual or clusters deaths please report these to our hotline or the Bird Species Liaison Officer (Jacqui Webb). The Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline: 1800 675 888 may also need to be notified.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLES UPDATE

Sandy Cleeland

We are holding sausage sizzles at Bunnings on the third Sunday of the month (we had an extra day this month at Bunnings request)

February 5th

Thank you to Sheena, Barb A, Barb M, Lorelle for Duncan and to my husband Geoff for standing in. Special thanks to Cathy Logan and Leonie for coming to help us. Cathy is a new member and Leonie a non member who gave us a hand.

I banked \$343.35 which included \$50 from the Bunning's Staff Sausage Sizzle.

February 19th

Thank you all again for your help - Duncan, Lee, Barb M, Sheena, Marita, Barb A, Brittney and an extra special thanks to Bobby, your help was greatly appreciated..

I banked \$336.55. Bread was donated by Brumbys.

We now have a separate tin for our Sausage Sizzles for donations that we can open and include the contents in the takings for the day.

FRW WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR SAUSAGE SIZZLE HELPERS FOR RAISING THESE FUNDS TO HELP OUR NATIVE WILDLIFE. YOUR EFFORTS AND DEDICATION ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



Brush Turkey

MEGAPODE FACTS

Article :Col Forster

There are around 20 species of megapodes alive today. These birds are found in Australia, Asia and islands of the tropical Pacific.

There are 3 Megapodes in Australia; the Brush Turkey, the Malleefowl, and the Orange-footed Scrubfowl. The first two are endemic (only found in Australia).

The name *Megapode* literally means *large foot* (*mega* = large, *poda* = foot).

Megapodes are well known for building nest-mounds of decaying vegetation, which the male attends. Most Megapodes hatch their eggs by the heat of the decaying vegetation in the mound and the sun, but there is at least one species in Asia which uses the heat of active volcanoes.

The Orange-footed Scrubfowl is the smallest of the Australian species yet builds the largest nest. Its nest may be up to 3 or 4 metres high and 9 to 13 metres at the base, weighing several tonnes.

Many abandoned Orange footed scrub fowl mounds were incorrectly identified as aboriginal archeological finds because of artifacts, shell and bone they contained. Their correct origin is now understood but their archeological importance is undiminished as it is also a record of the vegetation at the time of construction. They are reputed to be up to 1600 years old.

The Brush Turkey is the only species of bird in which sex ratio is confirmed to be incubation-temperature dependent (common in reptiles). This may apply to all Megapodes.

Megapodes are *superprecocial*, hatching from their eggs in the most mature condition of any birds. They hatch with open eyes, with bodily coordination and strength, with full wing feathers and downy body feathers, able to run, pursue prey, and, in some species, fly on the same day they hatch. They receive no parental guidance.

Egg predators include lizards, dingos, foxes, and pigs. Major predators of young are birds of prey and cats.

Considering the number of feral animals in the predator list above it may be surprising that Turkey and Scrubfowl numbers are increasing in many urban areas. Gardens adjacent to bushland create perfect habitat. Despite this localised increase range has decreased due to predation and habitat destruction.



Orange Footed Scrubfowl



Malleefowl

Most Megapodes are tropical/rainforest dwellers but the Malleefowl inhabits the drier mallee country. Across its range, the Malleefowl is considered to be threatened (vulnerable or endangered depending on where you are and which list you read). Predation from the fox is a major factor, with changed fire regimes and ongoing fragmentation and destruction of habitat the critical issues.

Photos ©Ian Montgomery – CHECK OUT birdway.com.au
FOR SOME GREAT PHOTOS OF OUR NATIVE WILDLIFE

FREE WILDLIFE MAGAZINE

For a great read with rescue and caring stories and some wonderful in depth articles on our native wildlife check out the latest edition of the Tas Wildlife Rescue Magazine.

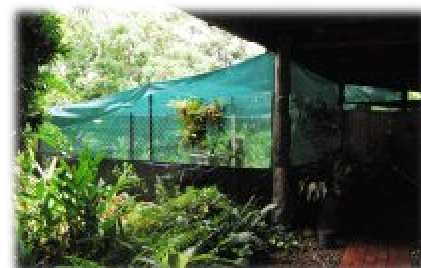
The new Australian Wildlife Rescue E-magazine is available as a free download at the below address:

www.wildliferescuemagazine.com.au

COMPOUND UPGRADE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for the materials, Col Forster, Duncan Smith and my husband Geoff for the man power to make part of my old compound snake proof.

Duncan & Col with Geoff did a wonderful job putting the shade cloth over the roof. I was of no use as my hip was still playing up. Another month on and I'm now fine and pain free.



Words and Photos : Sandy Cleeland



Midgie an unadorned rock wallaby came into care from Proserpine Vets. Story goes mum jumped into the water after being frightened by fishermen. One of the fisherman dived in and rescued the baby and dropped it into the Prossie Vets who phoned the hotline. Unfortunately mum drowned.

Midgie has been in care since late December when she was 400 grams she is now 970 grams and going well.

NATIVE BEES OF AUSTRALIA - STINGLESS BEES (*Austroplebeia* and *Trigona*)

Article : Whitsunday
Catchment Landcare

During WCL's last General Meeting, Carolyn gave an interesting presentation on native bees. Carolyn has provided some information from that presentation in the article below.

Many people are unaware that Australia has its own species of honey-producing bees. These bees are tiny, only 3 – 5mm long. They live in nests in large colonies of hundreds or even thousands of bees.

These bees are stingless and usually live in tree hollows in the warmer areas of NSW, Queensland and the Northern Territory. They are also found in northern parts of Western Australia. In far north Australia, some species will nest in urban areas and can be found inside wall cavities and even flower pots!

Farmers in Australia tend to use European species of honey bees (*Apis mellifera*) to pollinate food crops. However recent trials have found that the smaller native bees are better pollinators as they are able to access pollen in smaller flowers. Successful pollination has occurred in crops such as Watermelon, Avocado, Mangos and Macadamias.

In our natural environment many plant species rely on native bees to pollinate their trees. Native bees are vital in pollination of the plant family Myrtaceae. This plant family includes eucalypts, angophoras and tea trees.

Photo : Christine
Peterson

Factors such as clearing of land, competition for habitat from European bees and the use of pesticides has had a detrimental effect in the number of native bees.



As these bees are small, stingless and excellent pollinators, why not consider establishing a native bee hive on your property or in your garden? They will increase crop and plant production as well as playing a vital role for native flora in your area.

Remember, each Whitsunday Catchment resident is eligible to collect 6 free local native species from the community nursery to help with their home gardens. Call WCL for more information.



FOR SALE

Property for Wildlife & Seduced Rural Lifestyle living - \$650,000 ono

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.

118 DAYS TO GO To the 8th National Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference In TOWNSVILLE...

The Conference programme is up on the websitewww.2012awrc.org.au for you all to see what a fabulous group of speakers have put their material up for presentation at the July Conference. Early bird registrations finish on April 1st so there will be plenty of time to save a few dollars. The programme has a varied array of species information, and we are sure everyone will understand it is subject to change if circumstances beyond our control cause alterations.

Have you checked out the fabulous Australia Post personalised stamp advertised on our website? Let us know if you want special orders beforehand and we will post a set to you \$25.00 for 20 excluding postage. For your philately friends they are a one off...Maybe a Christmas gift for someone special?? Otherwise they will be for sale at the Conference but we need to know numbers to have in stock.

At our conference meeting yesterday, our webmaster informed us that there have been over 176 hits this month alone, on the "download a registration form" point so things are looking exciting for a great conference. Don't miss out hurry up and register...

Reminder about the "Black Adder" snake handling course on the weekend following the Conference. Booking information is on the website and remember that this is totally separate to the Conference...just a special add-on opportunity for additional training for the reptile lovers.

See you soon, Eleanor

PRESIDENTS' REPORT

Well another wet week in the Whitsundays, great weather for ducks & frogs. Let's hope this heavy rain passes and we survive the wet season with no cyclones. We have had a relatively quiet rescue season this year, a few wallabies in lately and a small number of baby birds.

It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of one of our long time members, Anne Dibben. Anne cared for a few animals over the years, mainly birds. I would like to express our sincere condolences to her family. Anne will be fondly missed. Thank you too, to Anne's family for passing on the donations to FRW, which were Anne's wishes.

Code of Practice

A quick update on the new Code of Practice, this is finally now in the final stages, after a lot of input from QWRC via carers across Qld. We are hoping that the final document will be out within the next couple of months. We will ensure that all carers get a copy of this as it is important you familiarize yourself with this and the standards expected of us. There have been some changes, especially in the cage sizes.

Hotline Operators Manual

We have now finalized this manual, thanks to the original publication from WIRES Blue Mountains, we have adapted this manual to suit the Whitsunday area. Alix has done a great job of the final editing and layout. The manual will be issued to all Hotline volunteers.

ABC Radio

We have had some coverage recently on the ABC radio, after an interview I did with Jennifer. Hopefully this will generate some new members as well as awareness for our wildlife.

Active Booklet

Thanks to Sarah and the staff from Whitsunday Coast Guardian for ensuring our ads run every week and also for the full page ad in the Active Booklet.

Wallaby Release Site

We are currently in the process of organizing the erection of a wallaby release compound at one of our member's properties. Once finalized we are hoping to organize a working bee to get this new facility up and running so please let us know if you are able to assist. Thank you to Bob, who has offered to have this facility on his property and his offer to build bat & glider boxes.

Alix has also recently applied for a grant for funding for panels for wallaby enclosures, so fingers crossed on this one and thank you once again Alix for your work.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Thanks again to Sandy for running the sausage sizzles once a month at Bunnings and a big thank you to all her helpers and Brumby's for donating the bread. If you feel you have some free time and can help please let Sandy know.

Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference

Just a reminder about the AWRC which is being held in Townsville on Tuesday July 17th – Friday July 20th – Early bird registration is before 1/4/12 and you save \$60 if you book before then.

I would also like say a HUGE thank you to my anonymous donor for the cost of sending me to the conference. I have booked my place already, have also booked the field trip to the Turtle Hospital and am really looking forward to attending this must go to event, gaining and sharing new knowledge as well as catching up with wildlife rehabber friends.

Whilst FRW were unsuccessful at getting funding this year to send members to this conference we will be paying for a couple of our members to go. Please see the application form in this newsletter (page 18), fill in and send back to FRW secretary by the 31st April, for your chance to go into the draw to attend.

Cheers, Jacqui



LOUIE

WORDS & PHOTOS – SANDY CLEELAND

This is Louie who now weighs 2.223kgs. He is the son of Lulu who is one of Lee's released agile wallabies who had injured herself. Oral medication was put in her treats but didn't appear to be strong enough.

A special antibiotic injection was administered by Peter Basso sourced by Wendy and Barb Adamson. Barb A, Rebecca A, Lee and Peter joined forces to give her, her first antibiotic injection; she disappeared for several days but was back for her sweet potato treat within a few days. Lee bathed her arm daily and her broken arm is improving. Lachlan the new vet in Prossie came had a look at her and gave her more antibiotics after Lee & Rob had corralled her in their house. Last heard she is using her arm a little and improving daily.

To cut a long story short she left little Louie behind and he came to me as Lee's compound is undergoing some major reworking. He is a little sweetie gulps down his bottle, is a bit of a bag hugger, eats loads of grass and a little sweet potato.

He has fun with Midgie (now 1kg) they check each other out sniffs face to face. Yesterday dear old Louie tried to jump onto one of the rocks like Midgie does only to fall down and look dumfounded. They chase each other around when he gets too much Midgie just jumps onto a rock, safe.



AGILE WALLABY FEET

EDITORS NOTE : You may wonder, I did, why Midgie (who is smaller than Louie) can get away from Louie so easily by leaping onto rocks – have a look at the differences between Rock Wallaby and Agile Wallaby feet a perfect example of an animal adapting to suit its' environment

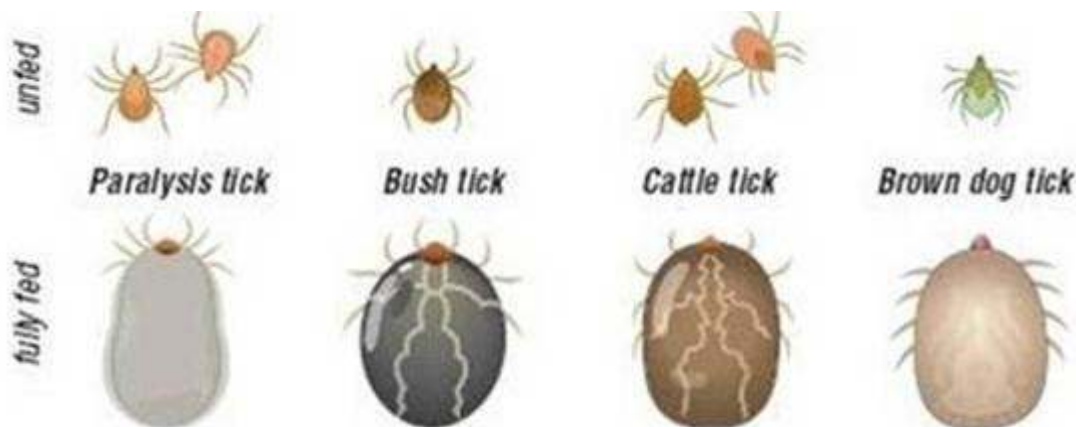


ROCK WALLABY FEET

TICK IDENTIFICATION

Ticks harm thousands of animals in Australia each year, not only our domestic pets but also our native wildlife. They can cause anything from anaemia, skin damage and irritation, allergic reactions and paralysis to death in severe cases.

The below diagram shows the different types of ticks and how to identify each type – both before and after feeding.



I THINK I'M A FIGBIRD!

WORDS & PHOTOS – BRITTNEY GREGORY



Over the past few months I have learnt many a thing about Figbirds. Caring for 14 in total, however 3 of these were sadly euthanized; you'd think I'd be an expert. That's not the case...

I've learnt that each bird is in fact an individual. No two are the same. You have your quiet ones, and your extremely loud and demanding ones. Some birds will wait quietly and patiently, while you're feeding the others. And some.....Well; they squawk, flap their wings, shake and wobble impatiently until you feed them.

I was amazed one day when I found one of the fledgling's feeding some of the babies. This shocked me because it wasn't long ago that these 'surrogate parents' (fledglings), were baby birds themselves. All in all, these birds are truly unique, and never fail to light up my day with their impatient demands and wobbly heads.



LACE GOANNA (LACE MONITOR) FACTS

Expectant mothers generally lay their eggs in termite mounds, which they break into with their powerful claws. When the termites repair the nest, the eggs are entombed in a controlled environment, safe from predators.

POSSUM & GLIDER REPORT - JAN/FEB 2012

There is something in the air and I don't know if it is good or bad, but no babies in this year yet. There have been 4 injured full grown possums reported and none of them have had a good outcome

In Care 1 girl almost ready for release
 1 boy ready for release.

Released 3 from Barb

Euthanised 4 full grown with serious injuries

I have now gone through withdrawals from having no babies and so have started to learn about bird babies.

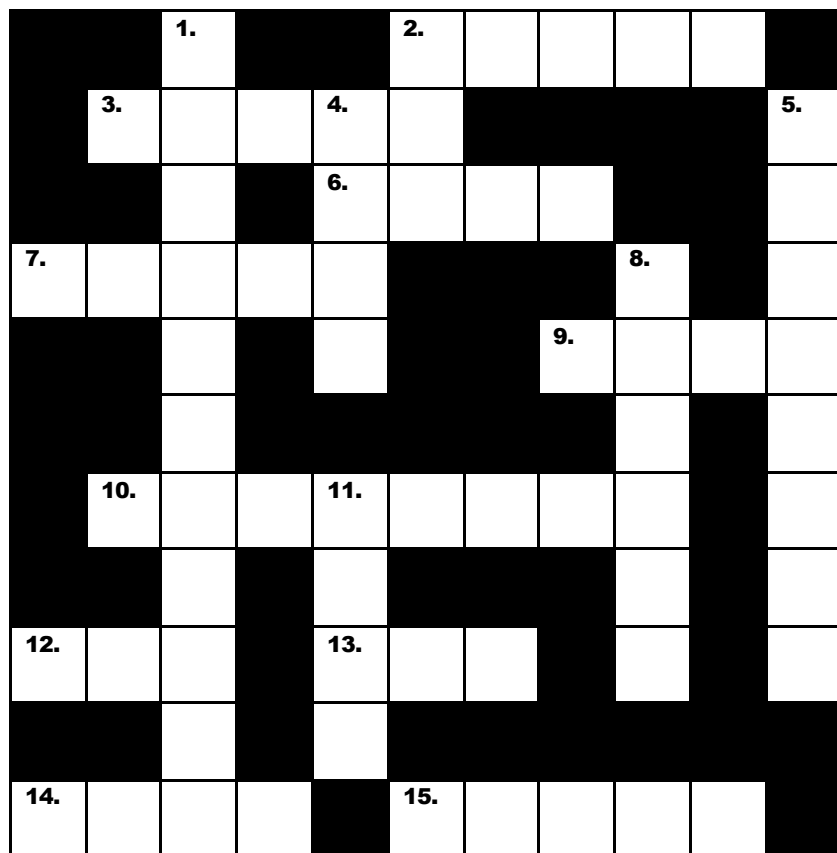
There are some great pouches for members to have - thanks to the wonderful Ellen who has now sewn over 100.

Barb Adamson
Possum and Glider SLO



WENDY WALLABY'S FUN PAGE

See next page for
answers



ACROSS

2. Pigs and foxes are two examples of these animals
3. This fierce native animal has a liking for chickens
6. Red ____ Tree Frog
7. Most of the time these animals do not drink water – they get their water from the leaves they eat.
9. Echinda's have a ____ tongue to help them eat ants
10. Male ____ have a poisonous spur on their back leg
12. Type of Kangaroo found in central Australia
13. These large birds can run at speeds of up to 50kph.
14. A Tawny Frogmouth is one of these.
15. Animal sometimes used instead of a rabbit at Easter

DOWN

1. These animals glide from tree to tree (2 words)
2. Baby birds are sometimes injured learning how to do this
4. Some bats are have a nose that looks a bit like one of these
5. A group of these animals is called a mob
8. These animals use their tails to help them climb
11. A type of kangaroo that doesn't live on the ground



WHAT AM I?

**I SPEND MOST OF MY TIME
IN TREES**

I AM NOCTURNAL

**WHEN I AM BORN I AM
ABOUT THE SIZE OF A
JELLYBEAN**

**I SPEND 80% OF MY LIFE
SLEEPING**

I ONLY EAT GUM LEAVES

MATCH THE WORDS TO FIND 8 ANIMALS

Ring Tailed	Python
Ulysses	Glider
Carpet	Wallaby
Sun	Possum
Green	Wombat
Rock	Butterfly
Mahogany	Tree Frog
Hairy-nosed	Bird

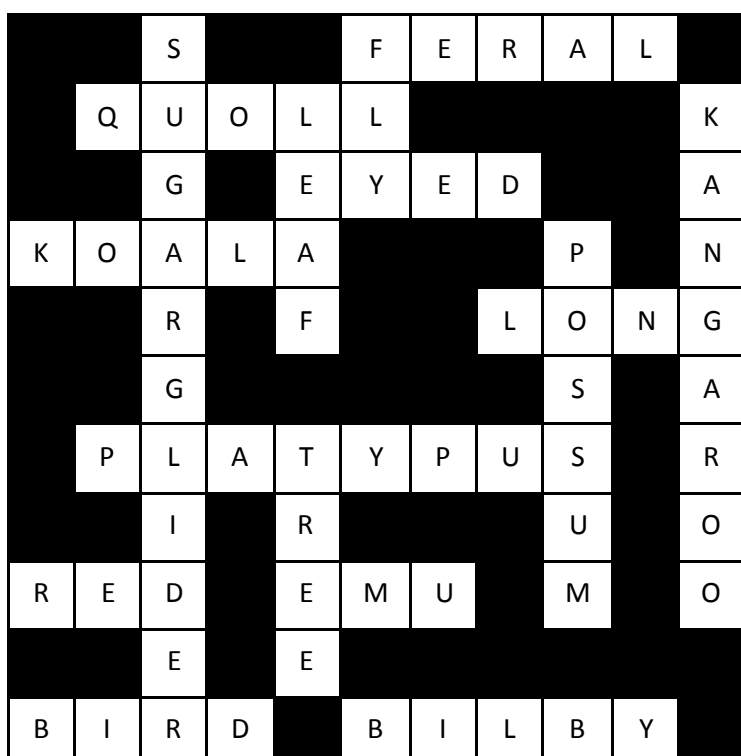
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– IF SO CONTACT frwsecretary@gmail.com OR ONE OF OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

FRW NOTICEBOARD

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	MORE INFO
Thursday mornings and 3 rd Saturday of each month	Volunteer for Landcare Activities	Various locations	Contact WCL - Christine Peterson 4945 0267 for details
March & April	FRW Committee Meeting	TBA	FRW Committee Members
28 th & 29 th April, 2012	Dr Howard Ralph – Initial Assessment of Sick & Injured Wildlife	Sunshine Coast	Contact education@wilvos.org.au to book or for further details
16 th to 20 th July, 2012	Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference	Townsville, Qld	www.2012awrc.org.au AWRC Update - FRW Newsletter
7 & 8 th September 2012	Talking Wildlife Conference	Bardon, Qld	http://www.wildlife.org.au/talkingwildlife
14 th October, 2012	Dr Peggy Rismler – Echinda Workshop	Sunshine Coast	Contact education@wilvos.org.au to book or for further details

WENDY WALLABYS' FUN PAGE ANSWERS



**WHAT AM I? -
I AM A KOALA**

Ring Tailed	Possum
Ulysses	Butterfly
Carpet	Python
Sun	Bird
Green	Tree Frog
Rock	Wallaby
Mahogany	Glider
Hairy-nosed	Wombat



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Fauna Rescue Whitsundays Funding Application

Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference

P.O. Box 806, Cannonvale, Queensland 4802 Email: frwsecretary@gmail.com Website: www.frw.org.au

Date
Name
Residential
Address
Postal
Address
Phone
Mobile
E-mail

What funding do you require?.....
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Please explain the benefit you will receive from attending the AWRC

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Please explain the benefit you will bring to FRW from attending the AWRC

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Signed
Date

NB: All applications for funding will remain confidential.

Office use only (please circle appropriate answer)

Date received Received by : post / email
Received by (name).....
Outcome.....

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Cost to FRW

Processed by.....
Signed off by

Date completed and filed:



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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM 2012-2013

(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 Saturday 12th May 2012 at 2pm at the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Building in Jubilee Pocket.

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 Saturday the 5th May 2012
- Should there be no written nominations for any position, then nominations may be taken from the floor of the meeting.

PROXY VOTING FORM 2012

(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 12th day of May, 2012 and at any adjournment of the meeting.

Signed this.....day of2012

Full Name.....

Signature.....

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All our members are valuable to us. If you should move, change your phone number or change your email address please don't forget to contact Lola Mudie (our membership officer) and update your details. This will ensure that you are kept up to date with all the latest FRW news.

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