

# MARCH 20

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WHEN: Sunday12th May, 2013

WHERE: QPWS Building, Cnr Shute Harbour & Mandalay Roads, Jubilee Pocket (Mandalay Road entrance)

**TIME:** 10am (followed by refreshments)

**RSVP**: 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 to any of the following:

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- (07) 4959 1901 or (07) 4947 3389 (hotline)

#### Agenda

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Minutes from AGM 12/05/12
- 4. Presidents Report
- 5. Treasurers Report
  - **Receive & consider Financial** Reports
  - b. Auditors Report
  - c. Adopt the above
  - d. Appoint Auditor for year ending 28'02/14
- 6. Public Fund Report
- 7. Membership Report
- 8. Election of Incoming Committee
- 9. General Business

Nominations for committee positions are welcome (see page 18 for nomination form).

This is the perfect chance for those who would like to take on a more active role in the management of FRW. New committee members bring a fresh perspective and new ideas which are vital to ensure our organisation progresses into the future.

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Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of Fauna Rescue Whitsundays Association Inc.

There is an old saying "many hands make light work" - if you have some spare time on your hands please consider how you can help FRW and our native animals.

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Hoppy Haven is an enclosed half acre of treed land backing onto hundreds of acres of bush out at Hydeaway Bay. Hoppy Haven has 2m high soft black safety fencing and a pale blue recycled corrugated iron lean to with pouches, water, food and a chair for a carer out of the weather. There is lots of tall grass, trees and bushes to eat and hide in and plenty of room to race around developing strong bodies with run away and hide skills.

Hoppy Haven was built by 16 wonderfully helpful volunteers. FRW members, conned

friends/neighbours and members of the public just turning up in response to posters placed in the caravan park and Dingo Beach pub. A special thanks goes to Cathy and Ron who worked very hard over many weekends and brought many neighbours to help build the enclosure and then share a few drinks at the Dingo Pub.

Hoppy Haven has two happy Agile Wallaby's residents at the moment. Abby and Dash moved in on the 19th of Jan and are due to be released into the local bush around the end of March when they will be replaced with 3 new residents by Andrea.



To all those who rescued the Wallaby's, nursed them back to health, raised the funds, built the enclosure and care enough about our wildlife to make Hoppy Haven possible - Thank you all.

Our native animals adapt to many situations. For a great love story go to

http://www.juliusbergh.com/cocky/

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#### Become a member of Queensland Wildlife Rehabilitation Council

- QWRC is the peak body representing all Queensland Wildlife Rehabilitators
- A not for profit organisation
- Support structure for rehabilitators
- Working to improve welfare standards for all wildlife

#### Membership of QWRC gives you:

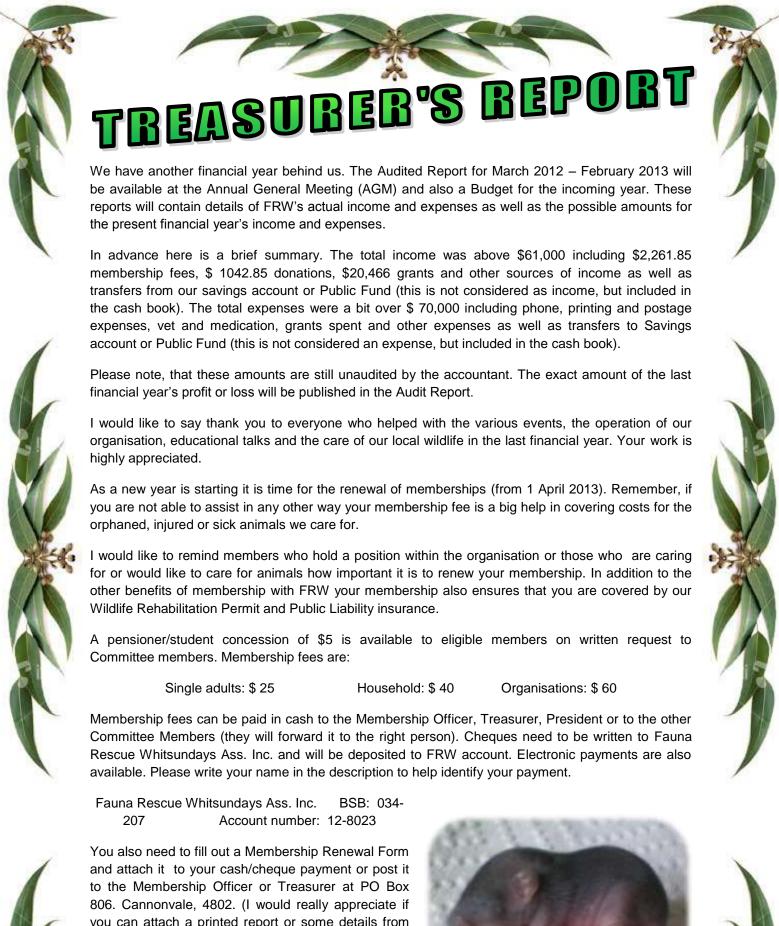
- A strong unified voice for Wildlife Rehabilitators in Queensland
- Volunteer Workers Personal Accident Insurance
- Groups can take advantage of our Public Liability Insurance
- Network of carers
- RnR and QWRC Quotes newsletters
- Assistance regarding wildlife welfare issues
- QWRC endorsed training packages
- QWRC's Best Practice Guidelines

For more information visit our website at www.qwrc.org.au, visit us on Facebook or contact your Mackay/Whitsunday QWRC representative:

Jacqui Webb - 4947 3308, 0427 176 966, jacqui.webb@bigpond.com

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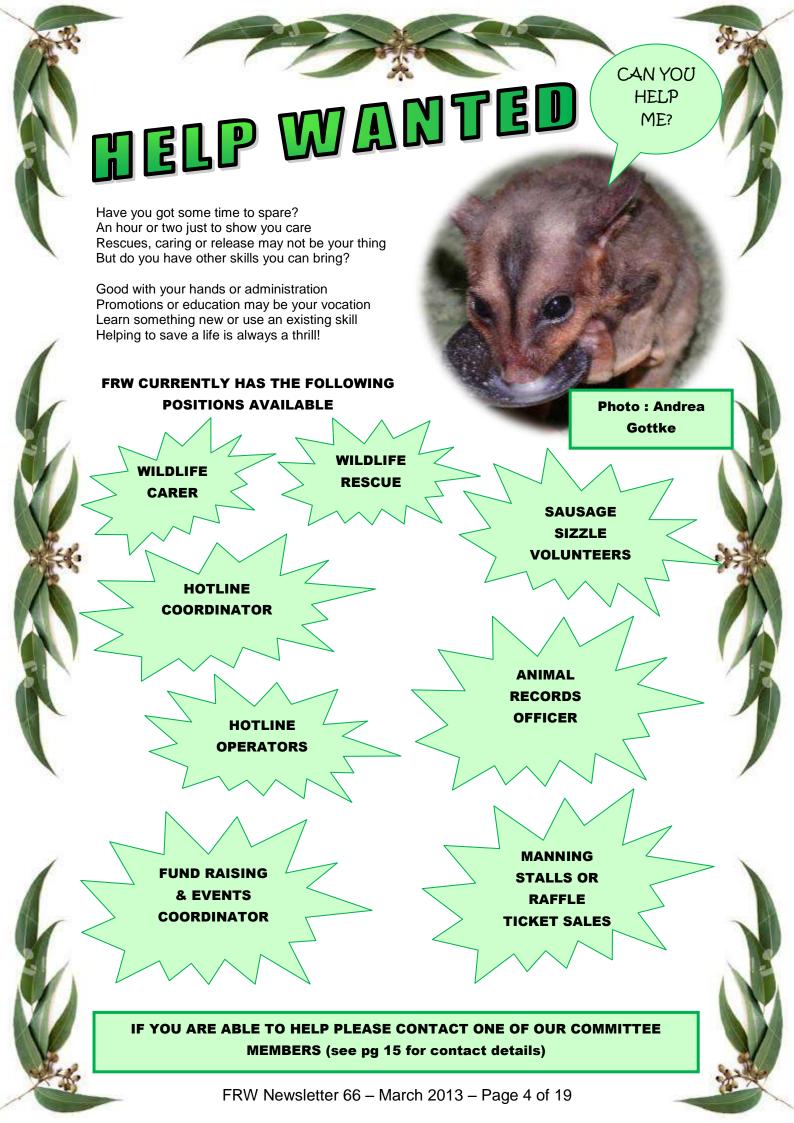
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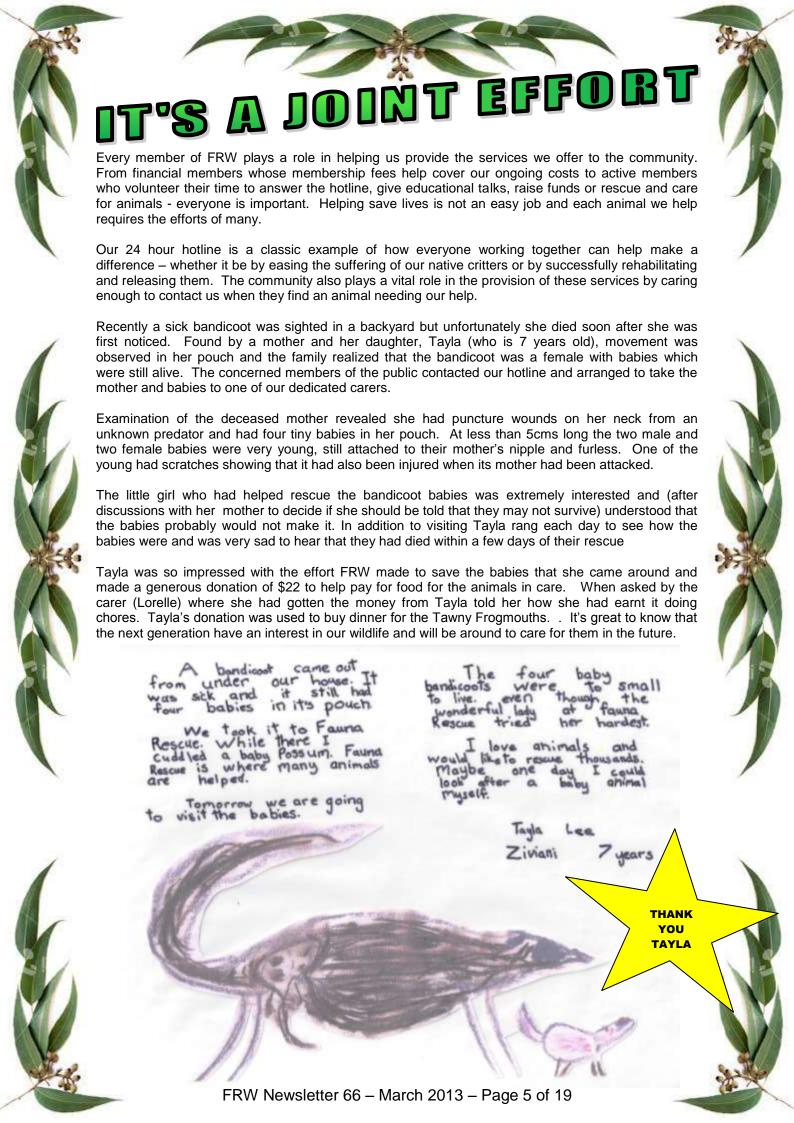
I am looking forward to hearing from all of you.

Your Treasurer

Monika Gabor

Juvenile Melomy







The Sea Turtle Foundation and James Cook University, with the help of community volunteers, are trying out a method for assessing where our sea turtles prefer to live. Local residents care about their environment and are a great resource that are not often tapped into when monitoring for wild animals.

This new program will be based on locals reporting on when and where they see sea turtles in their environment. This sort of information is needed to feed into conservation management decisions. The aim is to have the program up and running on the Sea Turtle Foundation website by the end of the year. At the moment they are looking for volunteers to trial the program for 30 days and give feedback on any difficulties encountered so adjustments can be made before it becomes available to the general population.

All the volunteers have to do is to fill in a logbook each time they return from their activity, be it beach walking, boating or fishing. The more days the better, but it does not have to be every day for 30 days. Hopefully this initiative will allow local residents to share their knowledge in a way that will benefit sea turtles now and in the future.

For more information or to express your interest in helping with this research trial phase please contact Kerensa McCallie on kerensa.mccallie@reefcatchments.com

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS - The Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia** has announced the opening of the University Grants for 2013.

If you are (or know of) an honours or postgraduate student who is studying an aspect of Australian wildlife at an Australian University you may be eligible to apply for a grant.

Further details and applications are available at http://www.wpsa.org.au/grt\_uni.html

MARINE STRANDING TRAINING

The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) is coordinating marine animal strandings training for active community groups in priority locations across the Great Barrier Reef coast. The training is designed to increase the capacity of the community to respond to marine animal strandings and provide assistance in locations where NPRSR marine parks are unable to provide an immediate response.

FRW has just received news that NPRSR are currently preparing to provide training in the Airlie Beach and Mackay regions on the following dates :

Airlie Beach - Saturday 25 May 2013

Mackay - Sunday 26 May 2013

Training will be limited to 30 people per session and shared amongst interested groups so if you would like to attend please notify Alix at <a href="mailto:frwsecretary@gmail.com">frwsecretary@gmail.com</a> as soon as possible to register your interest.



sausages for our Bunnings sausage sizzles

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service for the use of their offices for our meetings and their assistance with our native animals

The Men's Shed for constructing homes for our possums and bats and Ray White Whitsunday for donating the materials

Bunnings for hosting our monthly BBQ (and our hardworking volunteers for their time)

Jason Costigan MP for the printing of our newsletter

A lucky escape for a 3 year old whose egg collection hatched into Eastern Brown Snakes! Full story at http://www.mail.com/scitech/news/1780856australian-boys-egg-collection-turns-snakes.html#.23140-stage-mostviewed1-8

# VACCINATION

While our natives may be cute they can also carry diseases which are capable of affecting humans as well as their animal hosts. In addition to making you extremely sick some of these can, in rare instances, be fatal to humans so please keep your vaccinations up to date - as a carer or rescuer you are a vital to our organization and we don't want to lose you!

FRW recommends all our carers and rescuers are vaccinated against the following:

#### Tetanus- if caring for or rescuing all wildlife

http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/ImmunisationandVaccination/tetanusAn dImmunisation ap.asp

#### **Q Fever - if caring for or rescuing mammals or marsupials**

http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/ImmunisationandVaccination/qFeverAn dImmunisation is.asp

#### Lyssavirus - if caring for or rescuing bats

http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/ViralInfections/australianBatLyssavirus f s.asp

While carers/rescuers will need to pay for the actual vaccination themselves 121 Medical Centre in Cannonvale is able to give the vaccinations and the cost will be bulk billed on presentation of your Medicare card. FRW may be able to help with the costs involved with getting vaccinated and should you require assistance please contact one of your committee members.

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We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. The 3 day break that I had gave me that extra day to catch up on some jobs such as some gardening and finishing putting up one of the aviaries we received with the grant monies from Building Rural Communities. If anyone else is in need of the loan of cages/aviaries or the new porta panels for wallaby yards please contact your Species Liaison Officer.

Reef Catchment now has an office in Proserpine, next to the ANZ bank. I dropped off our brochures a few weeks ago as they have kindly let us stock their rack with all our brochures. We look forward to working with them in the future.

The committee has recently put together folders for our vets to use when wildlife is dropped into them. These folders contain some basic info re FRW as well as forms for members of the public to fill in if animals are dropped to them as well as any veterinary treatment given. We hope this will in turn help us should we need to take animals back for release. I would be interested to hear from anyone who does pick up animals from the Vets to see if these folders and forms are working. Folders have gone to our local Vets as well as the Vets in Bowen and some of the Mackay Vets who deal with wildlife.

Speaking of Vets, just a reminder that we do prefer that if you do take wildlife to the Vets for treatment that you do pay when leaving. In most cases you can claim reimbursement of the Vet bill through FRW by filling a claim form and sending, along with the bill, to our Treasurer Monika (see page 17 for claim forms). If treatment is going to be substantial and/or you are unable to pay, we prefer you contact your Species Liaison Officer and/or Monika for authorisation.

The new Code of Practice for wildlife carers has finally been released and we will endeavour to get a copy to all carers in due course. Please ensure you do read the new code as there have been quite a few changes to it including cage sizes. A copy can be downloaded from the Departments website at http://ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/caring-for-wildlife/code-of-practice.html

I would also like to remind you that your membership is due for renewal as of 1st April. Also our AGM is coming up too in May so please ensure you do put this date in your diary. It is important that we do have enough members attend this meeting, to nominate the new committee members and to vote on any business at hand. The meeting is usually quite short, so will only take up a small amount of your day, but is imperative for the continuation of our organization. All committee positions become vacant at this time. Should you think you may like to stand for a position on the committee (and we do like to encourage new members to get involved and bring fresh ideas to our organization) please feel free to ring one of us if you have any queries or need a better understanding of how our committee runs.

Cheers, Jacqui





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 and lawn signs

**Whistling Duck Photo: Sandy Cleeland** 



If you have any useful items related to rescuing or caring for wildlife to either give away or sell contact Lola Mudie on 07 4946 1281 or melo@mackay.net.au



My name is Thomas. I am a single male and looking for a lady who can love me. Everybody says I am too spikey, but deep inside I am gentle and loving. I had some hard times when I was young, but it made me stronger.

One day when I was a little boy, my mum didn't come home as usual. I had to spend three whole days without her. It was nearly my mealtime, so I decided to go out and look for her. I walked and walked, I searched and searched, but I couldn't find my mum anywhere. Suddenly I reached a strange place, where the ground was grey and hot and so hard that even with my sharp claws I wasn't able to dig a hole in it. First I thought it was the end of the world. Then a giant thing was coming towards me on this strange ground. It was very noisy and very quick, like a lightning during a thunderstorm. Shooo.... and it was gone. It really scared me! I didn't know what to do, so I just kept



looking for my mum as I got more and more hungry. Then one of those quick and noisy things stopped and a strange looking creature came out of it and picked me up.

He took me into his nest, where I saw his wife and their baby. They all looked the same but in different sizes. The smallest one was much bigger than me; just the size was enough by itself to scare me. It was just too much for me. I curled up and didn't move a bit. His wife, Monika put me in a big box and covered me with some clean pillowcases. I was happy to hide under it. Later I fall asleep when I felt a bit safer.

While I was sleeping, she went to the library to find out more about me. When she got back she mixed some olive oil and part of her iron tablets in soy milk. She picked me up gentle, but I curled up to protect myself, as I wasn't sure if they want to eat me up with that milk. She put a few drops of milk on my tummy with a medicine measure dropper. It tickled me... I licked it up with my tongue and found it was delicious. It was not the same that my mum used to give me, but it was very similar and I was very hungry.

I didn't know how she knew that I had lost my mum and needed someone to look after me, but when I realised she wanted to help me we became very good friends. I slept in the box, got fresh linen every day and that delicious milk too. She let me out to have a bit of walk around outside the house and inside too. Jeffrey, her baby played with me sometimes and he wasn't scary any more.

A few days later she took me to another lady, called Jacqui. Jacqui taught me how to eat ants. I discovered that termites are the best food in the world. When I got old enough to look after myself she let me go back in the bush where I came from.

Since then Monika became a member of Fauna Rescue and looked after a few birds. Later she became the Treasurer. Jeffrey got a little brother, Tommy, and now they are more and more interested in being experts on how to handle animals in the bush.

Are you wondering how it is possible for me to know about these things? If you promise me not to tell anyone, I will whisper a little secret in your ears. We have our own special communication channels in the bush. The birds are our newspapers, they can tell us anything they hear.

Now I am looking for a lady to share my home. If she is a bit spikey, that's not a problem. If you know someone, please send me a message with the nearest lorikeet colony.

Thank You Thomas, the echidna



Issue 6 of the Wildlife Rescue magazine is now out

Go to http://wildliferescuemagazine.com/issue-six.html



Various information brochures Disposable cage liners Pouch linings, hanging pouches and assorted pouches for small mammals (i.e. pinkie joey, possums) **Towels** Various medical supplies

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

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

shadecloth

**CONTACT COL FOR MORE DETAILS** 

## COWBA NSW

Well we've been here 7mths now, hard to believe it's been that long. We're well settled now, put our mark on the place & all is going well. I joined a wildlife group but unfortunately it's based in Canberra so far they've only phoned me once about a joey but I was at Port Macquarie so I missed out.

I miss the little ones but it has given us time to do things around the place, plus I've been away riding twice now once to Tumbarumba NSW & most recently to Snake Island down near Wilsons Promontory in Victoria, I had an absolute ball. I have another ride, locally in Sept. then 2 wks in the high country in Oct. plus we have a few planned for next year as well.

The ride at Tumba was great we saw heaps of Brumbies & the Snake Island ride entailed riding the horses across the ocean (3hr ride) at low tide of course then a few days on the island then mustering cattle back to the mainland, 36 riders in all. 1/3 of the island is national park & there is heaps of wildlife, Grey Roos, Swans, Koalas, Goanna's, Pygmy Possums & Hog Deer, it's quite a big island but I think we rode most of it.

Our property isn't as ideal for wildlife as the one we had up there, we are surrounded by other farms so I won't release here, and we have 15-20 resident greys on the place anyway. I've seen a possum but I reckon there are a few around because the amount of fruit that gets eaten off our trees at nite can't be just one.

I'd say 80% of the carers here do Macropods so I think I'll go back to Possums for a while with all the riding trips I'm doing they'll fit into my schedule better.

Roy is going well, he has some cows (Belted Galloways) & goats plus a new puppy - he said it looked at him & said "Take Me Home" Yah rite !! Our daughter, son-in-law & 2 grandsons have moved here now, they're living in Cowra, eldest grandson started school this year, My God !! How time flies, he's so grown up in his little uniform.

Well today is Valentine's Day & Roy gave me Red Roses first time in years & he's taking me to dinner things couldn't be better, BUT !!!!!! I Miss you all very much, thank God for technology at least we can still ring & or email. You won't read this today so I hope you all & your little ones are all well & you all had a great Valentine's Day,

Luv & miss you all. Wendy Adams, Cowra NSW



Tumba Ride



Want to attract native wildlife to your garden or a carer looking for dinner for your charges? Why not join your local Landcare group? Whitsunday Catchment Landcare and Pioneer Catchment and Landcare perform valuable work ensuring the health of the natural environment which our wildlife rely on for food & shelter.

Members are entitled to 20 free native plants per year which will help provide food and shelter for our native fauna into the future. Membership is free and benefits include free information and advice, a regular newsletter and invitations to natural resource bus tours, field days and workshops.

Whitsunday Catchment Landcare (Proserpine and Airlie regions) <a href="http://www.whitsundaylandcare.org.au/whitsunday/index.html">http://www.whitsundaylandcare.org.au/whitsunday/index.html</a>

Pioneer Catchment and Landcare (Mackay region) http://www.pioneercatchment.org.au/pioneer/index.html

# INTERESTING BITS & PIECES

#### **TOXIC FROZEN BERRIES**

An investigation by Today Tonight has found traces of a number of fungicides and pesticides which are banned in Australia as toxic to humans in frozen mixed berries. Some of the frozen berries available in our supermarkets are imported from countries which do not have the strict regulations we have in place in Australia. So the next time you are shopping for berries for yourself or as a supplement to an animal in your care check the ingredients and buy Australian.

More info at <a href="http://au.news.yahoo.com/today-tonight/consumer/article/-/15572509/banned-chemicals-in-berries/">http://au.news.yahoo.com/today-tonight/consumer/article/-/15572509/banned-chemicals-in-berries/</a>

#### **YOUTHSPACE TALK**

FRW'S School & Community Education crew (Barb & Lorelle) recently gave a talk to the kids at Youthspace.

The talk was well received with the youths learning about how to care for our wildlife. A big thank you to Faith for volunteering to play Wendy Wallaby for the talk. Thanks also to Isaac, Thalianna, Harmony, Charity, Faith and Nathan for the interest they showed in our native fauna.

#### **TURTLE NECROPSIES**

Qamar Schuyler from the University of Queensland performed turtle necropsies in late October last year at QPWS in Jubilee Pocket.

Results showed that none of the turtles had any debris items found. The animals had died from starvation, heavy parasite loads, infections and organ failure.

#### **ANT PROBLEM?**

Have a problem with ants trying to eat your animals' food before they do?

Try spraying cooking oil around the outside of your feeding bowls.

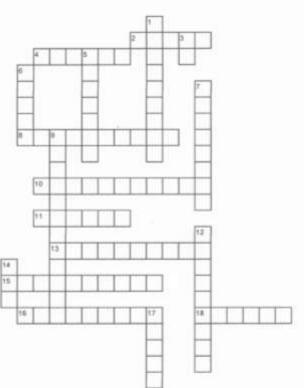
Thanks to Sue Westover of Fauna Rescue South Australia for this handy hint.

520 unique freshwater turtle hatchlings were recently released near Bundaberg. For the full story of their rescue & release go to

http://statements.qld.gov.au/Statement/2013/1/17/unique-queensland-turtle-hatchlings-tobe-released-into-rivers-near-bundaberg



See next page for answers





- 2 What but droppings are called
- Bats are the only mammal capable of doing
- glasses 10 Bats play a vital role in the \_\_\_\_

A type of flying fox which looks like it is wearing

- 11 Agroup of bats is called this
- 13 The only continent which bats are not found on
- 15 How bats sleep
- Years ago but droppings were used to make
- 18 A favourite food of many bets

- 1 The smallest bat in the world is the
- 3 Are bats blind?
- 5 Bats are great for keeping pest species of these
- 6 Where some bats make their homes
- 7 What the skin on a bets wing is called
- 9 How many bats navigate
- 12 In China and Japan bats are symbols of this
- 14. What a baby bat is called
- 17 what a bats home is called



**Each Australian state has its own** fauna emblem. Can you match the states with their emblem?

Victoria	Tasmanian Devil
Queensland	Platypus
South Australia	Red Kangaroo
Western Australia	Koala
Northern Territory	Leadbeaters Possum
New South Wales	Numbat
Tasmania (unofficial)	Hairy nosed wombat

### WHAT AM I?

I HAVE A POUCH BUT I AM NOT A MARSUPIAL.

A GROUP OF ME IS CALLED A **SQUADROON** 

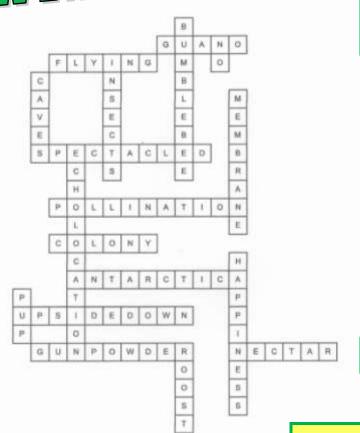
I AM FOUND IN EVERY CONTINENT **EXCEPT ANTARTICA** 

MY SKELETON IS ONLY ONE TENTH OF **MY BODY WEIGHT** 

I AM A KEEN FISHERMAN

I HAVE THE LARGEST BEAK OF ANY **BIRD IN THE WORLD** 





### WHAT AM I?



**Photo: Daniel Axelson** 



Cuddles hitching a ride on Kulan

**Photo: Lorelle Smith** 

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#### FUNDRAISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAMS

Fundraising and educational talks are very important for our organisation. We would like you to join our fundraising and public relations team to help achieve Fauna Rescues aims of educating the public and raising money for the care of injured, orphaned or sick Australian wildlife. Australia has many endangered species and it is vital to give the best possible care for our unique treasures.

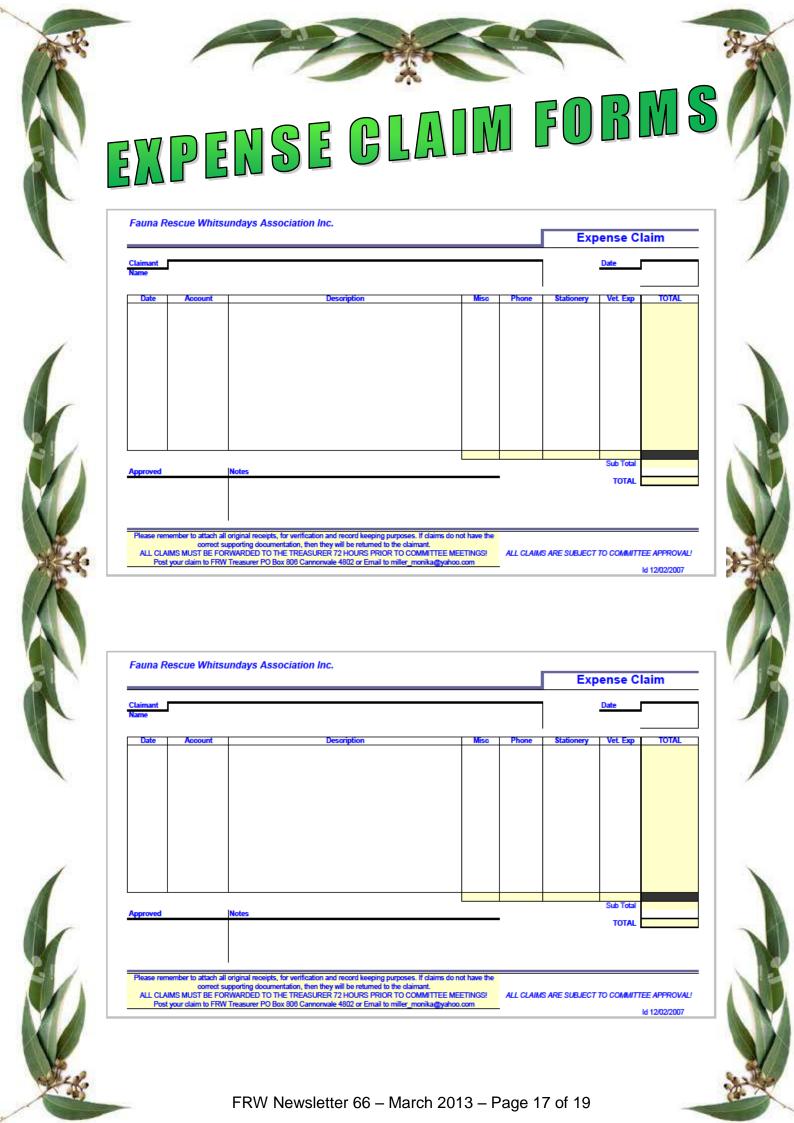
These activities are held throughout the year and you have the opportunity to choose the most suitable time by sharing the workloads with our current team members.

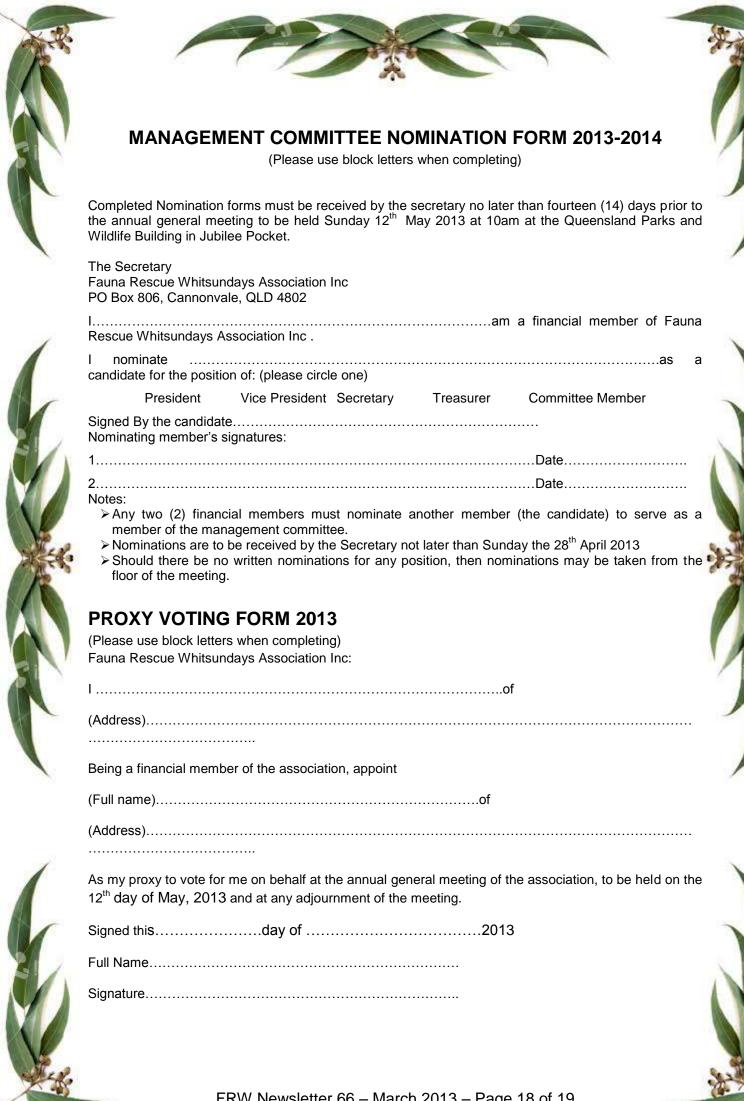
We need volunteers to organise and help out with these events. If you would like to join us, please fill out this form and return it to the above address.

> Name: Suburb: Best Contact (phone or e-mail):

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THANK YOU!					

"Caring for our wildlife"









#### ADVANTAGES OF NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Fast delivery! Colour pictures! Saves the environment! Saves FRW money!

Whilst the committee is happy to continue to send hard copies on request if you are happy to receive it by email instead please let me know at <a href="mailto:rwsecretary@gmail.com">rwsecretary@gmail.com</a>

### **KEEPING US UP TO DATE**

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.



TO:



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