WILDNEWS

The Newsletter of the Australian Koala Hospital Association Inc. WILDCARE AUSTRALIA

#### **FEBRUARY 2005 SUPPLEMENT**

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rolled up to Narrowleaf in his Landcruiser "Emu" to film the commercial.

A crew of ten volunteers, donated their time and resources to complete the commercial. Those who generously gave their time and equipment include the following people: Angie Barr-David, Andrew Barr-David, Gareth Ward, Paul Seiple, Amanda Beech, Frank Franze, Jayne Dawson, Laurie "Stinger" Rae, Atlab QLD, Light and Motion, Steve Isaac, The Cutting Edge, Justine Ritchie, Antony Newton, Angus Gibbons, Shannon Hennessey, Kim Alexander, Luke Alexander and Karen Scott.

Thanks also to Trish and Terry Wimberley who allowed the commercial to be filmed on their property in their absence.

In the 60 second commercial John Williamson speaks about the plight of South East Queensland's disappearing wildlife. He explains who Wildcare are and what we do and makes a heartfelt appeal for donations. He appears with Georgia, an orphaned koala currently in care at Australia Zoo. Georgia was quite a movie star on the day and looked at the camera on cue!

John was a great sport and seemed to very much enjoy cuddling Georgia.

In addition to his help with this commercial, John has granted permission for the use of his song 'Goodbye Blinky Bill' to use in further fundraising and television promotions for Wildcare.

It is anticipated that the commercial should bring some much needed funds to Wildcare as well as assisting in raising the profile of the organisation, whilst increasing public awareness about the desperate need to help protect our precious native wildlife.

### John Williamson Lends a Hand

Wildcare Sponsors, Red Rocket Media have produced a television commercial for Wildcare to raise awareness and funds for the organisation.

As part of an overall marketing plan, producers, Angie and Andrew Barr-David, approached singer songwriter John Williamson to ask if he would consider becoming an ambassador for Wildcare Australia. This role has begun with an appearance in Wildcare's first TV commercial.

John Williamson, a true advocate of protecting Australia's unique wilderness and wildlife was only too happy to help and one chilly morning last June he







#### The News Just Could Not Wait!

Red Rocker Media and John Williamson have produced a television commercial for Wildcare.

Preparation for the National Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference is well under way.

The best 'Trivia Night' ever is coming up on 16th April.

*Jill Robinson MBE is speaking at Bond University on the 29th April.* 

Wildcare Australia is offering a most exciting range of workshops and courses for you over the next few months.

> We hope you enjoy this WILDNEWS Supplement

### A Reminder

The quarterly newsletter will now be made available on the Wildcare website.

Please send an email to:

wildcare@goldlink.aunz.com if you would like to be notified as to when the newsletter is ready to be downloaded. You should include your name and membership number as well as your full email address.

I sincerely hope that most members will take the opportunity to help save on postage and paper by taking up this offer.

Karen Scott The ever continuing cost-cutting Treasurer.... Queensland is proud to host the

# 2005 National Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference

At the Gold Coast's ANA Hotel

### Wednesday 31 August - Friday 2 September

The theme of this year's conference will be **'R.E.L.E.A.S.E.**',

Research – Educate – Liaise – Enthuse – Advance – Share -Evolve

highlighting key aspects of the journey of wildlife rehabilitators to achieve the ultimate goal-the release of a fit and well adjusted animal.

> Anyone interested in presenting a paper addressing aspects of wildlife rehabilitation to promote this year's theme should forward their proposal to the organizing committee.

Further details regarding the conference can be found on the NWRC website at <u>www.nwrc.com.au</u>

## We hope to see you there !

General enquiries, email <u>enquiries@nwrc.com.au</u> Paper proposals, email <u>speakers@nwrc.com.au</u> Mail enquiries; NWRC 2005, PO Box 89, Waterford West QLD. 4133



# CHINA BEAR RESCUE



Jill Robinson MBE



Sometimes we receive a message in life which is hard to ignore. For Jill Robinson MBE, that message came when she first entered a Bear Bile Farm in China and saw Asiatic Black Bears imprisoned in tiny, rusting cages, being 'milked' for their bile.

11 years later we see one woman's success story

CHINA BEAR RESCUE ...... from farms to freedom ......

Come and meet Jill and hear her story

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Moon Bear Supper with Jill Robinson MBE

Bond University - Robina 29<sup>th</sup> April 2005 7pm

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