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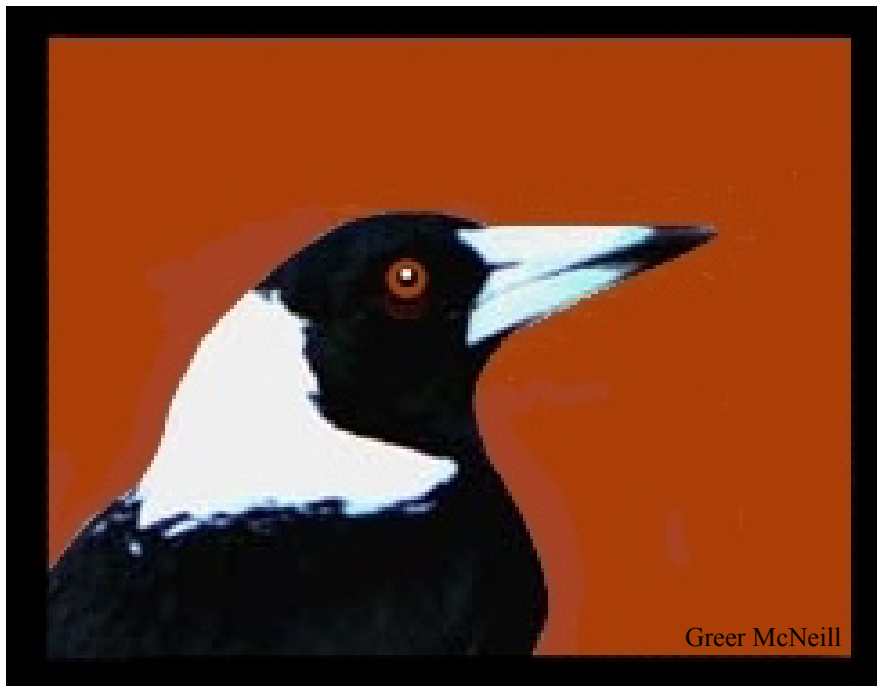
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Quote of the Month.....

“If you commercialise an environmental resource you do so to make money. Don’t pretend that it also benefits the environment”

David Horton
The Pure State of Nature

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 26TH JUNE 2005

‘NARROWLEAF’

118 Narrowleaf Road, Advancetown

We encourage all members to attend, as this is not only an opportunity to increase your involvement with Wildcare by taking a position on the committee or influencing the makeup of the committee, but also an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere

If you are unable to attend please register your vote on the proxy form enclosed with this newsletter.

The meeting will start at 1.00pm and will conclude with afternoon tea. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a plate.



BIRD WORKSHOPS

June 19- Diseases, Injuries, Anatomy and Physiology (Brisbane)

July 3 - Large Insectivores, Ducks, Waterbirds, Carnivores,

Small Insectivores (Brisbane)

July 17 - Large Insectivores, Ducks, Waterbirds, Carnivores,

Small Insectivores (Gold Coast)

August 14 - Migratory, Nectivores, Granivores, Nocturnal, Frugivores (Gold Coast)

August 28 - Migratory, Nectivores, Granivores, Nocturnal, Frugivores (Brisbane)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Well, we are now halfway through the year and Christmas is rushing up with a vengeance, as my sister so kindly reminded me last week.

Last weekend I had the good fortune to present a workshop in Lismore on koalas. It was organized by the Lismore *Friends of the Koalas* group. Since getting to know these amazing people two years ago and seeing how far they and their care centre have progressed in such a short time, I feel they should be so proud of themselves. They work tirelessly for the best care and management of the koalas in their area and their dedication and willingness to take on board new ideas is fantastic.

The National Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference this year is going to be great, with so many wonderful speakers covering a huge range of topics and species, so don't miss out. It will be a fantastic opportunity not only to meet up with other rehabilitators from all over Australia but also to learn an array of new information with regard to wildlife rehabilitation and management. A must-attend event for all rehabilitators new and old.

This month I would like to introduce to you some of the animals that have been through the hospital and tell you a little about their stories ..



This little cutie is Jacob. He was found beside a road, very dehydrated

and with a horrid ear infection. Over the next few weeks he won our hearts with his antics. His favourite trick... to climb up the water bowl and drink really fast! Then cough, splutter and swallow your tongue...a general anaesthetic and a home made hook later, Jacob is again happy and well. And we love it when we see his tongue.



This is Georgia, a victim of a car accident and the proud mother of nine eggs that are still visible inside her body on her x-rays. Georgia will take a few months to recover as due to the nature of her injuries we cannot yet close the shell. She has laid two eggs already and we expect to see the rest over the next few days.



This is Penny, she had gone for a swim in a creek at St Lucia and ended up covered in a sweet, sticky oil. Many shampoos later she was released, a week after she came into care.

A couple of months ago I was extremely lucky to be given numerous copies of the Wildlife Australian Nature Magazine dating back to 1941. Over the past few weeks I have

managed to read them at night between phone calls and animals. I have found them to be inspiring, encouraging, interesting and extraordinarily sad. They talk about the same things we still talk about today nearly sixty-five years on. How we must conserve habitat, stop land clearing and protect species.

They speak of the Ibis as a bird to be protected. One quote goes, "There is no other bird so useful to man" and the article continues on to talk about the Ibis's role in removing pests from crops. These days most people don't hold the Ibis in such high esteem yet I am reminded as I read this article what a beautiful and unique species they are.

The 1941 edition refers to koalas as bears but there is a wonderful article on hand-raising a baby called Roberta, in fact all the koalas have names. We talk today of how some of the koalas we have in care are good looking, pretty or have the kind of face only a mother could love and in a similar vein the lady in the article refers to one of her charges "Edwin" as a very plain bear! Obviously some things never change.

The photography in these magazines is amazing and the articles so "Australian" but so well written. The magazine for its time is unique, but what a shame after all these years and all the time, effort and money that has gone into conservation we have still learnt nothing. I wonder if in another 65 years our descendants will look back and be saying the same thing as they read magazines from this era. Unfortunately for a lot of species, like the koala, the flying fox, the northern hairy nose wombat, the powerful owl and many others, it will be too late. The fact they even existed recorded only in magazines.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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I would like to thank the management committee for all the time effort and support they have given to Wildcare Australia in the past year and hope they will continue on in their roles for another year. The management team puts in a huge amount of work on behalf of Wildcare Australia to ensure we meet all the demands and needs that are placed on this group. It is an enormously demanding, fulfilling, frustrating and exciting job all rolled into one but without the people who fill these roles the group itself would not exist. So, on behalf of everyone in Wildcare Australia, a big thank you to the committee for all their work. It is very much appreciated especially by me! A HUGE THANKS to Karen Scott in particular who whips the rest of us into shape!



Don't forget the AGM this month. If you would like to see a new team in place, or the old team back, register your vote.

Gail Gipp

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CONFERENCE 2005

National Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference

is to be held

on the Gold Coast, Queensland

from 31 August-2 September 2005

Theme R.E.L.E.A.S.E. Research/ Educate/ Liaise/ Enthuse/Advance/
Share/ Evolve.



CONTACT DETAILS

For further information, please visit the conference website: www.nwrc.com.au where there are contact details for queries relating to different aspects of the conference.

For registration enquiries: registration@nwrc.com.au

For venue enquiries: venue@nwrc.com.au

For speaker enquiries: speakers@nwrc.com.au

All general enquiries: enquiries@nwrc.com.au

Contact the organising committee after hours on **0437 838 293**.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL OFFER

Book and pay before the 30 June 2005 to
save \$40.00 on a three day registration, \$20 on a day registration, and \$5.00 on a dinner booking

THE OUTGOING COMMITTEE—Who are they and what do they do?

PRESIDENT

Gail Gipp

Gail is one of the founding members of WILDCARE and is still as passionate about wildlife and WILDCARE as she was the day she started.

Gail has been caring for all manner of wildlife for over twenty years and has raised everything from the tiniest glider to the largest macropod. Gail used to juggle her passion, wildlife, and her job, but then she was lucky enough to be appointed Hospital Manager at the Steve Irwin Conservation Foundation Hospital. Now she has it easy. She only has to cope with ten plus days of 24 hour shifts, sleeping over at the hospital to see to the in house patients, or travelling up and down the east coast of Australia to attend committee meetings or deliver workshops for and on behalf of WILDCARE.

VICE PRESIDENT

Kim Alexander

Kim has been a member of a number of wildlife organizations since moving to Queensland 17 years ago, but for the past four years she and her family have been avid members of WILDCARE. A chance remark two years ago saw Kim begin the Brisbane branch of WILDCARE. Since then Wildcare's membership base has expanded dramatically to include members all over South East Queensland. Although Kim is a full-time primary school teacher, she is involved in WILDCARE at a variety of levels including the delivery of the Orientation and Introduction to Mammals workshops and manning stalls at local shows. Currently Kim is also the chair of the National Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference Organizing Committee, which has as its members, Gail, Karen, Trish, Terry and Eleanor along with representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency, RSPCA, and other wildlife care groups in Queensland

TREASURER

Karen Scott

About four years ago Karen offered to "do the books" for WILDCARE. Little did she know what she was getting herself into. As well as still carrying on the duties of the Treasurer, overseeing the daily expenditures and trying to make the books balance each month, she is a successful submission writer, gaining for us our new office computers in the past twelve months. But there is more. Karen is also Education Officer, researching, writing, compiling and delivering many courses for WILDCARE, whilst planning and coordinating the other workshops. She is responsible for the coordination of the office staff and all of their duties, as well as her mammoth duties as macropod coordinator and trauma carer. Even though Karen works full time there is not a day goes by that she is not producing or revising some piece of documentation for WILDCARE and her flying fingers on the computer are evinced in the documents and policies that WILDCARE has in place. Somehow in all of this she manages to raise one or two macropods and even a koala or two.

SECRETARY

Trish Hales

A recent newcomer to the Committee, Trish is the first to admit she is on a huge learning curve. Trish has been an office volunteer for some years now, so when Kylie stepped down from the position it was only natural to promote Trish from Assistant Secretary to Secretary. In the past few months Trish has learned more about computers and computer programmes than most people have in a lifetime. Just ask her about excel and spread sheets. Trish is a breath of fresh air on the committee and at times when we are feeling that the weight of the world is upon us Trish will let forward with one of her witty, sometimes naughty, stories and we will all see things in perspective. One day Trish will retire from Wildcare, though I don't think she will ever part from her "bubbies" she will write a book about us all and make a fortune. But not just now, as we need her too much

THE OUTGOING COMMITTEE—Who are they and what do they do? (cont.)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Karen Hooke

Karen is the most recent addition to the committee and is finding that there is a whole 'other side' to WILDCARE. As a new blood, she has heaps of ideas and suggestions, which we are keen to see through to fruition. Karen is also a volunteer in the office, a new foster mother to her first macropods and an ardent possum carer. Karen and her partner, Craig are keen to become part of WILDCARE'S every growing family and as they live in one of our more far flung corners they are likely to develop a nocturnal lifestyle attending to rescues in the wee hours of the morning.

RECORD KEEPER

Kerry Chadwick

Kerry is one of our long suffering office staff and decided that it wasn't enough to torture herself in the office each week, but that she would like to really torture herself and take on the dreaded Record Keepers role. Kerry is another one who's sunny disposition and stories of days at the WILDCARE office keep us all coming back for more. She has such a lovely way of bribing and cajoling you into doing something that you don't realize that you have volunteered until you are actually doing the job. Since taking on the job of Record Keeper Kerry has already added her own personal touches and we are all looking forward to being whipped into shape by her.

HEAD CARER

Eleanor Hanger

Even though Eleanor doesn't have an official title on the committee, she is there for every meeting. Eleanor too was one of the founding members of WILDCARE and is so passionate about it that she gave her only son. Yes, she is the mother of Jon Hanger our senior vet. Eleanor is one of the quiet achievers and is often heard to say that she does nothing, but somebody produces the newsletter four times a year and if there is ever a job to do that needs a bit of tact and decorum then Eleanor is your lady. She puts up a token fuss when asked to front huge groups of school children but is always there and puts on such a show we immediately have requests to book her again. Eleanor is not only a head carer, but also our Possum and Glider expert and delivers a number of fascinating and ever changing workshops every year. She is always available at the end of the phone for advice and has a wealth of experience, which makes her invaluable to WILDCARE.

Kylie Patrick/ Kiersten Jones/Kathryn Biber

Ex Secretary/ Record Keeper /Assistant Secretary

The three K's are all no longer part of the current committee having only recently left. As part of the Orientation team, they were some of the first people whom most WILDCARE members met.

Keirsten, our long suffering Record Keeper, battled her way through the years of hand written records and scraps of paper, posing as records. After finally convincing us all to use the modern technologies of faxes and email she finally left for greater things. Though really she is still hovering in the background as the assistant Record Keeper.

The other two K's, Kylie and Katherine, have both found that location and work are leaving little time for WILDCARE so they are taking a break from the duties of committee roles, but hopefully not for too long. We need our young blood on the committee to shake us up a bit.

WILDCARE WORKSHOPS

**** Important Information ****

There are some important changes happening with the Wildcare Australia training workshops that will affect all members who attend them. The changes relate to the way in which workshop training notes are provided to attendees.

Those members who have been attending Wildcare workshops for a number of years would have noticed a tremendous change to the workshop notes over such time. Our training notes are becoming more and more extensive as each year passes. Previously some workshop notes consisted of only a few pages. Now, most workshop notes are in excess of 40 pages. Most recently, Gail and I have completed the new Macro-pod training notes which have increased from 70 pages last year to over 170 pages this year.

As a result of this, we have tried to find a way that will help minimise the amount of paper and photocopier toner that we use (not to mention the time involved in battling with a temperamental photocopier machine!). We have therefore decided that the training notes for most workshops will be provided to attendees on CD-Rom. The CD-Rom will be provided to attendees at no cost. There are many advantages in providing workshop notes in this manner, including:-

- Workshop notes can include more information and in a more easily read format, as photocopying and paper considerations will not be applicable
- Ability to search for keywords in workshop training materials
- Huge savings on the purchase of paper
- Reduced cost for running and maintenance of photocopier
- Tremendous reduction in environmental impact (let's leave some forests for our animals to return to...)

Those members, who do not have a computer, can still obtain a printed copy of the workshop notes but you will need to make a specific request, at least a week before the workshop. You can make this request by telephoning the Wildcare Office or the appropriate Coordinator. There may be a small charge for a printed copy of the notes to cover the cost of photocopying.

- Workshop notes can include large colour photos, to aid in identification, to give ideas about design and style of enclosures/aviaries and to show examples of diseases and injuries.
- CD-Rom can include interactive templates of documents such as Rescue and Examination Forms and Record Keeping forms in Excel and Word formats

All members who have to date been provided with workshop notes on CD-Rom have embraced the new format and appear to be happy with this change. I sincerely thank you for your support.

Karen Scott



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

***** STOP PRESS *****

A reminder that it is membership renewal time again. Memberships are due to 30th June. Membership renewal forms were posted in April to all members. Your continued support is appreciated.

REHABILITATION PERMIT

A reminder also that you will need to complete and send in your Rehabilitation Permit Endorsement Request that was forwarded to all members in April. If you intend on caring for native wildlife under Wildcare's umbrella rehabilitation permit this permit will need to be endorsed. If you have any queries as to how the permit endorsement works please contact the Wildcare Education Coordinator Karen Scott on 07 5533 8125.

VOLUNTEER REVIEW FORM

Thank you to all members who have completed and forwarded the Volunteer Review Form that was included in the mail-out in April. We are always striving to improve our systems and your input is much appreciated. If you have not as yet completed Review Form we would encourage you to do so.

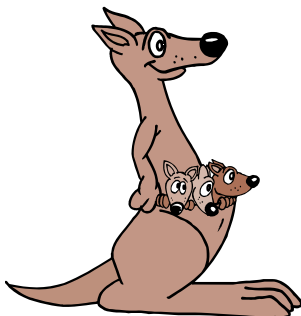
ADVANCED MACROPOD WORK-

Another Advanced Macropod Workshop has been scheduled for the 3rd July 2005 from 10am to 4pm. The workshop will be held at Carole Park. This workshop is suitable for rehabilitators who have raised macropods before and covers issues such as:

- First Aid
- Assessment
- Care and Management

Macropod rehabilitators from other organizations are also welcome.

Please register by contacting the Wildcare Office Monday to Friday on 5527 2444.



News has just come to hand that WILDCARE has been successful in its application for a small equipment grant thanks to the vigilance of our Treasurer who is ever watchful for a potential grant.

The Australian Government's Department of Family and Community Services Volunteer Small Equipment Grants 2004 programme has given \$1600 to WILDCARE to allow us to purchase a marquee for use at fundraising events such as shows, festivals and sausage sizzles. The new, state - of - the - art marquee will be light weight easy to erect, and water proof, a very exciting prospect for the volunteers who have had to beg, borrow or hire one or who have tried to protect our products and themselves from the odd but, much needed shower of rain!

Congratulations and thanks to Karen Scott, our grant-chaser.



POSSUM WORKSHOPS

BRISBANE

Saturday 25th June

Ringtail Possum and Greater Glider

Please register with Kim Alexander or by contacting the Wildcare Office, Monday to Friday, 07 5527 2444

GYMPIE

Saturday, 9th July

Sugar, Squirrel and Feathertail Gliders

Please register with Paula Rowlands or by contacting the Wildcare Office, Monday to Friday, 07 5527 2444

PHONE CO-ORDINATOR'S (& WIFE'S) LAMENT

Once in a moment of madness
I offered to take on the phone
I learned very quickly the reason
my forerunners all whine and moan

Just 24 hours to cover (*per weekend*)
and 100+ members to choose
That's just 30 minutes a person (*per month*)
I felt that I just couldn't loose

But soon as I began to phone up
I started to feel pangs of doubt
The people I called were all busy,
not able or simply gone out.

I'm sure that you all have my number
and learn to avoid when I ring
but one shift a month's all I'm asking
and then all your praises I'd sing

So back to the faithful I venture
to call in a favour or two
a shift on the weekend I beg them
but often they take on a few.

I ask can you all please consider
taking your turn on the phone
This is important, we're "Wildcare"
I can't do it all on my own

Above is a light-hearted reflection on the life of a phone coordinator, but seriously it is not light-hearted.

WILDCARE is the ONLY wildlife organisation to have its own 24 hour /7 day a week emergency number. Even NSW now has the phones switched through to National Parks or a pager system at times.

We should feel proud that when a member of the public, a vet or some other organisation phones WILDCARE for help and advice for a native animal that they are met by a real live person on the other end of the phone. You can hear the relief in many of our caller's voices as they realize that they are finally talking to a person and not just another recorded message.

Our phones are manned and 'womaned' by our dedicated team of office volunteers between 8am and 4pm every weekday. They carry our phones for 40 hours per week.

Then there is the equally dedicated band of people who take on regular shifts either 7 – 8am or 4 – 7 pm every weekday or the dreaded 7pm – 7 am shifts each night. That accounts for another 104 hours of phone shifts.

So then we come down to the final 24 hours per week, 7 am – 7 pm Saturday and Sunday. With over a hundred active carer members in WILDCARE you would think it would be easy. Thirty-six, three hour shifts per month.

We understand that the weekends are your time and that you also want to attend workshops and need to tend to the animals that you may have in care. But if you look at the list below you will see that the people who pick up the slack are the ones who are also doing everything else.

Some of our coordinators and workshop presenters have been known to be on a WILDCARE phone shift while on their way home from a workshop they have just presented in Gympie, because there was no one else to fill that spot.



We are not asking you to give up your social lives or not spend time with family and friends. But we are asking that if you truly believe that what we are doing in WILDCARE is important, then you consider contributing a regular three hours a month to support it.

Also while we are having a grumble and probably because we have been doing the phones a lot more recently, we would like to point out that if you are on the rescue list then you are expected to rescue.

When a phone shift operator rings you to do a rescue it is because you are the closest and/or most appropriate person. Time is of the essence with some of these animals and to have the person on the other end of the phone say "oh well I'd prefer not to", tends to make our blood boil. I think the animal would have preferred not to have been hit by a car or mauled by a cat too.

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As a member of WILDCARE you made a commitment to help these animals and to be picking and choosing **when** you want to help or worse still **what** you want to help is not what I would consider commitment. I know that some of you have animals in care, so just think how that animal would have been if the person who was called to rescue it had said, "Can't you find someone else?", or "Well, I wouldn't be able to get that now as I am going out tomorrow", which are just a couple of the excuses we had in the last few shifts.

This can result in numerous phone calls for one animal and is part of the reason why people don't want to take on phone shifts, as it is time consuming and expensive not only to the operator but also costly to the animal.

To the people who do take their turn on the phones and do attend rescues and pick ups I apologize, but I know many of you are feeling the pressure too.

I suppose we can do no more now than appeal to your sense of duty and compassion and hope that some of you will consider being a part of this vital part of WILDCARE.

After all, an organisation is only as good as its members. It is up to you to prove that WILDCARE is as good as it can be.

If you can help in any way please contact Mark or Kim Alexander on 3805 1815 or email: thealexanders@austarnet.com.au

A HUGE THANK YOU for the following people who have taken their turns on the phones during Feb/ Mar/ Apr/ May

Paula Rowlands
Gloria Litchfield
Dianne Smith
Karen Scott
Laura Reeder
Kathy Keed
Lee Mc Michael
Kathryn Biber
Beryl Wallace
Nicole Mannet
Helen Furlonger
Kylie Patrick
Michelle Benson
Kirstie Bassetto
Kerry Chadwick

Kim / Mark Alexander
Tonya Howard
Lee Anne Burgess
Trish Smith
Lyn Aldridge
Greer/ Jim Mc Neil
Angela Mutton
Rachel Lyons
Roy Webster
Eleanor Hanger
Hans Anerstorfer
Sue Jackson
Ken Bridges
Karen Hooke
Sharon Singleton

If we have left anybody out we are sorry as some of our shifts were filled at the last moment and we may not have recorded your names.

A special THANK YOU to Hans Anerstorfer, Sue Jackson and Kirstie Bassetto who began phone shifts only weeks after they joined WILDCARE

Kim & Mark Alexander



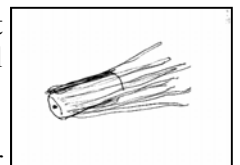
THANK YOU
FROM ALL THE RESCUED ANIMALS
You gave us a second chance!

SPRINGBROOK'S RACEWAYS - A DEATH TRAP FOR WILDLIFE

At dawn the pademelons are quietly browsing on the roadsides when the cars and utes start roaring past. "LATE FOR WORK AGAIN! I'D BETTER RUSH!" and off they speed.

So many of our wildlife are killed by speeding drivers each morning and throughout the day. Their warm bodies, some with babies in their pouches, lie in Repeater Station Road and Lyrebird Ridge Road. Beautiful lives wasted for what?..to gain a few minutes at the most.

On the side of Repeater Station Road, Springbrook, last week I found the heavy metal end of a dart with coloured foil tassles - apparently used to fire at birds and other vulnerable wildlife. How cruel and cowardly some few people are.



Please drive slowly and take care of our remaining wildlife. Report any cat attacks and any sick or injured wildlife to WILDCARE by telephoning 07 5527 2444. WILDCARE'S emergency service operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Sonia Laws

RECORD KEEPERS RAVE

Much to my relief many of our great carers took pity on me and submitted their backlog of hand written records. I know it must have taken some time and effort and I thank you all very much.

For those of you who prefer to hand write your records, you will soon have new sheets with an easier format to follow. In fact it will be almost the same as the Excel format, so if you can write it, you can type it. Just a reminder to you all, yes Kiersten is still handling the emailed records, I handle the hand written.

If you are like me you tend to have scraps of paper with codes and details of animals scattered around the place, not a good thing. Why not do as some do and keep a small note book by the phone and jot down all the details as they come in? This makes it so much easier to do your records once a week. If you do have a box full of scraps of paper and are feeling guilty about your records, please contact Kiersten, she is only too happy to help you get it all sorted out.

I am very happy to announce a new Wildcare member who has joined us and is willing to help with the backlog of hand written records – WELCOME TO JOSH BIRSE. Josh is around the Sunshine coast area and has already been given several tasks to do. Thank you Josh.

TELEPHONE RECORDS

To all the wonderful volunteers who man the phones either during office hours or after hours, firstly, THANK YOU. What would the animals do without you?

The record keeping team are trying to gather data which may help in our efforts to gain a grant or two. We mainly want to record how many calls we attend after being referred by groups, such as Animal Welfare League, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Fleays, RSPCA. I would ask you to record in the "Caller's" column, first the name of the organization and then the caller's name and phone number. EG: AWL – Mary Smith 55123456.

The data will be sorted into alphabetical order and then counted and recorded. A new Phone Record sheet is being designed to help make it easier for you to record this information.

I was hoping to have three months of data ready for this newsletter, but if not this newsletter, then definitely the next edition. I hope you find it interesting.

DOG AND CAT ATTACKS

In our ongoing battle to educate the public of how our wildlife suffers from attacks from domestic pets, it is vital that EVERYONE continues to record on their records which bird/animal comes into care as a result of dog and cat attacks.

Thank you all, and keep those records coming in.

THINGS I HAVE LEARNT SO FAR

Those who have gone to extremes to send in their backlog of records:

Karen Barney
Trish Hales
Roy Webster
Heather Clark
Di & Jerry Field
Leigh Koppman
Eleanor Hanger

To each of you I thank you so very much, you have made this job just that bit easier for me but most of all you have helped Wildcare and what we are trying to achieve.

Unfortunately there seems to be more of a negative side than I would like.....the Shame File. This comprises people who are fabulous carers but who neglect their records and therefore cost Wildcare more than money in the long run.

Then there are the records that are very hard to understand, or have less than the necessary information on them. If you are going to hand write your records then PLEASE MAKE YOUR HAND WRITING CLEAR and include all the relevant details that are required. My phone bill has increased because I need to call so many carers to clarify details of their records and this should not happen

I also have some good news. I would like to say that Lynette O'Hara submits the best records I have ever seen. She includes Road Kills, her writing is easy to read and she includes every detail that is required. Thank you Lynette, I appreciate your efforts very much.

If you are having trouble submitting your hand written records then please contact me so I can help you.

Kerry Chadwick
Record Keeper

SUNSHINE COAST / GYMPIE REPORT

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Sunshine Coast and Gympie Carers,

For quite some time we have been very busy caring for our birds and animals. Thankfully, as winter has approached, the baby bird numbers have slowed, however the orphaned mammals are still keeping us on our toes.

We have had some particularly bad e-coli in our young macropods with, unfortunately, some sad results. It's definitely not a wait-and-see bug – it must be treated immediately by a knowledgeable vet. Contact me to find out more about this nastie.

This year on Sunday 17th July, we have been invited for the second year running to hold a store at the Heavy Horse day on the Amamoor sports grounds. Donations of craft work, cooking, preserves, sweets, and plants are needed to raise funds for Wildcare. We will also be running a raffle on the day. We need help from 8am-4pm on the day. If you can help out, even only for a few hours, please call me.

On 23-24 July we are also invited to sell tea and coffee at an Arts Function at Chatsworth, all proceeds to go to Wildcare. Volunteers are needed for a couple of hours each day to serve coffee and tea.

Both events should be good fundraisers, but we need helpers on the day to make the days work for us. Plans are also afoot for Wildcare to hold static displays in Mary Street, Gympie to raise badly needed funds for Wildcare and to also raise the level of public awareness of wildlife care in the area.

The recent Lynda Staker Macropod Special Presentation workshop was very successful with over 40 people attending for the whole three day workshop. Quite a number of Wildcare workshops have also occurred and prove to be very professionally laid out and informative. The workshops are appreciated by all our local carers who attend. Many thanks to Eleanor Hanger, Karen Scott, Ricky Johns, Leigh Koppman and Karen Barney. Your time and effort

in travelling up to Gympie and presenting workshops is much appreciated.

Special thanks also to Eva Ford from the Threatened Species Program at the Mary River Catchment Coordination Committee for holding a "Frogs of Cooloola" presentation and night creek survey. Fun was had by all and a few unusual frogs were spotted along with a bemused Short-eared Possum (Mountain Brushie) who I am sure was wondering what on earth we were up to with spotlights stuck to our heads!

Very special thanks to two generous members of the public (they wish to remain anonymous) who donated \$1000 EACH towards the purchase of a tranquiliser gun for the area. Their donations were made after media brought attention to the sad events surrounding two macropod cruelty cases in the Cooloola region recently. At least something positive has come out of two horrific situations.

Keep up the great work and keep in touch.

Paula Rowlands – Regional Coordinator

RECORDS

Reminder that Carer records are due monthly. Thanks to Josh Birse for volunteering to coordinate Carer Records for the Sunshine Coast/Gympie area. Please ensure that you email your records to Josh at kiah@email.tc or post written records to 13 Mt Pleasant Rd Nambour Qld 4560 at the end of each month.

SHOP ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE COAST

A selection of the commonly purchased Wildcare shop items are now available in the Sunshine Coast / Gympie Region.

Please call Rachel to discuss purchases, make orders and to arrange pick up. Pickups can be made from Pomona and Gympie.

TRAINING DAY

*** Special Presentation ***

WILDCARE NATIVE PLANT IDENTIFICATION AND PROPAGATION DAY

20 August 2005 – 9am to 3pm

The following topics will be presented:

- Basic plant identification skills
- Basic seed collection and plant propagation methods
- The identification of common feeding trees of:
 - Possums & Gliders
 - Koalas
 - Frugivore Birds
 - Flying Foxes.



J hanger

Tour the Noosa Landcare Revegetation Nursery & Demonstration Gardens

Opportunity for locals to purchase trees and discuss revegetation actions with Noosa Landcare Project Officer.

Please RSVP attendance to ALL Sunshine Coast / Gympie workshops at least 5 days before each event by calling Rachel Lyons on 0417 078 432.

WANTED

1) Local Fundraising Assistant!!!!

2) Volunteers to help:

Sell Cadbury Chocolates – This is Wildcare's main fundraising activity and helps fund the main Wildcare phone and office. All carers should aim to sell at least one box per year!!

Man the various stalls and fundraising events that Wildcare (Sunshine Coast / Gympie) gets asked to attend (See Coordinators Report!!).

Wildcare (Sunshine Coast / Gympie) has developed a protocol to follow in partnership with Cooloola Shire Council when undertaking necessary habitat tree removal – We need a small team of volunteer wildlife spotters available during work hours at relatively short notice (24hrs) to assess, rescue wildlife, assist in directing the local relocation of hollows and determine the selection of artificial nest boxes– All training provided!!

Contact Paula Rowlands on (07) 5483 7777 if you can spare a couple of hours every couple of months in helping with any of these needs.



J hanger

COOLOOLA ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

Congratulations to Wildcare's Paula Rowlands and Jan Warne for being nominated in the Outstanding Individual Achievement Category of the Cooloola Environment Awards. Well Done!!!

MEET THE MEMBERS

MY FIRST RELEASE!

Kirstie Bassetto interviews Greer McNeill

What is your occupation (other than carer)?
Work place health and safety advisor

What do you do if you ever have any spare time?
Never spare time

What is it that you care for?
Whatever needs rescuing

Favourite breakfast food?
Granivore mix

Favourite Animal?
Love 'em all

Star sign?
Capricorn

What sort of music gets you dancing?
Celtic

What are you most proud of about yourself?
That I've managed to survive this long

Favourite food?
Anything someone else cooks, and that is hot.

What is your talent?
Drawer

Chocolate or vanilla ice-cream?
Vanilla

Favourite smell?
Rain

What don't most people know about you?
My age

Dream holiday destination?
Patagonia and Antarctic peninsula on a ship.



Self portrait - Greer McNeill (and friends)

I received Maggie (the magpie of course) on a typical Queensland Day. Who was to know then that she would change my life for always?

Maggie wasn't the sweetest of birds or the most relaxed...in fact she hated the mere sight of me and wouldn't eat if I was anywhere in sight.

Her hatred for humans may have come from her first practice flight. Maggie was in the tree one day and decided she was ready to take the leap. Her parents had chosen the tree well. If she fell she had a nice soft pool of water to land in. Unfortunately they didn't consider that she wouldn't be able to fly with her feathers all wet!

A huge man rushed over to the pool, scooped her out and put her in a box. She tried to bite him and damaged the box in indignation. When this didn't work, Maggie went quiet. She was taken to a place that smelt like antiseptic and heard someone talking about her. Soon she was carted off to another person...me!

As soon as I opened that box, Maggie decided that she hated me, didn't want a bar of me and that every time I came near her, she would flap about madly till I left in fear for her safety.

This worked for most of the time... until I tried to wrap a towel around her. What a inhumane monster I was then! Poor little Maggie screamed and ranted and kicked and bit and flapped until finally she was let out of the towel in a white room....a few flaps around the room and into the bathtub. She was promptly caught again to be put back into her cage.

She was ready to go. I took another week to bulk her up a bit and then the day came. I woke my grumpy boyfriend up at 7am and whispered, "it's Maggie's release day today." He rolled over and went back to sleep. Finally, by 8am, I was at the property where she had been found. I walked to the middle of a field of grass ringed with trees. My boyfriend started opening the boot, for the empty cage to go in afterwards. I opened the cage and before I could say anything, she was out and up and gone. She soared magnificently into a tree, and as I marvelled at the guts she had and the magnificence of her, I heard, "I missed it!" I replied, "Sorry, well I can't do it again." So yes of course...I will never hear the end of it...not that that diminished the joy of our first release.

Kirstie Bassetto

WILDLIFE CARERS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

Hi everyone,

Have you ever wondered how a friendship can just happen with someone in another country all because of loving and caring for our wildlife? I am happy to say I have such a friendship. My friend Raya (pretty name) is also a wildlife carer and her speciality is reptiles.

I'll let Raya tell you her story.....



My name is Raya Dawn Elick. I'm 14 and will be 15 in July. I lived in the country until my parents divorced. I guess that's where my love for all animals and nature came from. My Dad, Eric, gave me my first snake as a toddler, a play rubber snake I carried everywhere.

At age 5 Dad and I found a sick Blacksnake in our driveway – my first rescue. We fed it and Dad gave it medication. It was the crankiest snake I've ever taken care of. We released it after a couple of months, it was such a fantastic feeling. After that I always had a snake, lizard, bunny, anything hurt or sick.

As I grew older I started reading, watching films or TV, anything on animals. My real love was and is snakes. I can't explain why but they are totally awesome.

On my birthday, Mom let me get a *small* snake. At the pet shop we found a sick, dirty little fella and they wanted \$125 for him. It was so sad and Mom spent money she normally wouldn't have. I took home a very sick, almost dead snake. He had mouth rot, a respiratory infection and mites. Mom didn't realise a Burmese Python would end up so BIG. I did, but I thought I'd wait to tell her.

Resources in Joplin, Mo. for snake information is all but none. I found a Vet who would look at my sick snake, now named Mad Dog, or MD (after a rock group). He showed me how to give shots and how to insert medication into pinks to force feed. It took the whole family to force feed this sick snake, but he got better. Mom had a

special habitat built for MD and it took up a wall in my room.

I've had lots of snakes but M.D. will always be my special love. At 16 feet he now lives at a nearby reptile care centre and I still go visit my friend.

Sad as it is, there are no clubs or resources available around here so you are on your own for information. The vets won't really help and they charge huge prices, yes even for wild animals. You pay for medical care.

I baby sit and animal sit, and my Mom is fantastic. We always seem to have what I need for my snakes and rescues.

I tried to start a club but the adults didn't take me seriously. I found one man, William Ray who rescues "all" animals. He has taught me a lot, like how to handle without hurting or being hurt. He knows about medications and care so I'm very thankful to have him to refer to for help.

Sometimes the Humane Society or the Police will call about skunks, snakes etc so off William and I go. It's fun and you never know what to expect.

People don't believe it when they see a 14 year old girl crawl out from under a house with a big snake.....but I do.

Sometimes they need care or just need to be released in a safe new home. No matter what they need, I love doing it.

Someday I hope to work in a zoo but for now I'll stick to rescues.

Thank you for the awesome encouragement Kerry, YOU ROCK.

Raya Dawn Elick
Joplin, Missouri, USA

Raya with MD



Puffy rescued from people trying to decapitate her.

BOONAH SHOW REPORT

Wildcare had a stand at the Boonah Show for the first time, on Saturday, 21st of May 2005. The Boonah Show society was very welcoming and enabled us to have a site for fundraising and awareness purposes. Mark and Luke Alexander, Simon, a friend of the Alexanders and Rochelle Manners manned the stall for the day.

The show ran a yellow brick road activity where primary school children went to all stands and got stamped at each place. This was an opportunity to bring Wildcare to the Boonah community as it drew in many different families. Most of these children received either a brochure about Wildcare or a colouring activity of an Australian animal that also had Wildcare's website address and phone number on it. While many of these people cruised through, they all heard about Wildcare. Some people just passing by were interested in becoming members and about seven

membership packs were given out in the one day. Hopefully Wildcare will see and welcome some new members after this show.

Sales for fundraising were reasonable. Wildcare took in almost \$200 gross over the day.

We also had the opportunity to talk to a number of Boonah citizens about wildlife and wildlife issues. Please keep in mind the number of shows that are coming up in July and help us out at those events!

Thank you to all those who helped make the Boonah Show day a good one.

Rochelle Manners

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

On a dark and foggy morning, the Wildcare stall for World Environment Day, was born. GECKO (the Gold Coast and Hinterland Environmental Council) organized the event and this year we had a beautiful position overlooking Currumbin Creek.

Kirstie brought most of the Wildcare shop with her, Rochelle brought her tables and marquee. Soon after Eleanor arrived with the photo boards...and the stall was complete.

Merchandise sales were slow but steady. Rochelle's gorgeous craft kits stole the show on the day with the key rings coming in second.

Kirstie managed to sell over two books of raffle tickets to the other store owners....Eleanor sold almost five books. So I think it is safe to say that the raffle tickets were very successful. Most people who came into the stall put some coins in the donation box also which was lovely.

Special thanks must go to Jenny Meehan who donated her time to help us man the stall. And thanks to John Hanger for the lovely pot stands he made. I am sure they will be a hit. And to Eleanor Hanger who gave a marvellous speech about the various dangers to wildlife in Queensland....unfortunately she had stiff competition with a singing dog, a man with

live wildlife the kids could pat, and a rather large tap who was rapping, so there wasn't much of a crowd there to hear Eleanor...but she did brilliantly with what she had!

Overall the day was a success...although we can't retire yet (one day), we did get our name out there again. We had about 10 people who have promised to join Wildcare as carers and a further 10-20 people who were interested in becoming financial members.

Thanks also to all our Wildlife volunteers who visited us...it was good to see you all there.

Kirstie Basseto



CALLING ALL BIRD CARERS

Hope we find you all well, enthusiastic and with all your facilities geared up ready to care for birds.

We are again going to be in a desperate situation regarding having enough interested bird carers to take on the huge influx of baby birds that come into care in Spring/Summer. We NEED you to let us know what you are in a position to care for.

This includes:

1. Babies which need feeding regularly
2. Babies that feed themselves from birth (Ducks, Plovers, Water Hens)
3. Can take babies till self-feeding and need to be passed on to go into an aviary
4. Have aviary space for flight practice for an adult that has been injured

Thousands of birds come into care every year and the caring for these animals has been falling on a few dedicated bird carers for quite a few years. It is very time-consuming, tiring and sometimes depressing having large numbers of animals for six months of the year.

Coordinators are not there to immediately take a bird you rescue into care. If everyone would let us know what he or she could care for we can compile a list, so when a call comes in we can direct the rescuer as to the person who will care for that species. Your permit will need to be endorsed for the species you wish to care for. Some species are easier to care for than others. If you would like to get an idea of which species are best suited to your lifestyle please ring me at work, Tuesday or Friday on 55806205, Thursday on 55466787 or at night or on Sunday or Monday on 55486614 or ring the relevant species coordinator.

If we don't let you keep a particular species of birds it is usually because that bird has special requirements or you don't have the correct facilities to house it.

Below is a list of new and current bird Coordinators for the different species of birds:

DUCKS - Sonia Murray – 55965262.

WATERBIRDS (Plovers, Water hens, Ibis, Curlews, Herons, Egrets, Spoonbills) Karen Barney – 55806205 W 55486614 H or Cheryl Barney – 55746654 (after 27.06.05)

LARGE INSECTIVORES - (Black Faced Cuckoo Shrikes, Pheasant Coucals, Drongos) Karen Barney – 55806205 W 55486614 H or Cheryl Barney – 55746654.

SMALL INSECTIVORES - (Noisy Miner, Silvereyes, Fairy Martins, Swallows, Magpie Larks, Willie Wagtails, Pardalotes etc.) Karen Barney – 55806205 (W) 55486614 (H) or Robyn MacDonald - 55331451 before 7.30p.m for advice on care - diets and housing etc.

CARNIVORES - (Currawongs, Crows, Magpies, Butcherbirds, Kookaburras) Karen Barney – 55806205 W 55486614 H or Cheryl Barney – 55746654.



FRUGIVORES - (Fig Birds, Orioles, Fruit Pigeons and Doves). Karen Barney – 55806205 W 55486614 H or Cheryl Barney – 55746654.

LORIKEETS - (Rainbow and Scaly Breasted) Kerry Chadwick – 55961570.

NECTIVORES - (Friarbirds, Blue Faced Honeyeaters, Wattlebirds) Karen Barney – 55806205 W 55486614 H or Cheryl Barney – 55756654.

GRANIVORES - (Pigeons, Doves, Cockatoos, Galahs, Rosellas, Corellas, King Parrot) Cheryl Barney – 55746654.

MIGRATORY - (Koels, Dollar Birds, Channel Billed Cuckoos) Karen Barney – 55806205 W 55486614 H or Cheryl Barney – 55746654.

NOCTURNAL - (Tawny Frogmouths, Owlet & White Throated Nightjars) Karen Barney – 55806205 W 55486614 H or Cheryl Barney – 55746654.

PLEASE RING US IMMEDIATELY IF YOU RESCUE A RAPTOR (Owl, Hawk or Eagle etc.) **or a SEA BIRD** (Shearwaters, Cormorants, Darters etc.).

It is most important that you attend the Bird Workshops that are on offer over the next few months. We are incorporating baby birds with adult birds in the species workshops. We look forward to seeing you all.

Karen Barney
Bird Coordinator

Phone number for Cheryl Barney takes effect after the 27th June.

ATTENTION BIRD CARERS



I would like to take you through a few points on the importance of reporting animals you have in care.

Co-ordinators are responsible for the health and well being of the animals in your care. All carers are required as part of their obligation to Wildcare to report all animals that come into their care as soon as possible. In the case of birds they will not automatically be removed from new carers unless it is for one of the following reasons.

1. The species co-ordinator does not feel the carer has the correct facilities to house that species or the time it will take to care for it. eg. (the bird may need feeding every hour and the carer works full time or their aviary is too small for the size of the bird).
2. The carer does not have the experience to properly care for that species e.g. the carer has not attended a workshop on a particular species which may have special requirements.
3. The carer is not listening to advice given to them by the co-ordinator.
4. The bird is not being fed the correct diet or fed at the correct times. (We have had cases where baby magpies which require feeding every hour have been fed twice a day).
5. The bird is sick or injured and has not been vet checked e.g. the case of a bird with a badly broken wing being left three weeks without seeing a vet, when it should have been euthanased immediately on rescue.
6. The bird has been kept in too small a cage and has feather damage. (Feather damage can lead to the bird being kept in care much longer than necessary, so should be avoided at all costs).

7. The bird is of a species that needs to be grouped together. This applies to most species of baby birds. It is not always necessary for adults, but babies of most species do better if raised together.
8. Migratory species. Black faced cuckoo shrikes and pheasant coucals **MUST** go into a good sized aviary (the smallest being 12 – 15 ft long) as soon as they can perch. These birds can fly at a very young age and damage feathers or can break bones, or cut the skin at the top of their beak if kept in incorrect facilities. If you do not have these facilities contact me immediately.
9. Birds in your care are being exposed to domestic pets, excessive noise, such as television, radios, mowers, children screaming, or handling by children.
10. You do not contact your co-ordinator prior to release of hand raised birds, to check they are self sufficient and to ensure a suitable release site.
11. Animals are becoming imprinted by being allowed to fly around the house instead of being housed in an aviary.

Any information or advice about a bird in your care should be coming from the species co-ordinator for that group of birds, **NOT** from other carers. Too much conflicting advice is spread around if you don't get your information from the correct source. Your species co-ordinators are experienced in the diseases and dietary problems of birds in the group under their supervision. .

Some veterinary surgeons don't have training in bird diseases and injuries, so do not automatically assume the bird is fine if coming from a Vet surgery or animal refuge. Observe the bird yourself and if you are not sure of the vet's diagnosis, ring your co-ordinator or take the animal to another vet. Don't wait as once a bird is showing signs of illness it usually dies quickly if not treated. Broken wings start healing in two to three days so urgent treatment is necessary.

Please don't think any of the co-ordinators are too busy to speak with you. We would prefer you ring us than do something that could harm the animal. If you can't contact the co-ordinator you need, ring one of the other BIRD co-ordinators and they may be able to help you. I look forward to hearing from you or seeing all the new faces at the workshops.

Karen Barney
Head Bird Co-ordinator

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SHOWS AND FESTIVALS

***** HELP NEEDED *****

Wildcare has had great success fundraising and advertising through the use of community shows and festivals in past years. This year Wildcare plans to attend the following shows:

Mudgeeraba Show (9-10 July)
Mt Gravatt Show (30 – 31 July)
Beaudesert Show (10-11 September)
Springtime on the Mountain Festival (Tamborine Mountain) (30 September – 2 October)

If you can help with the Mudgeeraba Show, please contact Trish Hales in the office 07 5527 2444

If you can assist at any of the other shows please let someone on the fundraising committee know through the office 07 5527 2444

Wildcare is again participating in the Gold Coast community fund Raffle and people are still needed to sell tickets. Specifically the funds from the raffle will go to supporting a subsidy for carers at the Wildcare shop.

If everyone could sell just 10 raffle tickets (1 book) between now and the end of July this year we would easily reach our target. If you can sell more that would be even better!

You can collect a book of tickets from Rochelle Manners in Brisbane or Trish Hales at the office. If you have trouble arranging this, contact Rochelle on 3879 2367 or rochellemanners@yahoo.com.au and we will work something out!

PAULS MILK BOTTLE TOPS

Please start saving the yellow and red
“collect-a-cap”
milk bottle tops for
WILDCARE.

The fundraising committee will arrange a drop off box at the office.

DONATION BOXES



Wildcare Australia has timber donation boxes that are available to members to place in businesses that may be able to assist us with fundraising.

NO BANANAS ! — PEARS WILL DO JUST AS WELL.

Last night around 9.00 I had a call from a lady, very worried, as a possum was trapped in her ceiling. They had had people out that day to seal up a hole in the roof and the people had assured them that the possum was not in the ceiling. They had been listening to the animal in there since Wednesday night.

Well at 9.00 that night (Saturday) it was definitely there. The poor woman had opened the manhole cover to check that it was a possum and the animal had actually rushed her, trying to get out.

Not wanting the possum to fall into the house, but realizing that this animal needed to be released she phoned a number of people, finally getting on to WILDCARE.

After confirming with her that there was no other way the possum could get out, I phone around to try to get hold of a possum trap in order to trap and release the possum outside.

I finally tracked down the trap and began arranging to get it to the lady the next day, when she phoned back. It appeared that, quite cleverly, Amanda (we were becoming quite good friends by now) had lured the possum to the air conditioning grate and was now going to unscrew the grate to let the possum out (It is amazing how resourceful members of the public can be when given a little encouragement). She wanted to know what food would attract it. So I suggested she smear banana outside in a trail so it would not be able to pick it up and run back into the ceiling. It was now about 10.30.

Kim Alexander

The story continues with Amanda's piece.....

Dear Kim,

Thanks for your help last night. I am so pleased to advise, that after a few hours of being patient, we were able to release the trapped possum.

After a few sleepless nights, we knew we had a visitor. Then, investigating the roof area and finding that we had a possum which likes to run towards the torch light, we knew we had a problem.

We scared the possum away, checked the ceiling space the following day, and decided it would be safe to seal the hole off - which we did yesterday.

Ha! there was that thumping again but now we have trapped it in the ceiling.... Oops.

After talking to you and discovering that we may have to put up with this noise all night, we decided to see what we could do. We are lucky to have an air extractor unit in our ceiling, which has two air vents at the back of the house. On my first investigation I thought that it was too close to the roof tiles for the possum to get out. Then when I went back later on, there was the possum sitting on the grate. I managed to unscrew the bolts that held it up - with the possum front paws resting on the grate. Must



have known what I was doing.... Then we placed the ladder under the vent and rubbed some pear on the steps of the ladder (sorry, we had no banana). This worked, but the possum kept going up and down the ladder.

After spending two hours waiting for the possum to leave, frustration took over and I had to run out and knock the ladder over while the possum was on it. Glad that worked, and glad it did not think I was a tree.

We have secured the grate and later found the possum sitting at the front of the house. So finally went to bed.... without that lovely thumping of elephants in our ceiling.



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NEW MEMBERS - APRIL & MAY

WILDCARE AUSTRALIA welcomes the following new members:

Jessica McGrath, Pacific Pines; Louise Knop, Sheldon; Jeffry & Sheree Millar, Gold Coast; Jan Harris, Upper Coomera; Samantha Longman, Birkdale; Jan Eva, Thornlands; Rachael Lontis, Lismore; Naomi Jamieson, Taringa; Sue Broadbent, Brunswick Heads; Nola Macaulay & Mike Engstrom, The Gap; Tina & Steve Standish, Federal; Kelly Adams, Beerwah; Maureen Linacre, Noosaville; Desley Salmon, Woodford; Robyn Taske, Kandanga; Annette Fitzsimons, Herston; Angeline Anthony, Robina; Kirsty & James Arnold, Southport; Cameron & Velda Finlay, Southport; Janice Smith, Dunwich; Philip Washington, Macleay Island; Pamela Carson, Wynnum; Henk & Anika Lehmann, Narangba; Jill & Bob Symon, Greenbank; Paul Kaye, Brendale; Joe Cseke, Jimboomba; Mel Williamson, Gordon Park; Lilian Cunningham, Jimboomba; Sally Purbrick-Illek, Helensvale; Debbie Adams, Upper Coomera; Luba & Sara Tie, Springbrook; Rosemarie Neve, Tarragindi; Sue Rixon, Forest Lake; Jill Fellows, Tamborine;

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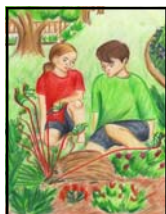


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Story

Rochelle Manners

Illustrations **Jessica Compton**



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