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FROM THE OFFICE

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The year is going by so fast. We are already in Spring and it won't be long before Christmas is here.

I would encourage everyone to help out in the Spring "crazy bird season" this year. Birds account for approximately two-thirds of the animals coming into care. As wildlife rehabilitators, we all have the responsibility of ensuring the prompt rescue and treatment of these species. Thank you to Mimi, Dianna, Renée and the staff at the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital for conducting two wonderful bird workshops recently. Everyone who attended learned a lot – thank you guys.

Thank you also to those members of the Management Committee who continue to juggle work, animals, family and study to help run the organization. A particular thank you to Tracy Paroz, Renée Rivard and Amy Whitham who have taken a huge load off my shoulders in recent times.

I hope you all have a great Spring!

Karen Scott



WILDCARE WEBSITE REDESIGN

Over the next several months, the Management Committee will be exploring options to redesign the Wildcare Australia website. If you know of any professional website designers who may be interested in offering their time and service to help us, please email enquiries@wildcare.org.au.

MUDGEERABA SHOW 5TH & 6TH JULY 2008

This show was going to be the BIG one, with the Mudgeeraba Show Society celebrating their 80th year. A Wildcare representative was invited to attend the Official Opening and all was looking good.

I wanted to put in an extra effort with our exhibit and have an entry in the Grand Parade, as this was also a BIG one for Wildcare; this was our 5th year of attendance at the show. Great plans were made, costumes hired and calls made to volunteers to help.

We set up on an overcast but dry Friday, and all was ready for a busy Saturday.

On Friday night the heavens opened and the rain rocketed down all night. On Saturday morning it continued and everything was awash. Shawn Senior dashed out and purchased an annex to extend our marquee to try to keep us dry, and then the water poured in under the tent and around our feet.

People stayed away. The rides were closed. The Grand Parade was cancelled and the entertainment and fireworks were also cancelled. All in all, it was a very sad day.

However, we did attend the Official Opening (under cover) and gratefully accepted a donation of \$250 from the Mudgeeraba Show Society, and we commiserated with one another.

On Sunday the sun almost came out for a few hours and things began to look up.

Thanks to the Senior family who made lucky dips and other activities; we did well for a few hours and then the rain threatened again and so we packed up and called it a day.

There is an awful amount of hard work involved with exhibits of this kind, and I am very grateful for all the help I received from our volunteers and friends. Firstly, thank you to my very patient father-in-law, Bret, who transported most of the equipment and erected the marquee with the help of Rose Zalewski. Thank you, Rose. Rose also set up games for the children and helped all weekend. Lee-Ann Burgess attended both days and kept my spirits up. Cerri-Lee Van Buuren arrived with Marly Woods, Barb Dwyer and many relatives in tow to help. Thank you all! My biggest "thank you" must go to the Senior family - Diane, Murray, Shawn, Aleisha and Justin. They purchased great toys and lollies, and made great lucky dips. They stood there in the rain and helped for two days. Most of our takings of \$432 were due to the Seniors and Rose Zalewski.

Here's hoping 2009 will be dry and sunny.

Trish Hales

RECORD KEEPER'S DATA REQUEST REGISTER

During the last quarter, Wildcare carer records have been used to respond to the following data requests.

Gold Coast City Council (GCCC):

- Koala data for northern GC
- Domestic animal attacks for GC

Queensland Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (QWRC):

- Road kill data for QLD Dept of Main Roads survey

Currumbin Wildlife Hospital (CWH):

- 2007 outcomes of CWH animals rehabilitated by Wildcare members

Karen Scott:

- Koala dog attacks

WILDLIFE PHONE SERVICE

WILDCARE'S 24-HOUR EMERGENCY WILDLIFE PHONE SERVICE

WHO ARE THE MOPS

You can only find out by answering the Wildcare Australia 24-hour Emergency Telephone!!!

We still need your help for October, November and December. Our last 3 months were very successful. With so many new operators donating a minimum of 3 hours a month, our small core group of operators has been able to take a well-earned break from the large number of shifts that some were covering. **YES! 3 hours a month does make a huge difference!**

More good news...we have ap-

proximately 25 new volunteers registered for our next phone training workshop in January 2009!

HOWEVER!!!!!! For the busy months of October, November and December, we are extremely short of helpers. If you have helped with the phones in the past, we would love to hear from you. Unfortunately because these next 3 months are so busy, we can only accept experienced operators.

PLEEEEEEEZE! Pick up the phone now and give us a desperately needed helping hand! Call **5527-2444** today and register to become a phone volunteer with Wildcare

Australia! Also, please mention which shift you can work. I will return your call as soon as I can.

We really look forward to hearing from you soon.

Liz Meffan

PHONE REWARD POINTS

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Redeemable at the Wildcare Shop
COMING SOON!!

Wildlife Land Trust Members Saving Crucial Habitat for Wildlife

The Humane Society International (HSI) is one of the world's largest conservation and animal protection organisations, with over 10 million members worldwide and 40,000 in Australia. HSI promotes the enhancement and conservation of all wild plants and animals and the protection of all living things from cruelty and neglect both nationally and internationally.

One of our programs, the Wildlife Land Trust (WLT), which began in Australia in 2006, aims to protect and provide sanctuary for wild animals by preserving their natural habitats. Following the principle of "humane stewardship", private land owners manage their property to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all inhabitants of their land. Member properties protect a range of rare and endangered flora and fauna and several owners are also active vegetation and wildlife rehabilitators, caring for species ranging from wombats through to bats.

The program originally began as part of the Humane Society of the United States in 1993 and now covers eight countries, protecting more than 1.8 million acres worldwide. WLT Australia encourages people with properties of all shapes and sizes to join and current sanctuaries encompass habitats from farmland to rainforest and range from around six to six hundred acres. We are keen for your "bit of bush" to become part of the international network of sanctuaries.

Membership currently includes a non-binding 'letter of agreement' which spells out our joint commitment to protecting wildlife, a certificate of membership, a good guide to managing your property, regular newsletters, access to our WLT group website, signs for your property and further advice on stronger protection methods for properties, as well as becoming a part of a worldwide network of like-minded sanctuary owners.

What can you do now?

You can go to www.wlt.org and have a look at what many people have been doing around the world to protect wildlife and habitats. In the Australian section of this site, if you have an interest in registering your property with the WLT, you can download a PDF application form that you can send directly to us in Sydney.

There are no legal obligations or costs implied in joining the WLT, which is entirely voluntary, and would not conflict (but complement) any existing or future agreements you might enter into to protect your land. We very much hope that this new initiative will be attractive to you, enabling you to let the wider-world know what good conservation work you are undertaking for wildlife and habitats in Australia.

If you would like to talk about this invitation directly, please call Sara Russell on 1800 333 737 or email him at sara@hsi.org.au

SHOP NEWS

Email: shop@wildcare.org.au



Please note that on the Wildcare website (www.wildcare.org.au), under "Carer Resources> Wildcare Shop for members", you are able to access and download the following information: the Shop Price List/Order Form, Payment Form, as well as information sheets about books, food supplements and miscellaneous items we currently stock in the shop. Festive Animal Christmas decorations are also available.

You are able to place your orders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by emailing the shop at shop@wildcare.org.au or by faxing your order through to (07) 3318 7678.

NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE SHOP

Medicine of Australian Mammals \$195.00
Mountain to Mangroves (Revised edition) \$50.00

FESTIVE ANIMAL X'MAS DECORATIONS

Festive animal Christmas decorations and serviette rings are now available in the shop. They are \$6 each, \$20 for a set of 4 (of one animal) or you can have a mixed animal set of 4 for \$24; the serviette rings are \$7 each or \$35 for a set of 6.

PROMOTIONAL PAMPHLETS

The office has promotional pamphlets available free to members for distribution to the public. Also available for purchase are Wildcare business cards (\$5 for a bundle of 50) and fridge magnets (20c each).

WILDCARE CLOTHING

Orders for the new Wildcare t-shirts, jackets, vests, and hats can be placed using the order form available from the Wildcare website and either emailing it to shop@wildcare.org.au or by faxing it to (07) 3318 7678.

Due to the complicated logo, we need a minimum of 10 orders before we can have them produced by the embroiderer.

NEW ITEM - NAME BADGES!

Name badges can be made for Wildcare Members and Carers. A sample badge is shown below, the actual badge will have rounded corners.



They will be available at a cost of \$10 each (including postage) and orders can be emailed through to shop@wildcare.org.au or fax (07) 3318 7678.

Tracy Paroz

CURRUMBIN Shop

The Currumbin shop is currently open from 8am to 4pm Tuesday through Friday.

BRISBANE Shop

Please contact Renay Robb on 0408 748 082 to arrange a suitable time to purchase your items.

SUNSHINE COAST Shop

Please contact Rachel Lyons on 0417 078 432 to arrange a suitable time to purchase your items.

COORDINATOR'S CORNER



BATS

From now through February is our baby bat season. These last few months have seen a few late babies from last season – those that were not doing so well over the winter months.

Mother bats usually time their births to coincide with the peak-flowering season so there is enough food for their babies, but Mother Nature cannot seem to make up her mind and our seasons have been a little erratic lately. This is having an effect on our pregnant mums and we have had an unusually high number being caught on barbed wire. Of those mums we were able to save and keep from aborting, they are now giving birth and we have six new bubs, all healthy and happily feeding off their mums. Only one little Black boy, Loganberry, had to be fostered by humans.

This next month will bring joy and sadness; joy of the privilege of looking after these little flying puppies, sadness that they won't have their real bat mum to care for and teach them what a little bat needs to learn to survive.

As foster mums, we need to un-

derstand this relationship so that we can better prepare these little puppies for life out in the wild. As I was writing this report, I was watching the interaction of our newest bub born less than a day ago and he was flapping his wings while mum held him in the sunshine....an important message here for foster mums. These little guys need lots of sunshine and to be able to flap, not wrapped up tightly like cute little spring rolls.

Trish Wimberley

BIRDS - Brisbane

Baby bird season has started slowly for us but I am sure it will get busier when the storm season hits. The new bird network system has been very helpful in placing birds around the Brisbane region. While compiling the list of Brisbane bird carers, I managed to recruit a few members into being transporters. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help!

Also, I am starting a collection of cages of various sizes that have been donated to Wildcare by some generous people in this region. So if anyone needs a cage, please contact me.

Heather Frankcom

BIRDS - Gold Coast

What an exciting time it has been for us as we gear up for this year's busy "Baby Bird Season"! As the new Gold Coast Bird Co-coordinators, we (Dianna and Renee) have been preparing for a very busy and productive spring.

We had two outstanding work-

shops in August presented by the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital (CWH) staff. Thank you so much to Mimi Dona for her tireless efforts in pulling these workshops together and to Dr. Michael Pyne, Dr. Erina Young, Natasha and the other enthusiastic CWH staff members for sharing their time and invaluable knowledge with us. We had a very good turn out and we all learned so much from the numerous "hands on" activities. During the workshops, we were also fortunate to have been able to sign up many new bird carers for our new bird network. Thanks to all of you for your eagerness to participate. If there are any more bird carers out there who have not hooked into our network yet, please do not hesitate to contact us....we would love to hear from you.



Last year, 137 orphan birds came into care on the Gold Coast with almost 100 of them arriving between October and January...and we had fewer than 40 bird carers! In the last month, Dianna and I have already placed numerous orphans and injured adults including Blue-faced Honeyeaters, friar-birds, kingfishers, lorikeets, parrots, pigeons, a couple of Welcome Swallows, over a dozen pardalotes and, of course, a few Noisy Miners and Magpie-larks.

This year, in an effort to optimise our resources, we have created the Gold Coast Bird Network. By

collecting specific details about each bird carer (such as species of interest, bird capacity, level of care and availability to help transport), we hope to increase communication among Wildcare's Gold Coast bird carers and lessen the stress associated with the upcoming influx of orphaned and injured birds. Thank you to Nicole, Melanie and Dianna who phoned our network of carers and helped to collect all of this information.

To help with placement of birds this year, we also asked for volunteers to serve as species-specific placement coordinators (as they say, many hands make light work!). We have been extremely fortunate to have the following three carers step up to this challenge; Christine Wilson (Ducks/Plovers), Liz Meffan (Carnivores) and Jim McNeill (Tawnies). We would love to have more help, so if you are interested and have some experience rehabilitating lorikeets or pigeons and have recently attended a bird workshop, please contact Renée or Dianna.

Carnivore Country (by Liz Meffan): There are plenty of baby magpies about, so if you are lucky enough to rescue one please call me so we can place as many together as possible. This way they will have a much better success rate upon release. Currumbin Wildlife Hospital has been calling on a regular basis now - with sick and/or injured kookaburras, currawongs, crows and magpies - so we could use more help. When rescuing or picking up any of these birds from veterinary clinics, the two most important things to do are:

1. Find out exactly where the bird has come from. Be specific – with a street address and number, if possi-

ble; these birds are very territorial and must be released exactly where they were found.

2. Phone me to report a carnivore you have taken into care. This is imperative to the successful release of the bird!

Wading through Ducks and Plovers (by Christine Wilson): I am excited to welcome three new duck carers to our team. We held a training session at Dianna's house which was a great way to provide one-on-one training about duckling rehabilitation details. We discussed how to set up a duckling hot box and feeding tips, as well as stages of development - information that is already being put to use by at least one of our new duck carers! At this time of year, rescuers should be aware of the problems involved with ducklings in swimming pools. Please remember these three very important points:

1. Do not scare off the parent ducks.
2. Turn off the pool pump so the ducklings do not get sucked down the filter/drain.
3. Provide a "ramp" out of the pool, such as a piece of wood, so that the parent ducks can usher the ducklings out.

Please do not hesitate to contact Renée or Dianna, or any of the placement coordinators when you pick up a new bird, if you have questions about rehabilitating birds or if you simply want to share your bird rehab stories!

Renee, Dianna,
Christine, Liz & Jim

BIRDS – Sunshine Coast
Hopefully you have all spent the

lull in the birth of babies during the winter months to refurbish your cages and aviaries. Babies have started to come in... and I can't help but think that there must be some way to educate the public about how to identify birds! I have had two juvenile butcherbirds come in identified as adult magpies, two pardalotes as peewees and the list goes on. And of course there's the usual, "I have a hawk", which turns out to be a baby brush-turkey.

Some of the birds are hatching out very early for this area of the coast. We normally don't get brush-turkeys, magpies or butcherbirds in any great numbers until the end of September, but this year seems to be an exception. Both of the juvenile butcherbirds that came in were infected quite badly with throat worm, so be on the alert for this and always check for it when they come in. This could be because of the rain we have had. We do seem to see more of this problem during the wetter months.

Make sure your supplies are up to date, be sure to have your preferred heating method set up, and await the onslaught. We have some new carers who attended the last workshop, and I am looking forward to putting them to work.

Ailsa Watson

ECHIDNAS

Our busy echidna trauma season has started. In only ten days last month, I had four echidnas in care – all of which unfortunately were euthanased as their injuries were far too extensive to be treated.

Our first "puggle" for the season has come into care – a tiny 98

gram puggle. She is a little too early but she has joined the baby birds and baby flying foxes that seem to have forgotten the seasons this year!

Please be aware that puggles will be around from now until early 2009 so any road kill echidnas should be checked for pouch young.

Karen Scott

MACROPODS

Unfortunately, our rescuers have been busy over the last few months; it seems to get worse every year. Thankfully, the number of joeys coming into care has been down a little this year.



We are short of carers at the moment. With people on holidays or taking a break from caring, it has been difficult at times to find anyone to take joeys. I have had to resort to asking carers outside of Wildcare to assist us with joeys, and I thank them for helping us out. A big thank you also goes to our trauma rescuers for doing a very difficult job - attending road traumas. They do this day and night, sometimes under extremely difficult circumstances.

Most people don't realize that for every joey that comes in, we lose a mother.



We still need new carers and encourage any one interested in caring for macropods to notify the Wildcare office of your interest or call Karen Scott, Paula Rowlands or myself.

Roy Webster

POSSUMS - Brisbane

Orphaned possums are starting to increase in numbers now that we are entering the busy season. I'm really keen to hear from existing north Brisbane carers, as well as new carers, regarding availability.

I regularly get calls about possums needing care, from pinkies through to mature adults, so please help me to help the possums to be placed promptly. You can contact me by: Mobile: 0423 172 554; or email: bungletheowl@bigpond.com

Caroline Oertel

POSSUMS - Gold Coast

No telephone calls, no emails, no credit cards, no debts ...life in the trees sounds a breeze. Some common fallacies about native animals are: if your house/tree hollow/area is demolished you just "move on", if you are hit by a car, you stand up, brush yourself down and run off (a Queensland politician!), if you are lying on the ground with two broken legs, have no fears you are bound to be up and running in a day or two. It is difficult to understand how some members of the human race can see pain and suffering and the need for assistance in one animal, *Homo sapiens*, but not in another, for example *Trichosurus vulpecula*, the brushtail possum.

Habitat loss continues apace on the Gold Coast and over the past few months there has been

a large number, more than thirty, possums, not only brushtails, but also gliders (five in one day) come into care as a direct result of habitat destruction. Many have been orphans, whose mothers have deserted the nesting hollow when the machinery approached, or whose mothers have been killed or severely injured when the trees fell or the chain saw sliced. Some animals that have sustained injuries have recovered; others have had to be euthanased.

The survival rate of relocated animals is questionable as they may be entering the territory of well-established animals that will drive the new arrivals away. There may be limited resources - food and shelter - which means that an area may not support an influx of new animals, bearing in mind also that the quality of the food resources in an area will govern the size of the territory that an animal will need to survive.

The past three months have seen a number of brushtail possums hit by cars and an increasing number attacked by dogs. There have been a number of sugar, squirrel and feathertail gliders orphaned as a result of cat attack, and barbed wire has caused a couple of gliders to find themselves in care with very nasty injuries. The gliders cannot be released unless the gliding membrane has completely repaired without any scar tissue, as they must have full extension of the membrane as well as a fully functioning tail to allow them to navigate and control a glide.

There have been fewer brushtail



possums with dermatitis recently but there have been a couple with tick paralysis, which is unusual, as with the odd exception they can usually carry a few ticks without any apparent ill effects.

Once again I would remind possum carers to notify their possum coordinators of their status. If you have animals please let us know, and if you haven't but would like to rehabilitate, a phone call or email will ensure you are on the waiting list. Unfortunately for the possums in our area, your wait may not be too long as the pressure of population and associated human actions, speeding cars, unrestrained cats and dogs, barbed wire, loss of habitat mean the possums are in a very tenuous position.

Also remember that education of the public is the key to helping our native animals and the ecosystems on which they depend for survival. So use every available opportunity to interest

people in our unique wildlife and how best to maintain the diversity of plants and animals that we are so lucky to have in this area of south-east Queensland. Only two other regions in Australia can boast to have more than we have here: in far north Queensland and in south-west Western Australia.

A very special thank you to Trish Wimberley for coordinating the possums and for her ongoing support, her energy and passion and to the ever-willing and wonderful possum carers without whose love and commitment so many of these animals would die.

Eleanor Hanger

REPTILES

Reptile season began right on cue this year, with the first week of spring being our busiest in months. It is great to see so many lizards and snakes out and about - basking and now looking for a mate. The major-

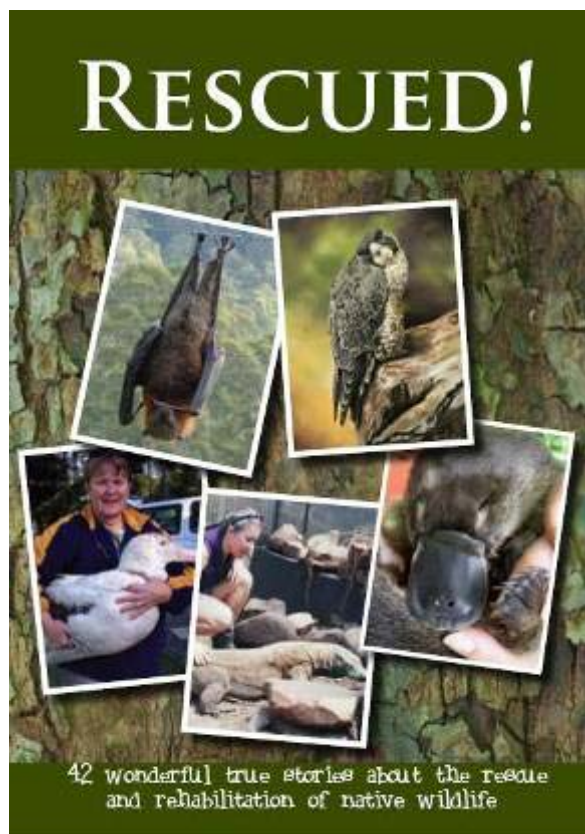
ity of rescues so far have been for domestic animal attacks and road trauma, with snakes in particular being the main victims.

Snakes also seem to love car engines but they're not the only ones, according to a report about "Slick", a grease-covered lace monitor from Yatala!

We would like to remind rescuers that this is reptile breeding season, and it is vital that all injured reptiles are sexed correctly. If you suspect any rescued reptile is gravid / pregnant, contact your coordinator immediately, because these animals require specialist care.

We still need more rescuers and carers, so please contact me or Jai if you are interested.

Kristie Remmert



RESCUED!

Rescued! is a collection of 42 true stories about the work of wildlife rehabilitators (including those of Wildcare Australia, Currumbin Wildlife Hospital and Australian Wildlife Hospital). Colour illustrations complement the amazing stories contributed by wildlife rehabilitators, veterinarians and veterinary nurses.

This is possibly the first book of its kind, describing and bringing attention to the unsung heroes of wild animal care - the wide range of wildlife rehabilitators throughout Australia and beyond who dedicate their lives to caring for wild animals who become orphaned, injured or sick.

Rescued! will be available in early December and will make a great gift so order now by emailing shop@wildcare.org.au or faxing the Wildcare Australia office (07) 5534 2617.

KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE!

Education Highlights



NATIONAL WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CONFERENCE 2008

The 6th National Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference (NWRC) was held 22 - 26 July at the Convention Centre in Canberra this year. The major sponsor and host was the RSPCA (ACT) Inc. The primary aim of these conferences is to disseminate the latest scientific and practical information about rescue, rehabilitation and release of Australian native fauna. They provide a forum for learning and networking.

Monday night's welcome drinks and nibbles were followed by three days of educational and entertaining presentations. Over 30 presentations were given which not only covered wildlife treatment topics such as emergency care, disaster relief, pain management, treatment of mange in wombats, fluoroquinolone drug metabolism in koalas, physiotherapy and treatment myths but also provided results of conservation research including a mark-recapture study of Brown Snakes, effects of climate change on the Mountain Pygmy Possum, the success of the captive breeding program of the Corroboree Frogs, genetic considerations of the release of rehabilitated wildlife as well as an update on the impact of Cane

Toads. Even a few organizational and administrative topics were presented including sourcing grant money, building and setting up a wildlife clinic and, for the technology geek in all of us, databases and web-based software for managing an emergency wildlife phone service and carer records. Full papers on all presentations should be available soon on the NWRC website, www.nwrc.com.au.

Intermissions between the presentations were opportune moments to network or simply peruse the numerous educational, decorative and fun items offered for sale among the various groups' booths.

Following the plenary sessions, additional educational programs were held which offered attendees the opportunity to travel to Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve to observe the endangered Corroboree Frog Breeding Programme, to learn the basics of performing a necropsy or to attend disaster relief training.

Aside from the 3-degree evening temperatures, it was a very enjoyable conference with plenty for everyone. Each year, Wildcare Australia covers the conference registration fees for three or four active members who want to attend; this benefit is targeted towards members who are in a position to interact and share information gained from the conference with as many Wildcare members as possible. So if you think you may be interested in attending, now is the time to get involved!

Renée Rivard

GECKO

Free Guest Speaker

On the 4th Wednesday of every month on topical environmental issues



Wildcare Australia would like to thank GECKO, Elanora Secondary School and Palm Beach / Currumbin Secondary School for collecting towels, blankets and other warm woollies for our members during the GECKO "Caring for Critters" material collection.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATIONS

We seem to have experienced some major "glitches" in our registration process in the past few months - thanks to some unexpected IT and email problems. We apologise to those who have been affected. We have now found the problems and have rectified them.

For future reference, we advise that the workshop registration process is as follows:

The preferred method of registration is by email to education@wildcare.org.au. Upon receipt of the email, you will be sent a confirmation email (generally with 24-48 hours) that you are registered for the workshop. It is best to register for workshops at least 4 days prior to the scheduled date to allow the volunteer trainers sufficient time to ensure that adequate quantities of training materials are ready. When emailing your registration, please also include your land-line telephone number as well as your mobile telephone number as an emergency contact.

If you do not have access to email, you can telephone the Wildcare Office during business hours 8am - 4pm, Tuesday to Friday and our office volunteers will take your details and will email them to me for registration. Again, please be sure to give your mobile telephone number as a contact.

A few days before the scheduled workshop date, you will receive a final confirmation email from the Education Coordinator confirming details of the workshop including the start and expected finishing times, what to bring and confirmation of the venue address and directions. Those of you without access to email will receive this information via telephone.

If you do not receive the above confirmation, then you are NOT registered for the workshop. Please ensure that you check your Spam Folder or Junk Mail folder to ensure that our confirmation emails do not get caught up in your mail filter.

As we approach Christmas, you will notice that our education programs will slow down. From past experience, workshops scheduled in December and January are generally poorly attended and, with the busy Spring season, our volunteer trainers usually take the opportunity to update training materials and to deal with the influx of animals coming into care. A new calendar for 2009 will be published towards the end of this year.

If you have any questions regarding our education programs, please do not hesitate to contact me either by email at education@wildcare.org.au or 0400 165462.

Karen Scott
Education Coordinator

Upcoming Wildcare Training Workshops

October - December 2008

Specific locations to be determined based on number of attendees registered.

| SUNSHINE COAST | |
|---------------------------|---|
| 18 th October | Echidnas & Small Mammals |
| 25 th October | Wildlife Habitat and Plant Identification |
| GOLD COAST | |
| 18 th October | Basic Birds |
| 15 th November | Caring for Orphaned Mammals |
| 7 th December | ORIENTATION |
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Wildcare Management Committee Meeting Summary July/August/Sept 2008

a wonderful time and went away with lots of valuable information.

would be able to fulfil this role.

We hope that the three positions will be filled by members from different regions including one from the Gold Coast, one from the Brisbane/Ipswich region and one from the Sunshine Coast/Gympie region. A brief outline of what is required of a Committee Member follows:

1. Be able to attend monthly Committee Meetings (or at least every second meeting). Meetings will be scheduled at various locations including the southern Sunshine Coast region.
2. Be in a position to disseminate information to Wildcare members by way of attending workshops or other member related activities.
3. Be able to contribute to the running of the organization including administration and public relation activities and roles.

This is an excellent way for more members to become involved in the running of the organization and the Management Committee hopes that members will avail themselves of the opportunity.

The Management Committee will make the appointments to the Committee based on the information provided by the applicants. In future years, it is hoped that these positions will be voted on by all Wildcare members at the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations must be received by the 30th November 2008 so that a decision can be made at the next Management Committee meeting.

Business/Corporation

- Change of name from "The Australian Koala Hospital Association, Inc." to "Wildcare Australia, Inc." The proposal was accepted at the AGM and the formal application was lodged. Formal notification of approval from the Office of Fair Trading was received on the 5 September 2008. The Management Committee is now in the process of undertaking the relevant administrative processes to reflect the name change.
- Brisbane City Council Environmental Grants Program 2008 / 2009 round 1 application closed on 9 September 2008 with four grant applications submitted by members of Wildcare. Round 2 applications will close on the 23 February 2009. Any members wishing to apply for this grant please email secretary@wildcare.org.au for a copy of the application form and guidelines. Applications need to be submitted to the Management Committee two weeks prior to the closing date, for checking and submission by Wildcare.
- Benefits of redesigning the Wildcare website were discussed. A web designer is being sought.

Community Awareness

- Wildcare participated in the Mudgeeraba Show and the Wildlife Information Day (Esk) but was unable to attend the Wildlife Expo (Beaudesert) and the School Expo (Waterford West State School) due to an insufficient number of volunteers to assist.

Education/Workshops - External

- National Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference 2008: A successful trade table was held at this conference. Members attending had

Education/Workshops - Wildcare

- Queensland Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (QWRC) has endorsed the Orientation training module for a 3-year period.

Members/Memberships

- In July, we had 14 new members and 57 renewals (including 1 corporate) and in August we welcomed 21 new members and 22 renewals.

Record Keeper's Report

- The assistant record keepers have slightly revised their roles; all CARER records are to now be sent to Kiersten Jones (both Excel as well as hand-written forms) and all PHONE records should continue to be sent to Amy Whitham.
- A data inquiry register has been created to track all data requests we receive and dates of responses.

Species Coordinators

- We welcome Renée Rivard and Dianna Smith as the new Gold Coast Bird Coordinators.

Vacant Positions

- The Wildcare Management Committee recently made a decision to expand the management committee by offering three "Committee Member" positions. We believe that this will allow more people to become directly involved in the running of the organization.

If you wish to nominate a person (or yourself) to take up a position as a Committee Member on the Management Committee, please either email

secretary@wildcare.org.au or write to Wildcare Australia Inc. at PO Box 2379, Nerang Mail Centre QLD 4211 with a brief description of why you feel you

WILD WORLD: Namibia



AN AFRICAN NIGHT

As the sun set in a blaze of red and gold over the Namibian bush and the colours of day were replaced with the shades of night, the animals approached the waterhole to slake their thirst before disappearing into the darkness.

First came the zebras. They seemed to gather about a hundred metres from the water's edge before approaching the pool as a group and as they were drinking another herd gathered and waited in the wings, like actors awaiting their cue, until the first group had moved off and then they too came to the waterhole to drink. Their reflections in the dark pool were breathtaking.



As the zebras moved on, a large shape emerged from the darkness and there soon followed another. Slowly and silently they approached and half circled the pool before dipping their heads to drink. Imagine our excitement as these were white rhinoceros and this was our first sighting of them. The rhinos moved on and we enjoyed the night sky and a falling star which burnt out in a rather spectacular way.

Things move slowly in Africa, but patience is rewarded. A movement near the skyline and some very large grey shapes heralded the arrival of a herd of elephants—mothers with young of varying ages. They moved around the pool until they reached the preferred drinking spot and we watched with fascination the antics of the babies and the interactions of the group. A lone elephant arrived some time later and approached and, it appeared, greeted each member of the herd in turn. When the decision was made to leave, one baby must have ignored the call as it was busily scratching its tummy on a rock and didn't move off with the herd, so an adult came back and gave it a gentle nudge whereupon it hastened after them.

The next animal to arrive approached the pool with great caution. It crouched low while drinking and between each mouthful looked nervously from side to side. This was a leopard and another first for us. Once satisfied it hurried away and it was sometime before anything else came to drink.

On our game drives, we had seen many members of the antelope family - roan, kudu, impala, springbok, gemsbok....but on this evening a delicate creature, a Damara dik-dik, appeared out of the darkness. It approached the water and withdrew. It approached again and spent some time standing about twenty metres from the



water totally exposed to predators, but ever watchful and alert. It was quite difficult to see, but finally I made out the shape of an hyena approaching from the opposite direction. What would happen, I wondered? The Damara dik-dik didn't



move. The hyena kept coming, maintaining an even pace when suddenly it gathered speed and raced towards the Damara dik-dik, which turned and fled into the night. The hyena didn't follow but turned to the water to drink. The Damara dik-dik returned about an hour later and had the pool to itself.

The next to arrive were a stately trio, tall and proud - giraffes. They were certainly



not designed for drinking from waterholes. To reach the water giraffes have to spread their legs a considerable distance apart, then some animals bend their knees while others hold them straight. It all seems such an effort.

This is Etosha National Park during the dry season. The small bush pools have dried up and the animals tend to congregate near the springs which border the Etosha Pan—a gigantic shallow depression which fills to about a metre deep with water after an exceptionally rainy period. In earlier times, the animals migrated between Etosha and Kaokoland at this time of year but now due to fencing they are forced to stay within the park.

Eleanor Hanger



SPECIES SPOTLIGHT

Baby Birds

HAVE YOU FOUND A BABY BIRD?!

Spring has sprung and so have the baby birds!

Spring is always a very busy time for wildlife rescuers, rehabilitators, veterinary clinics and wildlife hospitals. During this time of year, baby birds begin to fledge and venture away from their nests. Unfortunately, most will find their way into veterinary clinics after being "rescued" by well-meaning members of the public. However, not all of these baby birds on the ground require rescuing! Here's what to do when a baby bird is found or brought into your clinic.

It is extremely important to make every attempt possible to "re-nest" or reunite a healthy, uninjured baby bird with its parents.

First you need to correctly identify the bird. In general, there are two types of birds – precocial and altricial. Precocial birds are born covered in down with their eyes open and can feed themselves soon after hatching; they include birds like ducklings, plovers, brush turkeys, and swamphens. These birds usually nest on the ground. Altricial birds are completely dependent on their parents for warmth and food. They are born completely or nearly naked with their eyes closed and must be nursed until they are mature enough to leave the nest. These include the majority of birds such as honeyeaters, insectivores, parrots, pigeons, carnivores and



most raptors. These birds usually nest in trees or off the ground.

Next, determine if the baby bird is suitable to be re-nested. Obviously, if the parents are known to be dead then the baby will need to be taken into care by a trained wildlife rehabilitator. Also, be aware that a sick or injured bird should not be re-nested; instead the baby should be placed in a box or basket, kept warm, in a dark and quiet environment and taken to a vet for exami-



nation. Lastly, naked or near-naked altricial hatchlings do not have sufficient down or feathers for thermoregulation and must be brooded by the parents. If the chick cannot be returned to the original nest, then it will need to be raised by a trained wildlife rehabilitator.

Do not kidnap healthy fledglings. The fledgling stage of development is an important time for baby birds as this is when they learn survival and feeding skills under the watchful eye of their nearby parents. Fledglings have a significant number of adult-looking feathers; they begin to hop and flutter around their surroundings and frequently fall to the ground. These babies do not need to be "rescued" unless they appear to be in danger at which point they should simply be picked up and placed on a nearby branch.

Healthy, uninjured altricial baby nestlings with considerable down or feathers whose parents are nearby are suitable to be re-nested and should be placed in a makeshift



nest. The parents will continue to care for their baby from the new nest and, contrary to popular belief, they will not reject a baby because it has been handled by a human.

Craft a makeshift nest from a bucket (40-50cm deep): drill several holes in the bottom to provide drainage in case of rain, place a layer of leaves and grass in the bottom and place a stick (about 60cm long) in the bucket and secure it into one of the drainage holes. Place the nestling in its new home and hang the bucket in a leafy tree or tall bush, well-protected from direct sun or predators and as close as possible to where the baby was found initially. Observe the makeshift nest from a distance to ensure the parents return to feed it. If the parents do not return within a couple of hours or by dusk, then retrieve the baby and contact a wildlife rehabilitator so that it can be given proper care.

A precocial baby does not need to be placed in a nest. If it appears to be in danger and the parents are still around, place it under the cover of dense bush in a nearby location and observe to ensure the parents rejoin it.



After all, there is no substitution for the care of mum and dad!

A poster is provided on the next page and can be printed out as a reference.

Renée Rivard &
Mimi Dona

HAVE YOU FOUND A BABY BIRD ?



Identification

Not all baby birds are raised in a nest (altricial), some are ready to take on the world the day they are born (precocial). Seek advice to correctly identify a baby bird before placing it in a make shift nest.

Featherless

I have no feathers to keep me warm, if mum and dad do not return soon, I will need to be taken into care. Please keep me warm on transport to a Wildlife Hospital or Veterinary Clinic.

Fledgling

I have just left the nest and I am learning to fly under the watchful eye of mum and dad. I am on the ground for a reason, so please do not "rescue" me unless I am in danger; in this case place me on a branch for safety.

Kidnapping

Do not take me from my parents, they can teach me all the lessons and survival skills I need to know as a bird; how to fly, what food to eat, how to find food and how to avoid predators. So please do not rescue me unless I am in danger, in this case place me on a branch for safety.

Veterinarian

If I am sick, injured or have been in a cat or dog's mouth I will need Veterinary attention. Please keep me warm on transport to a Wildlife Hospital or Veterinary Clinic.

Legislation

Under the Queensland Nature Conservation Act 1992, it is illegal to take protected wildlife from the wild. Registered carers can help, contact your local wildlife group or wildlife hospital.



I am out and about early in life
(precocial)



I am raised in a nest
(altricial)

4 EASY STEPS TO MAKING A NEW HOME

1. If the bird is really young and has soft and fluffy down instead of feathers and you are not able to place it in its original nest, then you need to make a new home using a bucket, (approx 40 - 50 cm deep) with holes punched in the bottom for drainage.
2. Put in a layer of soft leaves or grass. Place a stick (about 60 cm long) in the bucket and secure it into one of the drainage holes, so the parents and baby bird can get in and out.
3. Hang bucket head height in a leafy protected area, away from direct sunlight and as close as possible to where you found it. Mum and Dad do not mind if we are in a different tree or if the baby has been handled by a human.
4. Watch from a distance to make sure the parents return to feed the baby. If the new home is disturbed, this may take hours. If the parents do not return by dark, we will need to go into care.

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RESCUE STORIES

A VIEW OF GALAHS

Saturday started like any day really with me and my sons eventually getting outside in the yard to play. With the usual chores to get through I got started, whistling hello to my cockatiels as I did. I then happened to hear a bird call that I didn't hear that often...only when the neighbouring acacias were ripe. My four year old heard it too and immediately told me he could see the galahs. It was definitely worth a pause to look up and see these beautiful birds so close. Very close I remember thinking; they usually stay up quite high in the trees. We watched for a bit and then continued on with our activities.

A couple of hours later I noticed the galahs again, just the two of them and they were sitting on top of our neighbours air conditioning unit attached high up under the eaves. One of the galahs was holding onto the side of the unit and seemed to be tapping and exploring it. Again I didn't think much of it, other than it being behaviour I had not noticed before. Later that morning I noticed two galahs sitting at the top of a palm tree that overhung our carport and this time one of the galahs was ripping at the soft base of the palm branches pulling out the husk material, making what looked like the start of a hole.

Then it hit me....der Kel...they're looking for a nesting site! They couldn't have made it any more obvious to me! "Well", I said as I looked up at them, "you've come to the right place". Fortunately, my

husband got home from work about that time so I told him my plan and we set to work building the best galah townhouse on the Gold Coast. But in order to do so, out came, "Nest boxes for Wildlife" by Alan and Stacey Franks off the bookshelf.

Our purpose-built galah nest box was only hours away from completion. I was very excited. Of course my concerns crept in about half way through building the box... thoughts like, "I hope they don't bugger off before this is finished and...what if the possums like it better??? Not much we could do about that now. Continue according to plan.

For many years, it took us a whole weekend to build a nest box, so we were very proud that our developed skills made it possible for us to do it in an afternoon - even with two small kids 'helping'. The box was finished and it was a beauty! All the requirements had been met, internal measurements...correct, depth of chamber from bottom of entrance hole.....correct, entrance diameter.....perfect, height above ground....5-7 meters....argh!!! How were we going to get it up that high on a palm tree?

"Honey, are you feeling adventurous?" Good. I'll get the ladder.

Well, the box (surprisingly) weighed as much as a small kid and with minimal handles. It was truly an interesting sight to see my husband perched at the top of a 4-meter ladder, in his thongs with a drill hanging from around his neck, one arm hugging the tree, the other holding a heavy box ...with a whole heap of hope etched across his face.

It took a few adjustments but fortunately nothing fell and there it was, finally attached to the tree at the desired height. "Yeah" we thought, "we rock....time to pack up and get

a glass of champagne!" Oh yeah!

And then we waited. We sipped and we waited and sipped some more. No galahs. Maybe they'll be back tomorrow. Let's hope the possums don't get into it tonight. It'll be fine.

Then...did you hear that? Woohoo the galahs came back and flew straight back to the palm tree. We froze, afraid we'd scare them off. Peering over our glass of bubbles we watched them looking at the box, curiously. They seemed completely unaware that there had been an addition to the tree, but they were interested. Very interested. Another sip...and then they were sitting on top of the box. That was the first time that we could see the difference...one had red eyes, the other had brown. We decided they were a breeding couple and thought that our day's work was hopefully going to pay off. The male checked out the box first with some knocking on the side, some practice flights to the entrance, a peek-a-boo inside, then a call to his mate to say "Hey check this out, look what I found".

Before the sun had set that night, we sat and proudly watched this gorgeous pair of galahs take up residency. Over the following days we were amazed to watch the male tear off bits of palm and local trees to line his new home...and drop the bits that didn't size up. We say "hi" to our new neighbours every day and, of course, I do give them a look when I'm scraping off their poop from the kids play area. But that's okay, I'm sure they appreciate their new home.

Now our fingers are crossed that one day we will be able to see their offspring take flight from the house that we built.

Kelly Clark

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



TO THE RESCUE.....!!

A first rescue story

One of my very first rescues continues to be the most memorable wild-life experience for me. I got a call on a Sunday night about 8pm as I was putting on dinner for my in-laws. An echidna had been hit by a car! Well, what do you take on an echidna rescue?? I grabbed my husband, his big thick leather gloves, and a box and off we went. The MOP (that's Member of the Public for all you new readers) was great and had stopped his 4-wheel drive on the road to protect the echidna which was curled up in a tight ball and not going anywhere. On with the gloves, scooped him into the box, which I sat on my lap and took off for home. Half-way there I got this really weird wet feeling on my leg (I was wearing shorts). It took a while to register, but I suddenly realised that my echidna was burrowing through the cardboard box and onto my lap!!

We got home just in time to make the transfer into a plastic box and I jumped in the other car and headed for Narrowleaf. Trish had two vets staying with her that night so experts were on hand to assess our echidna's injuries. This is not an easy thing to do, as you can imagine. Echidnas have this very well-developed defence mechanism where all you get to see is a ball of spikes. The decision was made to anaesthetise the animal, so a proper examination could be made. Once echidna was asleep, we could roll him over and have a good look. To

everyone's amazement, he was a her, and she was a mum carrying a puggle tucked into the fold of muscle on her tummy!! As the vet of 12 years had only ever seen this once before I thought this was a very special event. I got to help monitor her heartbeat and everything! Mum had a broken leg so had to go to Australia Zoo the next day for surgery. Unfortunately mum echidna rejected her baby, but bub was successfully hand raised and both ended up being okay. So if you ever get a call to rescue an echidna, take a plastic box and prepare to be amazed!!

Christine Wilson

MOTHER DUCK'S 'BIRD BRAIN' SAVES DUCKLINGS

Don't mention "bird brains" to Ray Petersen, because after what happened this week, he won't hear a word of it. Petersen, a community police officer for Granville Downtown South, was walking in the 1500-block Granville Street Wednesday morning when a duck came up and grabbed him by the pant leg. Then it started waddling around him and quacking.

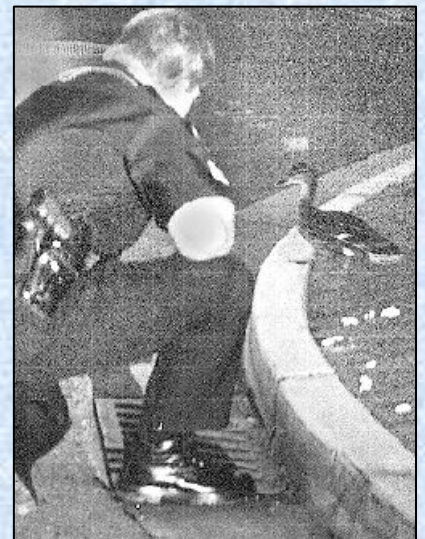
"I thought it was a bit goofy, so I shoved it away," Petersen said in an interview. But the duck, a female, wasn't about to give up that easily. Making sure she still had Petersen's eye, she waddled up the road about 20 metres and lay on a storm sewer grate. Petersen watched and thought nothing of it. "But when I started walking again, she did the same thing. She ran around and grabbed me again." It became obvious to him then that something was up.

So when she waddled off to the sewer grate a second time, Petersen decided to follow. "I went up to where the duck was lying and saw eight little babies in the water be-

low. They had fallen down between the grates." So Petersen took action. He phoned police Sergeant Randy Kellens, who arrived at the scene and, in turn, got in touch with two more constables. "When they came down, the duck ran around them as well, quacking. Then she lay down on the grate," Petersen said.

While Kellens looked over into the grate, the duck sat on the curb and watched. Then the two constables, John Schilling and Allison Hill, marshalled a tow truck that lifted the grate out of position, allowing the eight ducklings to be rescued one by one with a vegetable strainer.

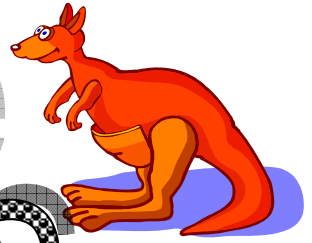
"While we were doing this, the mother duck just lay there and watched," Petersen says. Once the ducklings were safe, however, she set about marching them down to False Creek, where they jumped into the water. Kellens followed them to make sure they were all right, but elected to remain on shore.



The experience has changed Petersen's mind about ducks. He thinks they're a lot smarter than he used to. And while he never ate duck before, he says he wouldn't dream of it now.

Nicholas Read, Vancouver Sun

PJ's Wildcare for KIDS



Hi again everyone!

Hope you all enjoyed the school holidays. I was lucky enough to have 5 weeks off school during term to visit my family in Holland and also go on a two-week cruise on the *Queen Victoria* through the Mediterranean. We visited all sorts of ancient ruins and beautiful cities. The ship is really huge and there is everything you can imagine on board. I especially loved the Kids Zone where there were 33 Playstation 3s and a Wii.

Well, I can't say I saw much wildlife on my travels to Europe, but I did see some amazing aquatic wildlife yesterday when I went whale watching on the *Eclipse* which leaves from Marina Mirage at Southport.

At first it was pretty quiet, then we saw a mother and calf swimming around but they weren't very close. About 200 metres from the boat. Then, when we were just about to go back to shore, we spotted them again and this time they put on a really great show for us. The mother whale was teaching the baby whale how to behave like a whale. It was teaching it how to jump out of the water, which is called breaching. It was also teaching it how to slap its tail fin on the



top of the water. I think they do this to scare away predators. It makes a very big thumping loud noise, that's for sure.

Did you know that whales were once land animals? If you took an x-ray of a whale, you would see that it has bones just like we humans do! The whale's fin contains an elbow which is fused together now because it's not needed anymore, and it has 5 fingers just like us. We also



spotted dolphins along the way, and sometimes a green sea turtle. So, as you can see, I've been spending a lot of time on the water.

Many of our wildlife species depend on water for survival. They live in all sorts of watery environments and sometimes spend large amounts of time at sea looking for food. One of my favourite birds is the darter. They are a diving bird, also known as a shag or a snake-bird. I think this is because their neck is so long that it almost looks like a snake. They grow to about 95cm in length. They have grey-brown to black feathers and a thin neck. They have a fine beak, perfect for grabbing fish under water, and they have webbed feet. Their call is a harsh, staccato cackle or clicking.

Darters live in freshwater and marine wetlands, rivers, lagoons, lakes and dams, and are widespread in the Greater Brisbane Region, and they're present all year round. The cormorant is a similar species.

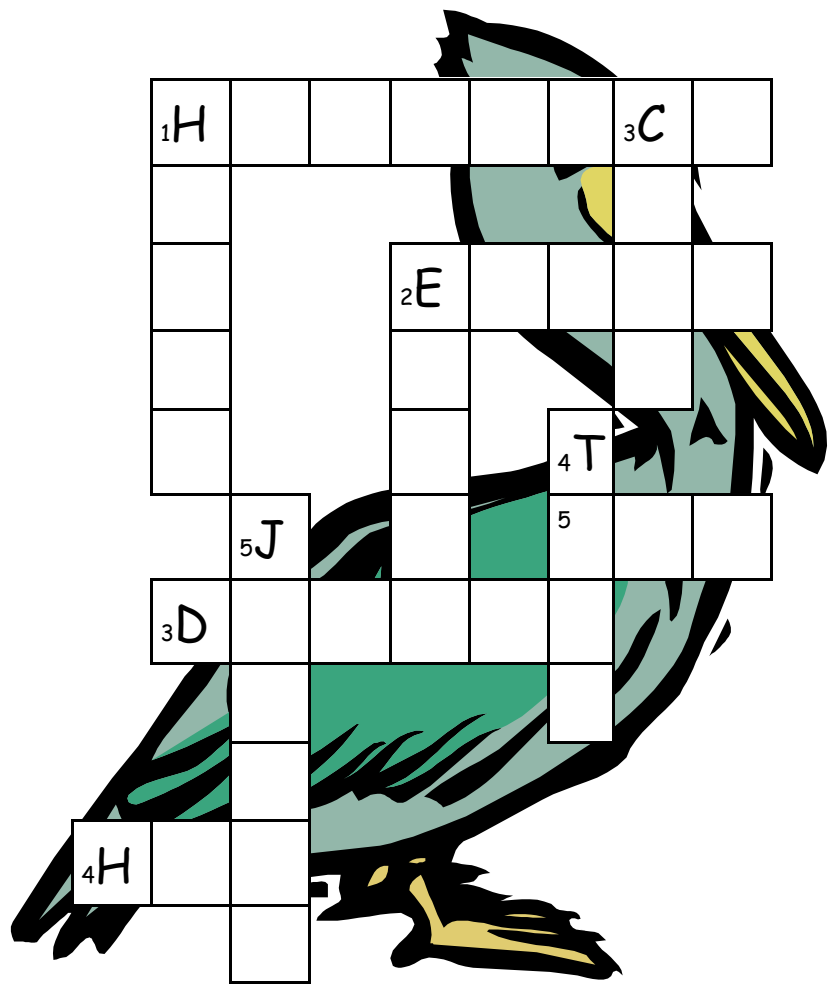
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P.J.

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WILD CROSSWORD



This edition's crossword features some water-based birds, and birds who seek their prey in marine environments, as well as a couple of large water-based mammals.

DOWN

- 1. White-faced H - - - -
- 2. Intermediate E- - - t
- 3. Baby whale.
- 4. Caspian T - - -
- 5. Comb-crested J - - - - -

ACROSS

- 1. Popular whale.
- 2. White-Bellied Sea E - - - -
- 3. A diving bird.
- 4. Dusky Moor - - -
- 5. Snake-like water creature.



Answers: DOWN: 1. Heron 2. Egret 3. Calf 4. Tern 5. Jacana
ACROSS: 1. Humpback; 2. Eagle; 3. Darter; 4. Moorhen; 5. Eel

What bird is that?

Photo Gallery



This bird frequents rivers, swamps and lakes as in often seen drying its wings or immersed in the water with only its head and part of its neck showing. It is distinguished from the cormorants by its long, pointed bill and long, snake-like neck.



Distinctive black bill. Feeds in shallow waters, both fresh and saline, on fish, crustaceans and aquatic insects, using a sweeping movement from side to side.

Forages in wetlands and estuarine habitats on vertebrates and invertebrates including fish and insects, newly hatched sea turtles and frogs. Mainly feeds at night.



It is found in terrestrial wetlands, shallow fresh water over grasslands, swamps, water courses, and sometimes in estuarine and littoral habitats. Feeds on fish, crustaceans and insects.



Prefers shallow freshwater where it takes fish and aquatic invertebrates, as well as frogs, skinks and terrestrial invertebrates.

Photographs: J M Hanger

Answers on page 21

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Wildcare Australia welcomes the following new members:

Julia McCormick, *Balmoral*; Philippa De Palo, *Bellbowrie*; Luke Matthews, *Blacks Beach*; Janiene Dury, *Brackken Ridge*; Ross Smith, *Burleigh Heads*; Dale Killeen, *Calamvale*; Wendi Humphreys, *Coolum Beach*; Blake Dabron, *Cooran*; John & Clare Boyd, *Currumbin Valley*; Fiona Medhurst, *Fig Tree Pocket*; Michelle & Justin Langford, *Forest Glen*; Shirley Lindsay, *Forest Lake*; Tamsin & Peter Westrup, Tina Ikin, Vicky Carlsson, *Glass House Mountains*; Erin Robertson, *Guanaba*; Anne Syme, Gaye Wewer, *Gympie*; Renee Coleman & Thiemo Ulbrich, *Jamboree Heights*; Nicole McLean, *Julia Creek*; Kelly Pringle, *Little Mountain*; Linda McNally, *Mackenzie*; Amie Low, *Mitchelton*; Lauren Watts, *Mooloolaba*; Alison Morris, *Mount Gravatt*; Bo Fiala, Lyn McDonald, *Narangba*; Kigh Wessel, *Nathan*; Peter Mein, *Palm Beach*; Nina Hardie, *Parkwood*; Cheryl Lammeretz, *Peachester*; Kristen Gooch, *Peregian Beach*; Nicole Brock, *Redland Bay*; Yolande Webber, *Tannum Sands*; Donna Worland, *The Gap*; Amanda Ament, Karen Raison & Cullen Andrew, *Tugun*; Jacob White, Simone Smith, *Upper Coomera*; Penelope Privett, *Victoria Point*; Victoria Bailey, *Woolloomgatta*; Priscilla Campbell, *Worongary*. Iris Matzath, *Taungstedt, Germany*.

By joining Wildcare Australia you are demonstrating your commitment to the welfare of Australia's native animals. Please don't hesitate to get involved in this, your organization. If you are unsure of where your personal niche may be, Call our office and I'm sure we will be able to help you. The office is open from 8:00am to 4:00pm most week days.

We hope you have a long and happy association with Wildcare Australia.



CAGE LIBRARY

We have received a couple of big donations from ex-breeders, lots of cages as well as food and water dishes all in immaculate condition. It was great to be able to help new carers get started by distributing these during the bird workshops over the last two months. We frequently receive donations from generous people so if you need cages or aviaries, please let me know.

Dianna Smith
0409 223062

PHOTO GALLERY ANSWERS

Clockwise, from upper right:

ROYAL SPOONBILL

JABIRU

INTERMEDIATE EGRET

NANKEEN NIGHT HERON

AUSTRALIAN DARTER

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