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Breeze Bar fundraiser a huge success

Fauna Rescue Whitsundays were overwhelmed by the generosity of Wildlife supporters when a great crowd turned up to the Breeze Bar, Airlie Beach for a Wine and Cheese Funday Fundraiser.

This was not your average Wine and Cheese Fundraiser. David, manager Amanda and chef Shazz had a "Cheese Off" and provided the most spectacular cheese and nibbly platter and refreshments. The entire Breeze crew excelled in tantalising the tastebuds for the three-hour event.

Jacqui and the gang at FRW were offered an opportunity to hold this fundraiser at the Breeze Bar by owner David Cranson, whose life was touched by an injured frog.

David was distressed when he found his Frog Prince, but his mind was soon put at ease after contacting FRW. David said that not only did FRW help his little frog, they also helped him by providing reassurance and prompt treatment for the frog.

David's story is a great example of how it's possible to make a difference in an injured animal's life.

FRW presented David with a frog plaque to commemorate his actions to create a positive outcome for his little amphibious friend. *We thank you David, Amanda, Shazz and Ally.*

Local FRW member Jack Lumby volunteered his time to emcee and made auctioneering look effortless, while other volunteers showcased donated fantastic prizes as items were bid on. Jack is a natural and his genuine enthusiasm for Fauna Rescue is infectious.

FRW also ran a raffle on the day and Jess Stapleton's face painting was so incredible that even the adults had some artwork done.

The final figure for monies raised from auction, raffle, face painting and tuk-tuk rides exceeded our expectations at close to \$4000.



Jacqui and David having some post-auction fun! Thank you kind Whitsundays for making it a huge success!

These funds will subsidise carers' food costs for sick and injured wildlife.

Fauna Rescue Whitsundays would like to thank David, the Breeze Bar staff and patrons, the businesses who donated prizes for the event, the Tuk-Tuk crew. Thanks also to FRW members, Jacqui Webb, Lola Mudie, Jack Lumby, Ethan Thompson, Jess Stapleton and Jo Pillifeant for making this an event to remember.



David holding a photo of Frog Prince. Note the wonderful Breeze Bar cheese spread in front!

We are extremely grateful to the following kind donors:

Red Cat Adventures • Breeze Bar • Coral Sea Resort • Whitsunday Crocodile Safari • Explore Whitsundays • Ocean Rafting.

Shane Batham, Butterfly Effect Nursery, The Fat Frog, Coles, Lola Mudie, Proserpine Massage Clinic, Creative Designs, Emphaseyes, The Flower Hut, Master Butchers, Climate Classic Clothing, Goodness Gracious, Chemsave Pharmacy, Metropole Hotel, Tony Briggs and Andrea Gottke.

President's report - By Jacqui Webb

It has been a busy few months! Gingie and myself attended the Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference in Sydney which was absolutely amazing.

There were some great presenters sharing lots of interesting information. I also really enjoyed the field trip to the Raptor Rehabilitation Centre and have come away with a plan for a wonderful round rehab aviary for raptors

Thank you FRW for sponsoring Gingie and myself as well as QWRC for sponsoring me to be their representative at the conference and share a trade table with NSW Council.

I attended the Rise for Climate Whitsundays meeting a few weeks ago. It is scary to learn more about the impact climate change is having on our region. According to the latest studies 2016 and 2017 saw the worst coral bleaching in history. We are also

seeing a rise in ocean acidification as a result of more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

It is very encouraging to know there are so many people working on this problem and instigating changes to our land management, including Landcare in our region, and alternative power sources are steaming ahead with seven solar farms currently under construction in our region.

Our wildlife training with Dr Anne Fowler saw an excellent turnout with most of us once again coming away with new information and techniques in wildlife care and rehabilitation. **It is important that we, as carers and rescuers, keep up to date with the latest advancements and refresh our skills.**

The Breeze Bar Wine and Cheese fundraiser was incredibly successful. Thank you David Cranson and his team for the generous

donation of their venue, time, scrumptious wine and cheese platter. A special mention too for Ally (aka Miss Peta Possum).

We are currently buying storage sheds in Cannonvale to store our trailers, larger items such as spare aviaries and the educational supplies. Thanks to Michelle and Lola for organising this. If successful we will be looking for some helpers to move some items into the sheds.

We are desperate for hotline operators (Andrea is sometimes doing four days a week). If you have just a few hours to spare, please give Andrea a call and offer your assistance. We are coming into our busy time for wildlife so some more help would be greatly appreciated.

Keep an eye on your mail box for details of our Christmas breakup this year.

Can you help?
Volunteers needed

FRW's ReVegetate, ReEducate, ReNewal Project: Creating sustainable food sources and habitat for wildlife

The new FRW ReVegetate, ReEducate ReNewal project is a result of Jacqui brainstorming with fellow FRW member Jo Pillifeant and a subsequent successful application from The National Landcare Environment Grant.

ReVegetation and ReEducation: Jo and Jacqui are doing site inspections on four properties which, working in conjunction with Whitsunday Catchment Landcare's PeriUrban Program, entitles the owners to over 40 locally sourced and grown shrubs and trees, especially chosen to create food sources and habitat for our wildlife.

Site preparation and planting will begin on the onset of rain.

The Men's Shed and Proserpine High School students will be making nesting boxes to install on properties interested in providing wildlife habitat. Also for this project, a variety of educational booklets will be produced as well as updating our kids booklets. We will also be producing an Indigenous booklet in consultation with the Proserpine Indigenous Reference Group.



Site inspections on four eligible properties are being carried out by Jacqui and Jo.

ReNewal Day Event, May 2019: This event will be held on the Airlie Beach foreshore.

FRW will bring together local environmental organisations, indigenous owners and our community to embrace the Whitsunday ecosystem post cyclone Debbie and encourage our community to create and maintain sustainable food sources and habitat improvement for our wildlife.

There will be environmentally-friendly local products and activities for community education.

We will have trees and plants to give away

to community members who are interested in providing food and habitat for wildlife and will also have nesting boxes available.

This event will be catered with our FRW sausage sizzle, vegetarian and vegan food choices, kombucha, juices and coffee.

Would you like to help?

We are looking for volunteers and musos:

- Helpers for site preparation and planting when it starts to rain.
- Acoustic musicians to play at the Renewal Day event, May 2019.

Please call Jacqui Webb 0427 176 966.

Wildlife conference was an invaluable experience

Myself and Jacqui Webb had the great experience of attending the Australian Wildlife Conference in Sydney in July.

It was a valuable opportunity to both learn from experts in wildlife care from all over the country as well as meeting people involved and committed to our little darlings.

Presentation topics ranged from Howard Ralph's explanations of developments and necessary understandings in Wildlife anaesthesia. Which is close to all our hearts. Anne Fowler and the causes of diarrhoea in transitional kangaroo joeys, Belinda Bryce and Gwyneth Thomas presented us with information from their research into coccidia mainly in birds and reptiles, Shona Lorigan from ORRCA explained aspects of volunteer training, rescue and rehabilitation of cetaceans.. marine mammals.

Raptor rehabilitation case studies was a practical visual - x-ray and photographs - presentation by Charlie Carter. This was very informative. Gisela Kaplan in her presentation which focused alot on the impact of stress and post release strategies involving magpies, tawny frogmouths and noisy moners and other songbirds. I am awaiting the arrival of my copy of her new book 'Tawny Frogmouth'.

Tim Lowe, author, and my hero, presented his findings around the evolution of birds and animals learning to accomodate the impact that humans have on the environment.

A number of speakers from governmental bodies presented backgrounds around legislation and the development of codes of pratice, issues of conllict and stress management within volunteer rehabiliation groups. This was extremely interesting and enlightening as to functional issues around wildlife rescue volunteer management.

I've only touched on a few of the 33 formal presentations at the conference. Of course there was nearly as much exchange information between the attendees during breaks.

Overall it was a fabulous experience. Once again I realized how much I dont know. I recommend attendance at the next conference in Darwin.

Thank you to Fauna Rescue Whitsundays for giving me the opportunity to attend.

Copies of the papers presented are available from the AWRC website..link www.awrc.org.au/sydney-2018.html

- Gingie

Miss Pearl and Iris inspect new wallaby enclosure



Welcome and thanks to new members Fran and Peter Vaughan, who have kindly offered to be a release site at their Conway property.

Peter has resurrected the Proserpine Rock Wallaby enclosure from Kate's which has since housed and released Miss Pearl and Iris.

These wallabies are going to have one of the best views in the district along with some lovely caretakers.

Thank you Macrossen & Amiet for your generous donation of \$3000 towards training in wildlife care and rehabilitation for our carers.



Action saves the day for curlew family



Swift community action saved the day for an anxious curlew family in Preston recently.

With a bushfire threatening and heavy machinery in the area some curlew eggs were in grave danger.

Luckily a concerned resident Kellie took action and called FRW. The eggs were placed under a crate and a sign installed to warn machinery operators.

Mum and dad curlew were back reunited with their eggs as soon as they could.

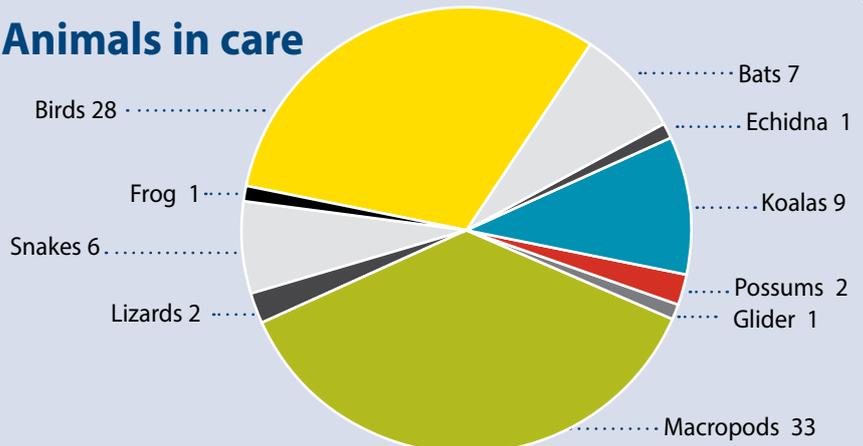
Thanks Kellie, you saved the day!

Help us to help our wildlife!

We are very grateful to all new members - active or non active.

Volunteering for our native wildlife can be very rewarding. We are looking for volunteers to rescue or transport animals, answer the hotline, care, construct facilities, do presentations, sew pouches, help with marketing, grant writing and run workshops. **Contact FRW on 4947 3389, frwsecretary@gmail.com or fill out the membership form on www.frw.org.au.**

Animals in care



New FRW educational booklet for kids!

Fauna Rescue Whitsundays have produced a colourful A4 kids activity booklet designed to engage kids in nature and generate compassion towards our native wildlife.

Packed with fun activities and interesting facts, this 32 page booklet will be available soon!



They're back!

It is that time of year again. Many of our migratory bird visitors have arrived back to the Whitsundays to breed.

Those seen are pied-imperial pigeons, channel-billed cuckoos, oriental cuckoo and common koels. Cuckoos are parasitic, laying their eggs in other birds nests, usually crows, magpies and mudlarks.

The Indigenous people of Northern and Eastern Australia recognised the change of seasons by some of these birds. For example the channel-billed cuckoo (storm bird) would herald the arrival of the storm season and the koel (rain bird) would herald the start of the wet season.

Our volunteers have a lot of fun at the Bunnings sausage sizzles, and of course the fundraising and information sharing is vital. Thank you Bunnings for this opportunity!

Our next Bunnings dates: 21 October; 18 November; 23 December; 19 January; 17 February. Come along and support us!



Please leave fresh water out for our wildlife in this dry weather. Change the water daily and disinfect weekly, this prevents disease spread and mosquitos breeding. Put pebbles in the bowl to prevent smaller creatures from drowning **Irrigate fruit and nectar-bearing trees** if possible. These trees provide food for our wildlife.



22-28 October 2018

The Aussie Bird Count is a great way to connect with birds in your backyard and provides valuable information to BirdLife Australia.

You can count as many times as you like over the week, each count is to be completed over a 20-minute period. The data collected assists BirdLife Australia in understanding more about the birds that share our space. For more info go to: <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>

Wake up Maggie!

Nothing says good morning like the complex chorus of a magpie. We love them, we are wary of them and we should get to know them better.

Magpies live for 20 years or more, and they know their local humans by facial recognition – if you think it is the same magpie on your veranda year in year out, you are probably right.

Magpies are a “mate for life” species. But should a male not return to the nest, another will move in and assist rearing any chicks with a gusto.

Sadly, numbers are in decline in many regions. A 2015 report showed that



numbers had declined by 31% since 1998. Reasons for the decline include: pesticide use, habitat competition, feral cats and climate change.

Get to know your local magpies, they probably know you already!

Flying foxes – not only cute - but crucial to our environment!

Many people are amazed to learn that some flying foxes they see foraging in their Airlie Beach garden at night may have recently flown all the way from Mackay or Townsville or further!

Flying-foxes can travel up to 300 kms in a night, feeding on pollen, nectar and fruit.

Colonies of flying-foxes will fly thousands of kms during the year in search of flowering eucalypts.

Along their way, they carry pollen and seeds between habitat fragments, and so keep the integrity of our forest ecosystems intact! Many of our hardwoods can only be pollinated at night – making

it the perfect job for flying foxes!

Flying foxes prefer native flowering plants over introduced fruit. Throughout the year our carers are constantly searching the streets and gardens looking for flowering eucalyptus and nectar bearing branches to feed our flying foxes in care.

If you have any branches of flowering trees you could donate, please call Cathi on 0419 922 426.





Local kids assisting the release of Betty Turtle.

Betty swims free

On 1st September, beautiful Betty, the juvenile green turtle was release back into the Whitsunday waters off Cannonvale Beach.

She had been in care since June 2018 and had made a full recovery. This release was part of Eco Barge's second Eco Ambassador event for 2018, where the local kids and students were invited to come to Eco HQ to learn about marine debris, and the turtles we have in care. We then moved to Cannonvale Beach so they could all watch the release.

Green sea turtles can live up to 80 years!

Aiyana makes a great recovery

Aiyana, a barn owl, was found by Janine in Bowen in August. She had injuries to her head, head tilt and her right eye was closed. Her legs and wings seemed fine.

Janine treated her wounds with dilute betadine and bathed her eye with warm salty water. Her head lean improved a little. She was also given sugar and water. She was kept confined for the first 5 days, then moved to a larger cage. Janine hand fed a diet of heart smart mince with wombaroo Insectivore mix and then progressed to organic chicken thighs with insectivore mix.

Janine fell in love with this beautiful bird and found her a delight to care for. As Aiyana grew stronger Janine realised that she had to do what was best for the bird and decided to take Aiyana to a carer with an aviary.

Aiyana has now moved into the flight aviary at Jacqui's after being in the smaller recovery aviary for nearly a month. Her head tilt has gone, and she is swooping on her food (mice and small rats) when thrown onto the aviary floor. We will give her another couple of weeks and ensure she is using her wings to their full potential. We aim for Janine to release her back to the area where she was rescued.



Janine has done a marvellous job with this bird. Aiyana would not have survived had Janine researched barn owls and provided the correct nursing, diet and housing, as well as making the decision to move her on when she needed to go to the next stage of

The turkeys getting you down?



Try tent pegging down palm seed pods in your garden. They don't like to scratch these up and may well leave your garden bed alone.

Tip by Suzette Pelt

Volunteer for FRW? Stay up-to-date with FRW volunteers' facebook page!

https://www.facebook.com/groups/865887710182056/?ref=group_header
(click the www address to go to)

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SLO Reports *Updates from our Species Liaison Officers*

Possum and glider report – (as supplied)

Barbara Adamson 0458 525 700



Lots of babies this month which is usual
17 Came into care and they have started to
come across from Hamilton Island again now
which actually saves a few that normally would
not be saved.

4 adults died from injuries
4 babies euthanized

IN CARE

3 Lorelle
2 Katrina
2 Barb
2 Sheila
4 in Mackay that I know of

Thank you to all the carers for just doing
what we do

DID YOU KNOW?
On average a pet cat
kills 16 mammals,
eight birds and eight
reptiles a year!

Bird report – Jacqui Webb 0427 176 966

Number of birds currently in care: 9

Birds taken into care in last quarter: 28

Number of birds released in last quarter: 8

Peak season: *spring/summer*

Number of active carers: 18

Highlights of last quarter: *Definitely
Aiyana, the Barn Owl from Bowen*

Current requirements: *All bird
carers please ready yourself for
baby bird season*



Reptile report – Neil Cutten 0429 425 773

Number of reptiles currently in care: 1

Reptiles taken into care in the last
quarter: 8

Main issues affecting them: *Trapped
resulting in skin damage, facial injuries
(whipper snippers).*

Reptiles released last quarter: 6

Number of active carers: 2 (known).

Peak season: *now*

Highlights of past quarter: *Capture of an
out-of-area full grown Male Jungle
Carpet Python. Now rehoused with a
new keeper (me).*



Koala report – Ian Gottko 0459 362 911

Number of koalas currently in care: 3

koalas taken into care in last quarter: 12

Number of koalas mapped in last quarter 65

Main issues affecting them: *Vehicle impacts
and we have seen a few diseased koalas*

Number of koalas released last quarter: 3

Peak season: *All year round*

Number of active carers: 3

Highlights of past quarter: *Releasing 3 koalas
back to their home ranges*

Current requirements: *More koala
enclosures.*

*Here is a link to the next level of our koala
mapping, we are now connected with the
CSIRO and Living Atlas of Australia and our*

*mapping project is now live, if you get a
chance follow the link and have a look. its a
work in progress we a currently transporting
data across from our records
[https://biocollect.ala.org.au/acsa/project/
index/760dc5ab-163a-4779-9e09-
bca599c9847b](https://biocollect.ala.org.au/acsa/project/index/760dc5ab-163a-4779-9e09-bca599c9847b)*

*There is also a mobile app for your phone
which will allow field records to be put
directly into the map database
This will allow anybody to submit a koala
sighting and not only contribute to our map
but the data will add to the living atlas with
over 65000 records.*



Echidna report – Jacqui Webb 0427 176 966

Number of echidnas currently in care: 1

Echidnas taken into care in last quarter: 1

Number of echidnas released in last quarter: 0

Peak season: *spring/summer*

Number of active carers: 3

Highlights of last quarter: *Ella's excellent
progress with her hit by car Echidna*

Current requirements: *I am still looking for a
large deep tub ie waist high poly tank*

SLO Reports *(continued)*

Bat report – Cathi Zanevra 0419 922 426

Number of bats currently in care: 4.

Bats taken into care in the last quarter: 8.

Main issues affecting them: *Tangled in barbed wire, electrocution.*

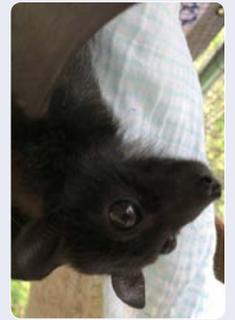
Number of animals released in the last quarter: 1.

Peak season: *Spring/summer*

Number of active carers: 5

Highlights of past quarter: *After a few months of tender-loving care Captain Black was released back in the Mackay area. Well done Lesley and Mark.*

Current requirements: *All bat carers and rescuers must be vaccinated for Lyssavirus.*



Small mammal report – Jacqui Webb 0427 176 966

Number of animals currently in care: 0

Animals taken into care in last quarter: 0

Number of animals release in last quarter: 0

Peak season: *spring/summer*

Number of active carers: 10

Highlights of last quarter: 0

Current requirements: 0

Marine turtle report – Libby Edge 0417 642 815

Number of turtles currently in care: 2

Turtles taken into care in the last quarter: 9

Main issues affecting them: *Float syndrome, malnourished, weak.*

Number released in the last quarter: 4

Peak season for care requirement: *winter/spring*

Number of active carers: 20

Highlights of past quarter: *Releasing 4 turtles*

Current requirements: *Nil*



Proserpine Rock Wallaby report – Kerry Aspland 0403 033 314

Number of animals currently in care: 2

Number taken into care in the last quarter: 0

Main issues affecting them: *Rebuild on Hayman*

Number released in the last quarter: 2

Peak season: ?

Number of active carers: 1

Highlights of past quarter: *Release of Miss Pearl & Iris*

Current requirements: *None*

Macropod report – Andrea Gottke 0478 618 859

Not submitted

Do you own an acre or more of wildlife-friendly land?

The Wildlife Land Trust is an inclusive network of sanctuaries on private land, dedicated to preserving habitat for wildlife across Australia.

Developed by Humane Society International, the Wildlife Land Trust is a non-profit program developed to help you to share your stories, connect with other landholders and protect native species and the places they call home.

As well as regular features, members

receive newsletters, a property sign and access to the latest news, events and programs. Joining is free and simple – just fill out an application on the website and they'll take it from there.

Whether you own a working farm, backyard lot or dedicated sanctuary, the WLT welcomes you to join the fight to help save our unique wildlife.

For more information or to sign up your land, visit www.wildlifelandtrust.org.au

