



Newsletter - May 2021

This inaugural issue is dedicated to Eleanor Hanger, for her passion to educate and share with one and all, everything about Australian flora and fauna.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Karen Scott

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Wildcare e-newsletter.

The Wildcare newsletter has evolved significantly over the past 25+ years, from a quarterly newsletter, which was printed and posted to every member, through to our new current format as an e-newsletter. The original newsletter, WILDNEWS, was initiated by Eleanor Hanger, one of Wildcare's founding members, and Eleanor has been responsible for producing our informative and educational newsletter since its inception. In recent years, Eleanor has been assisted by Deb Bianchetto, who has used her graphic design skills to create a professional layout.

On behalf of everyone in Wildcare, thank you Eleanor and Deb for your dedication in always producing such a high-quality newsletter. And thank you for trusting the Wildcare Committee to continue this integral aspect of Wildcare.

Whilst a lot of information is shared within Wildcare through the various members' Facebook groups, we recognise that many members do not subscribe to Facebook or check the groups regularly. To ensure that we are disseminating important news about the work of our volunteers, as well as information relating to rescues, transporting and species care, the Committee thought it prudent to convert our previous newsletter into a regular e-mail version.

The last 'official' Wildcare newsletter was published in April 2019, so this issue aims to bring members up to date with some of the major work that has been

undertaken. The success of this e-newsletter will rely heavily on members' willingness to share their wildlife knowledge, experience and stories.

National Volunteer Week, from 17-23 May 2021, is an annual celebration acknowledging the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers. We are incredibly blessed within Wildcare to have so many remarkable volunteers who dedicate their lives to helping our local wildlife.

Our volunteers help in so many ways – from answering calls to the Hotline, rescuing wildlife from danger, transporting animals to wildlife hospitals and caring for wildlife in their own home. We also have many volunteers working hard 'behind the scenes' helping with administrative tasks, lobbying State and Federal Government for stronger environmental laws, and helping protect and restore the natural areas which our wildlife call home.

Wildcare has nominated two outstandingly dedicated transporters Nina Hardie and Sandra Peterken, and our all-rounder hotliner/transporter/rescuer/carer Bren Dalby for the Queensland Volunteering Awards 2021.

On behalf of the Wildcare Committee, I wish to thank you for your contribution to helping our wildlife in whatever capacity and to whatever degree. Every bit you do counts. Thank you.

FOCUS : Transporters Keep Wildcare On Track

by Tracey McBean

Photo: Sandra and her Silver Wildlife 'UBER'



It's National Volunteer Week (May 17-23) and we are celebrating the 'wheels' of the Wildcare network - our tireless wildlife transporters. Without these volunteers Wildcare's commitment to wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and release would be almost impossible to fulfil. We talked to transport volunteer Sandra about this vital link in the Wildcare chain.

One of Wildcare's most active transporters, Sandra Peterken, originally wanted to be a hotline operator when she signed up 18 months ago.

"I actually applied for a hotline position but Hotline Coordinator, Judy Swanton, said she needed transporters as well and she suggested I might like to do that," she said.

“I liked that idea because it involved a different area of animal welfare than I had ever been involved in, and I felt it was something I could do quite easily while making a big difference.”

Transporters pick up sick or injured wildlife from rescuers, carers or vet clinics and take them to wildlife hospitals at Australia Zoo, RSPCA Wacol or Currumbin. Their work means our precious wildlife receive the expert veterinary care they need as soon as possible.

After diving deep into the transport role in her first 12 months with Wildcare, Sandra has pulled back slightly to find a level of commitment that is more sustainable in the long term.

“Instead of jumping in and taking every job straight away I realised I should step back a little bit, especially now that we’re getting more people on board,” she said.

“I’m still learning a lot, but so far I’ve learnt how to deal with certain situations, like whether you need to take heat with you, what sort of carriers to take, and that veterinary clinics often don’t have a container to transport the animal.”

For Sandra, transporting is much more than getting an animal from A to B.

“If you put an injured or sick animal on heat in a comfortable and quiet spot, then you’re relieving that stress even if you’re not relieving the pain straight away,” she said.

“By providing warm, comfortable and quiet transport you are at least stopping them from being cold and feeling threatened. I get a lot of satisfaction from that.”

Sandra, who is often joined by husband Stephen on transport jobs in her ‘Silver Uber’, laughed when she recalled learning a fundamental lesson about lorikeets.

“We’ve had two get out in the car while we’ve been transporting them,” she said.

“We thought we’d secured all the boxes and the next thing I know when I glance in my rear vision mirror is, there they are.”

Sandra said transporting is an ideal role for new members as it provides a broad perspective of how the Wildcare organisation works and who is involved. It’s also an opportunity to build up confidence.

“Transport is an all-round thing. You get to meet everyone at one time or another,” she said.

“Rather than being in just one area of Wildcare you get an overall view of the whole system. I have made so many friends through it.”

Some members, like Sandra, concentrate wholly on doing transports while others fit jobs into their daily commute to and from work. Wildcare is also lucky to have many members who volunteer at Currumbin Wildlife Hospital and pick up animals on their way to their hospital shift.

Launch of Wildcare Transport Roster

To support members who wish to help but are unable to commit to being available on a regular basis, Wildcare has launched a Transport Roster. Under this pilot program, which will be launched on the Gold Coast, you need only to commit to a short rostered shift on a day that best suits you.

Please contact Judy, our Hotline Coordinator to express your interest:

Email: hotline@wildcare.org.au

Phone: 0451 956 223

Wildcare Recognition Awards

Each month the Wildcare Committee honours a member for their contribution towards helping our wildlife. Since the publication of our last newsletter, the following members have received a Recognition Award:



Photo: November 2020 Volunteers of the Month recipients, Rosalinde Brinkman and David Cuschieri with Koala Supermarket signage designed by David

January 2019

Karen Devers for undertaking a vast amount of wildlife rescues

February 2019

Mina Yagami for volunteering on the Hotline and attending wildlife rescues

March 2019

Pam Ison for her dedication to transporting wildlife

April 2019

Alice Roser for her role as Possum and Glider Coordinator

May 2019

Mark and Sonya Sanders for their dedication in rescuing and transporting wildlife

June 2019

Beck Osmolowski for her dedication as a bird carer

July 2019

Patricia Van de Berkt for her dedication to the Hotline

August 2019

Angela Blake for helping with wildlife rescues and transporting

September 2019

Liz Miller for her role in coordinating Wildcare's attendance at the 2019 GC Hinterland bushfires

October 2019

Samantha Longman for her role in Wildcare's attendance at the 2019 GC Hinterland Bushfires

November 2019

Kim Fletcher for her dedication in transporting wildlife to Currumbin Wildlife Hospital and Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital

December 2019

Jan and Brenda Nilsson for their dedication in rescuing

January 2020

Kathy Castellaro for her dedication as a possum carer

February 2020

Sharon Powell for her dedication as a bird carer and rescuer

March 2020

Sandra Peterken for her dedication as a transporter

April 2020

Stephanie Rasche for her dedication as a bird carer

May 2020

Tara Flory for wildlife rescues and transporting

June 2020

Chelsea Herbert for her dedication to the Hotline, rescues and transporting

July 2020

Trudi Belton for developing online resources for the Hotline

August 2020

Kathryn Killingback for her commitment to rescues, caring and transporting

September 2020

Cathy Cope for her contribution to membership administration and education program

October 2020

Claire Mulcahy for her dedication to caring and rescuing

November 2020

David Cuschieri and **Rosalinde Brinkmann** for the establishment of the Nerang fodder plantation for wildlife carers

December 2020

Deb Seal for her commitment to the Hotline

January 2021

Nina Hardie for her dedication to rescuing and transporting wildlife on the Gold Coast

February 2021

Sue Matthews for her commitment to the Hotline

March 2021

Didi Warmerdam for her commitment to the Hotline and assisting with transporting wildlife

April 2021

Bren Dalby for her commitment to rescuing and the Hotline

If you would like to nominate a Wildcare member for a Recognition Award, please feel free to email.

[Email to nominate](#)

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Below are some important dates to note. Be sure to keep an eye on your inbox and ensure your emails are reaching your inbox and not going into your spam or junk folders.

Annual General Meeting - 20th June 2021

Save the Date!

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 20 June 2021. We will have a guest speaker whose presentation will definitely interest

everyone. Save the date and look out for the AGM notice to members in late May.

Membership Renewals - expiring June 2021

Renewal notices will be emailed out early May for those whose membership expires in June 2021. Please keep an eye on your Inbox (and your junk folder in case it ends up in there). If you are not an active rescuer/carer, please consider not requesting a membership card. Each little way we can be more sustainable helps our environment and wildlife.

Permit Renewals - expiring 30 June 2021

All Permit Authorisations (endorsements-) expire on 30 June 2021 – regardless of when your membership runs out. Permit renewal forms will be emailed out early May. Please submit your renewal permit early to assist us in getting them assessed and issued before 30 June.

Training requirements for Permit Renewals

Double-check you've completed your training for 2020-2021 year to enable your Permit to be renewed. If you aren't up to date, check the May to August education calendar and book in quickly to satisfy your permit conditions. Any questions, email karen@wildcare.org.au

Submission of Rescue/Carer Records

Don't forget you need to be up to date with submitting your records to have your Permit renewed in June. Check your Volunteer Manual for requirements. All record keeping forms and guidelines are at the Carers Resources tab on our website <https://wildcare.org.au/carers-resources/>

Any questions, email records@wildcare.org.au.

https://wildcare.org.au/carers-resources/

Membership Application Form
Please download, complete and email to us at membership@wildcare.org.au or post to PO Box 2379 Nerang Qld 4211. The quickest way to join is via the online link on our website - [JOIN HERE](#)

Merchandise Order Form
Order form for Wildcare shirts, safety vests and other items. Items only available for purchase by current Wildcare members.

Rescue List Application Form
For use by Wildcare members who have completed the Rescue and First Aid for Wildlife workshop and who are ready to start wildlife rescues.

Request for Permit Endorsement - General Species
For use by Wildcare members who have completed the necessary workshops and training and wish to become a registered wildlife carer with Wildcare. The General Species form includes common species of birds, mammals and reptiles.

Request for Permit Endorsement - Specialised Species
The Specialised Species form relates to species such as koalas, echidnas, venomous snakes and some species of birds.

Wildcare Policy - Permit Endorsements
Wildcare Policy - Policy for Issuing Specialised Permits
Permit Information Sheet
The relevant Wildcare policies on issuing Permit Authorisations are included above which provide detailed information on the procedures used to assess and issue permits.

Rescue/Carers Records, Telephone Records

For use by Wildcare members to maintain data on all wildlife rescued and cared for. Maintaining and submitting records regularly is a requirement of having a Wildcare Permit Authorisation.

Wildcare Records Form (Excel 2010)
Records Info A: Records Guidelines (May 2012 version) (PDF file)

Wildcare Winter Uniforms

We are offering members an opportunity to have the WILDCARE logo embroidered on your jacket. Please refer to the email "Wildcare Uniforms - Winter options" dated 18 April 2021. The cost of embroidery is \$10. Please read the email carefully on the specifications and drop your item to one of the designated drop-off points **before 9 May 2021**.



Education Calendar May to August 2021

Registrations for workshops on the May to August Education Calendar are filling fast.

Please refer to the Education calendar link at the bottom of this Newsletter for details.

Email education@wildcare.org.au to register.

Education Calendar May – August 2021 (v2)



DATE	WORKSHOP	LOCATION	TIME	PREFERRED PRE-REQUISITES
May 2021				
Saturday 1 May 2021	Native Birds (Basic)	Gold Coast	9.30am to 3.30pm	
Sunday 2 May 2021	Orientation / Rescue and First Aid for Wildlife (Basic)	Beerwah	9.00am to 4.00pm	Wildcare members only See information on page 2
Sunday 9 May 2021	Possums (Basic)	Gold Coast	9.30am to 4.00pm	Caring for Orphaned Mammals
Sunday 16 May 2021	Wildlife Rescue (Advanced) (Koalas and adult macropods)	Gold Coast	9.30am to 4.00pm	Rescue and First Aid for Native Wildlife (Basic)
Saturday 29 May 2021	Glders	Beerwah	9.30am to 4.00pm	Caring for Orphaned Mammals
Sunday 30 May 2021	Orientation / Rescue and First Aid for Wildlife (Basic)	Gold Coast	9.00am to 4.00pm	Wildcare members only See information on page 2
June 2021				
Sunday 6 June 2021	Orientation / Rescue and First Aid for Wildlife (Basic)	Gold Coast	9.00am to 4.00pm	Wildcare members only See information on page 2
Saturday 12 June 2021	Leaf Cutting Workshop – Correct procedures for cutting browse/leaf	Logan carers only	9.30am (60-90 minutes)	For members cutting browse for wildlife in care
Saturday 26 June 2021	Wildlife Rescue (Advanced) (Koalas and adult macropods)	Pomona	9.30am to 4.00pm	Rescue and First Aid for Native Wildlife (Basic)
Sunday 27 June 2021	Bandicoots, Native Rodents and Small Carnivorous Marsupials	Beerwah	9.30am – 2.00pm	Caring for Orphaned Mammals
July 2021				
Sunday 4 July 2021	Caring for Orphaned Mammals	Gold Coast	9.30am to 4.00pm	
Sunday 18 July 2021	Orientation / Rescue and First Aid for Wildlife (Basic)	Gold Coast	9.00am to 4.00pm	Wildcare members only See information on page 2
August 2021				
Sunday 1 August 2021	Glders	Gold Coast	9.30am to 4.00pm	Caring for Orphaned Mammals
Sunday 8 August 2021	Bandicoots, Native Rodents and Small Carnivorous Marsupials	Gold Coast	9.30am – 2.00pm	Caring for Orphaned Mammals
Saturday 14 August 2021	Possums (Basic)	Wacol	9.30am to 4.00pm	Caring for Orphaned Mammals
Saturday 21 August 2021	Wildlife Habitat and Native Plant Identification	Pomona	9.30am to 4.00pm	
Sunday 22 August 2021	Reptiles (Basic)	Gold Coast	9.30am to 4.00pm	

To register for workshops, please email:
education@wildcare.org.au

JOIN US

Bring your friends and family to visit the Wildcare display at these premier events showcasing local conservation and environmental groups and businesses:

Naturally Gold Coast Festival - Saturday 22 May 2021

Robina Community Centre, [196 Robina Town Centre Drive, Robina](#)
[Click here for more information](#)

LEAF (Logan Eco Action Festival) - Sunday 23 May 2021

Logan Campus, [68 University Drive, Meadowbrook](#)
[Click here for more information](#)

Logan City Council Conservation Day - 6 June 2021

Spring Mountain Reserve, Tully Connection Road, Greenbank

Michael Wilson is our Community Events Coordinator and is always looking for a helping hand at our local events. Email michael@wildcare.org.au



WILDCARE PROJECTS UPDATE

By Karen Scott

The Glove Box Buddy Project (aka GBBs)

It is amazing that a simple idea to upcycle a pillowcase and create an easy rescue kit for members of the community, would take off like it did.

Kudos to Michael Wilson and his partner, Will Dock, who have shared their home with thousands of pillowcases and the continual heat of the laminator running, for these past few years, building up the GBB project.

With the increasing popularity of the GBB, Michael has put together an GBB instructional video and Sue White stepped in this year to take on the co-ordination of the project. Sue now leads a team of volunteers who take a 'kit' of pillowcases, ties and cards and return to her 80 completed GBBs each. Thank you to everyone who has helped this year – from sourcing pillowcases, washing and ironing them, laminating and hole punching the instruction cards, to cutting thousands of ties ready to be assembled. This is definitely a project where many hands make light work.

Thanks to a grant from the Logan City Council, we have been able to purchase a high-quality laminator and all the necessary supplies to create 5,000 Glove

Box Buddies. We are well on our way to getting a good supply ready for upcoming events in 2021.



Wildcare Emergency Response Team

Following Wildcare's response to the 2019 bushfires in the Gold Coast, Scenic Rim and Sunshine Coast regions, Wildcare formed an Emergency Response Team led by Karen Scott, in an effort to formalise future responses to natural disasters and events.

To date, the team has organised a Wildfire Awareness training workshop, which was held in November 2020 for 40 members and was delivered by Scott Wilson (an experienced Queensland Fire and Emergency Service member and Wildcare member) and had 23 experienced rescuers attend an Oiled Wildlife Response workshop offered by the Department of Environment and Science in late 2020.

The team is creating emergency response protocols and a training manual and will be undertaking further training in emergency response procedures including technical large animal rescue and an accredited fire awareness course.

A fundamental aim of the Emergency Response Team is the construction and fit-out of two emergency response trailers to serve all regions of South-east Queensland. The trailers will allow us to respond to emergency situations more quickly and professionally. This work is ably coordinated by Megan Johnston for Sunshine Coast and Samantha Longman for Central and

Southern Queensland, who are in a friendly race to see who completes their trailer first.

Sunshine Coast Emergency Response Trailer

With the generous support of Noosa Council in providing a \$30,000 Community Alliance Agreement, the Wildcare Sunshine Coast team purchased a second-hand trailer which has been retrofitted thanks to CS Carpentry Services at Noosaville. The trailer will include a variety of rescue equipment and veterinary supplies as well as an oxygen generator and ICU for wildlife requiring critical care. The trailer will enable a veterinary support team to provide urgent care on site when needed and will enable Wildcare volunteers to work in a safe environment. The trauma carers will be outfitted with frontline fire-retardant uniforms and receive advanced fire awareness training to enable them to respond safely to fire-affected wildlife on fire scenes. The team is eagerly awaiting delivery of the Brinsea ICU along with a water storage tank and medical supplies, which are generously donated by The Rescue Collective. <https://therescuecollective.org.au/>

Southern/Central Emergency Response Trailer

Wildcare was extremely fortunate to be one of the lucky recipients of a grant from the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife under their 2020 National Wildlife Heroes Large Durable Asset Grant. This funding is enabling the team to build a custom-built emergency response trailer. The trailer design has been finalized and the build will be done by Custom Truck Bodies and Trailers on the Gold Coast. The trailer will be fully equipped to attend bushfires, flooding and heat stress events as well as other large-scale emergencies in the entire South-east Queensland region.



Thank you!

Wildcare Emergency Response Trailer
proudly funded through the Wildlife
Heroes Program



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National Parks
& Wildlife**



WILDLIFE CALENDAR : Autumn Days

Article by Brigitte Miller and photo by Ceris Ash

Land Mulletts (*Egernia major*) sunning themselves. Photo by Ceris Ash

Cool autumn nights and crisp mornings are upon us as winter hovers just around the corner. At this time of the year, we begin to see the weather cool and with temperatures dropping, it is a signal to all the reptiles and amphibians to get out there and fill up their bellies before seeking out a nice, brumation spot.

However, there are still some finding themselves in a spot of trouble and coming into care. Most of the time we do not like to have our reptiles **brumate** in captivity, as it adds another long stint for them in a captivity environment which brings its own unique challenges. In saying this, there are those creatures that are needing ongoing medication or are just starting on the road to recovery and have to “overwinter”.

Brumate - a behaviour where the reptile ceases feeding, seeks out a quiet place, lowers its metabolic rate and waits for warmer weather to return.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

By Karen Scott

Wildcare has been extremely fortunate to receive grant funding for a number of projects over the past two years, which has enabled us to purchase items for use by our dedicated wildlife rescuers and carers. These items are often beyond the financial reach of wildlife volunteers, so we are very thankful for these contributions which enable them to continue to help our wildlife. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the support provided by the following councils, government departments and not-for-profit organisations.

Redland City Council

\$10,615 to purchase rescue and rehabilitation equipment for carers in the Redlands area.

Brisbane City Council Wildlife Carers Grant

\$4,180 to enable our Rescue and First Aid for Wildlife manual to be reviewed by an experienced wildlife vet, and to assist with printing costs.

City of Gold Coast

\$8,000 multi-year funding (2019 and 2020) and \$6,000 (2021) to help cover the costs of the emergency Hotline, rescue equipment and costs associated with attending trauma calls in the Gold Coast region. \$5,000 to assist with a Covid recovery program to cover expenses for training workshops

Gympie Regional Council

\$5,188 to purchase a drone for rescue and emergency response

Logan City Council

\$2,000 to purchase supplies to make Glove Box Buddies and purchase a good quality laminator. \$1,470 to print a re-designed Wildcare brochure on living with wildlife.

Moreton Bay Regional Council

\$1,979 to purchase a telescopic tree lopper and ICU for two MBRC members.

Noosa City Council

\$1,000 recurring funding for 3 years to help cover veterinary drugs and consumables for trauma calls.

WIRES NSW

\$19,560 to purchase 13 Brinsea ICUs. \$7,300 to construct 2 mobile bird release trailers/aviaries

DES Flying Fox Heat Stress Events

\$8,682 to purchase rescue equipment and cover ABLV vaccination costs for bat rescuers

DES Wildlife Carers Grant

\$5,500 to purchase 5 Brinsea ICUs

The Rescue Collective

\$2,200 to enable nest boxes to be installed in bushfire-affected areas at Illinbah and Mt Barney.

Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife

\$50,000 to construct a custom-built emergency response trailer.

Gambling Community Benefit Fund

\$18,500 to purchase cutting and gardening tools for carers cutting browse/leaf and computer equipment for administration tasks and training workshops.

Gwinganna Lifestyle Retreat: Sponsors making a difference to carers and wildlife

Wildcare is incredibly blessed to have the continued support of the management and staff of the Gwinganna Lifestyle Retreat in the beautiful Gold Coast hinterland. Not only has Gwinganna continued to make regular donations to Wildcare since 2015, amounting to \$50,000, but during 2020 they

opened Gwinganna to our volunteers and provided well-being sessions to help them cope with the difficult times that many had experienced over 2019/2020. Being a wildlife volunteer can be very stressful and the sessions provided our volunteers with essential skills to help foster wellness.

The donations from Gwinganna are used to purchase specialised food and supplements. During 2020, over \$20,000 of these donated funds were used to distribute food to our volunteers to enable them to provide the highest quality care to sick and injured wildlife.

In addition, some of our rehabilitated wildlife, such as Tony the short -beaked echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*), pictured below, now call Gwinganna 'home'.

We are forever grateful for the amazing support of everyone at Gwinganna.



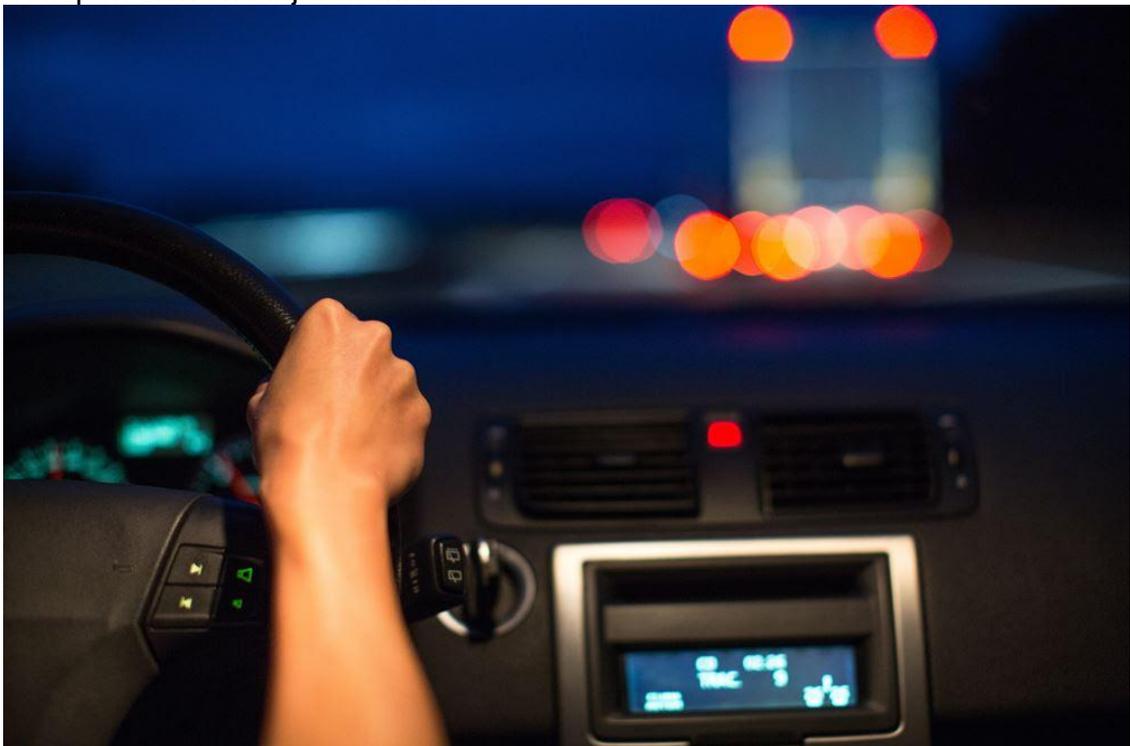
FUEL CARDS : Supporting those clocking up the km's

Wildcare has been in the fortunate position to be able to assist volunteers who undertake a large number of rescues and transporting of wildlife from vets to wildlife hospitals and carers.

Thanks to several generous donations, we have been able to allocate funding to support those who do more than their fair share of travelling.

Over the past two years we have been able to distribute over \$20,000 worth of fuel gift cards. Although it may seem like a lot of money, this equates to only 200 x \$100 gift cards.

This is only a nominal reimbursement of the actual fuel expenses incurred by the volunteers who drive hundreds of kilometres each week to rescue and transport sick and injured wildlife



WILDLIFE SNAPSHOTS

If you have a story to tell about your animal in care, or have news which you feel is of interest to our members, we would love to hear from you. Please submit your material in no more than 200 words in word.docx format and a high resolution photograph in .jpg format to news@wildcare.org.au. All articles and photographs must be originals or have written permission for their use in this publication.

Wild Weather Blows Gannet off course

Story and photo by Tara Hunter

Our Waterbirds co-ordinator, Tara Hunter, ended up covered in mud after her rescue of this beautiful juvenile Australasian Gannet (*Morus serrator*) during one of our March thunderstorms. Presumably blown way off course, the poor bird was exhausted and unable to get airborne from the ground.

During extreme weather events, Wildcare often get calls for sea birds in trouble. These birds require specialised treatment and need to get to a wildlife hospital as soon as possible to receive specific care.

An adult gannet can have up to a 2m wingspan and has a very long beak, with serrations on the inside, for its specialised diet of fish. Safety glasses and thick gloves are a must and careful and safe handling techniques are demanded for the safety of the bird and rescuer.

Unfortunately, the gannet died a week later despite the best efforts of the wildlife hospital. A necropsy revealed that he did have an issue with his heart and liver.



Tania's Blue-Eyed Boy Dino

Story and photo by Tania St Clair

Dino is an orphaned Torresian crow (*Corvus orru*), also known as an Australian Crow, and was handraised. He still visits his carer Tania daily even though he is living free with the local magpies and currawongs.

Dino talks a lot, gets an occasional treat and loves to bath in the bird bath, which needs to be filled every time he uses it. Young crow nestlings have dark eyes, which turn blue, then brown at the sub-adult stage and silver in adulthood.



FINAL BYTE

Wildcare has produced a series of infographics to help educate the public about our native wildlife. Please share these infographics with your friends and family, work colleagues and mates, to help our natives.

Brushtail Possums - Exudative Dermatitis

A guide to helping your local possums



www.wildcare.org.au



Brushtail Possums are often rescued suffering from Exudative Dermatitis, a skin condition thought to be caused by stress. Brushtail Possums are territorial and stressors such as competition for dens to live in, as well as food sources, are contributing factors to developing dermatitis.

How you can help your local possums:

- Don't feed them. Competition for food can result in fighting and even a small scratch can rapidly develop into extensive dermatitis. Plant more native trees and shrubs in your garden.
- If you see a possum with red lesions on its face or body, even small ones, please call our Hotline immediately so the possum can be rescued and treated. If left untreated, it may spread and the possum will be beyond treatment.

Wildcare Rescue Hotline Operates 24/7
 Covering South-east Queensland
 📞 (07) 5527 2444
 (Save the number into your phone)

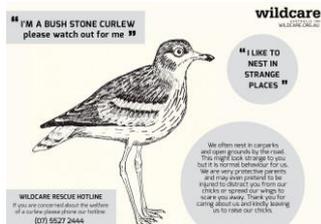
[Click here to download all infographics](#)



WINTER = ECHIDNAS ON THE MOVE

During the colder months, echidnas are on the move looking for a mate. This is when they are most likely to be seen. They can be found in any garden with a log or a hole in the ground.

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" I'M A BUSH STONE CURLEW please watch out for me "

" I LIKE TO NEST IN STRANGE PLACES "

We often nest in carparks and open grounds by the road. This might look strange to you but it is normal behaviour for us. We are very territorial and we will be very angry if you try to disturb us. Please do not try to touch or remove our eggs to save you away. Thank you for caring about us and really helping us to raise our chicks.

WILDCARE RESCUE HOTLINE
 If you are concerned about the welfare of a native animal please call our hotline
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