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WHITSUNDAYS**

CARING FOR QUEENSLAND'S WILDLIFE

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DIARY DATES

FRQLD COMMITTEE MEETINGS

April 21st—Cancelled
May 19th

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date TBA

RAFFLE TICKETS

The rotary raffle tickets were due back on the 21st April at the AGM, as the meeting has been cancelled and the preceding committee meeting I'll let you all know closer to the 21st April to organise collection.

I work each day till 2pm, but after work I would be available to collect the butts and the money or if you want a cheque with the butts can be posted to the new post office box as follows:

Fauna Rescue Whitsundays
PO BOX 806
Cannonvale 4802

Sandy.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Don't forget to update your Membership Re-newals.

If your membership is not current you are not covered by FRQLD's blanket permit to care for wildlife.

For membership enquiries please phone Lynne Clarke on 49465736.

FRQLD LICENSE

If you rescue, transport and /or care for wildlife you should have a copy of our blanket permit on hand at all times. We recommend you keep a copy in the glove box of your car in case you are rescuing and transporting animals.

ANIMAL RECORDS

Please forward all Animal Records to the appropriate species co-ordinator by the end of each month to ensure your records are recorded on our new database.

There is a copy of a record sheet at the back of the newsletter to fill out and return to the co-ordinators on a monthly basis.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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NATIONAL WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CONFERENCE

6h - 9th August 2007

www.nwrc.com.au

Queensland Wildlife Rehabilitation Council Inc.
www.qwrc.org.au

KREFFT'S SHORT-NECKED TURTLE, *Emydura krefftii*



This little guy was my second animal in care. He had been living on frozen turtle food when I received him and didn't know how to eat live food. Eventually he began eating meal worms and feeder fish, which also assisted him in gaining strength to climb and swim in deeper water. After eight weeks he was ready to be released but due to development where he was found I had to relocate him to Cedar Creek. My first release! What a thrill it was to see the little guy swim strongly in the natural environment. A big thanks to Sandy for meeting me out early to take some great photos.

Shelley Edwards

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Everyone!
I would like to farewell Gerry from the committee. Gerry has contributed to the committee for many years now and we thank you for all your time and effort. Gerry will still continue to support FRQLD as a member, website editor, his mouse breeding program and attendance at meetings and events.

Our committee has certainly been busy lately. Following are some items of interest I would like to share with you.

SPECIAL MEETING

Thanks to all who attended the special meeting held on 24th February. Thankyou to Peter Sykes who gave us a well presented talk on his role with QPWS. And some of the creatures he deals with. A study is being done on Quolls at the moment so if anyone does have Quolls to report, please contact Peter ASAP. Peter commended FRQLD on our work and assistance. He also commented on the fact that our database has been recognized by the Mackay QPWS. Well done AI !!!

Changes have been made to the constitution and have been sent to the Office of fair Trading for approval.

Thankyou Sandy, Sue and Le-Anne for the organizing and catering. Thankyou Geoff for cooking up a delicious BBQ for everyone who attended.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS & FEES

All members will notice the change to your membership cards. There is now space for you to add your signature. Please remember to show your membership card on Vet visits. You will also notice that membership fees have increased. This is the first time since April 2001 that we have seen a rise in fees. Membership fees help towards the care of our native wildlife.

DISPLAY STAND

The committee has purchased (with the money donated to us from the Lions) a large collapsible display stand to be used at displays and functions. This stand enables us to display lots of Sandy's lovely wildlife photos along with the information about our wildlife and their environment as part of our School & Community Education Project.

WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CONFERENCE / GRANTS

Don't forget about the Wildlife Rehabilitation conference to be held in Perth 6th—9th August. Sandy will be attending this year on our behalf and we are hoping to get some funding through the Whitsunday Shire Council grants to help assist with the costs involved. We are also hoping to apply for a grant to run a bird workshop run by Dr. Jim & Eleanor Pollock this year.

WOMBAROO DISCOUNT

The committee has decided that all carers who submit their animal records to their co-ordinators for entry onto the database will be entitled to a 50% discount on all Wombaroo products. Please contact Linden for your supplies. Assistance with other costs involved in caring for wildlife is available upon committee approval. Please ask a committee member for further details.

VET BILLS

Assistance with some of the cost of Vet bills are available on presentation of your receipt and claim form to the committee. Always check with the Vet before treatment is commenced.

Remember, our main aim is to release wildlife back into their natural environment and sometimes euthanasia is the only option. If the bill is more than you can afford, please contact a committee member.

QWRC (Queensland Wildlife Rehab Council) & Insurance

As a member of QWRC you are now automatically covered by the volunteer workers insurance policy held by QWRC. Membership is \$20 per year. Check out their website for further details.

www.qwrc.org.au

A story from Sue McLeod

I picked up an orphaned Peaceful Dove from Jacqui on 29th March 2006. She was so tiny that I immediately named her TINA.

This tiny little creature with a few scruffy feathers had been in Carmen's care for the previous few weeks. It seems she had fallen out of the nest along with a sibling who still had evidence of not long emerging from the egg. Thank you Carmen I have no doubts your efforts were critical to her survival.

In hindsight we realise her tiny size fooled us into thinking she was very young and fragile and we probably should have hastened her progress from Wombaroo to seed. She was flying quite well (landings were not so precise) before we finally got her pecking seeds for herself.

Great, we decided Tina was ready for release. But about this time the weather got cold. Then wet and so we delayed her release by a few more weeks.

Eventually the day came. After ensuring she had a good feed of seed we took her cage onto the lawn and opened the door. Up until now Tina was always keen to hop out of the cage but when freedom finally came she seemed rather reluctant to leave. After an hour or so she was finally assisted out of the cage.

What a joy to see her mixing with the permanent colony of peaceful doves that live on our block. Sitting in the lounge room one afternoon soon after her release we were delighted to see her pecking about in the grass with the rest of the flock. We watched her for well over an hour -or so we thought - until I happened to glance up and there she was sitting on the pergola beam looking in watching us!

Every afternoon she would head back to the house. We would find her perched on the sun umbrella or on our verandah furniture settling down to roost. Fearing this would make her a tasty meal for a snake I would put her in the aviary overnight.

But of course this wasn't progressing her independence and so Alan and I agreed it was time for her to face the world day and night.

So started the next phase in Educating Tina.

For the next week or so I would work in the garden late each afternoon as far from the house as possible. Tina invariably found me and would fly down to perch on my head. It was a bitter/sweet experience, knowing she was alive and well but not at all interested in roosting with the other doves.

I would take her into the woodland and put her in a tree. And so would start a game of hide and seek. I would start to move away and she'd fly towards me. I'd duck behind the nearest tree trunk. This little game would be repeated until I was convinced she had lost track of me and it was now so dark she wouldn't want to move. To be doubly sure I'd take a circuitous route home. On one occasion she was back on the verandah waiting for me when I got there! I concluded the lesson plan was not achieving the desired outcome!

Al was about to go away at this time and so I developed plan B. As I would be home alone it was easy to adopt a program of isolation and silence. At 4pm each afternoon I would close all the blinds, stay inside with no TV, music or lights on. When it became too dim to do anything I'd pour a glass of wine and relax in the bath until it was dark. It sure beat hiding in the bush. Then a quick reconnaissance with the torch just to make sure she wasn't about and it was safe to turn on the lights.

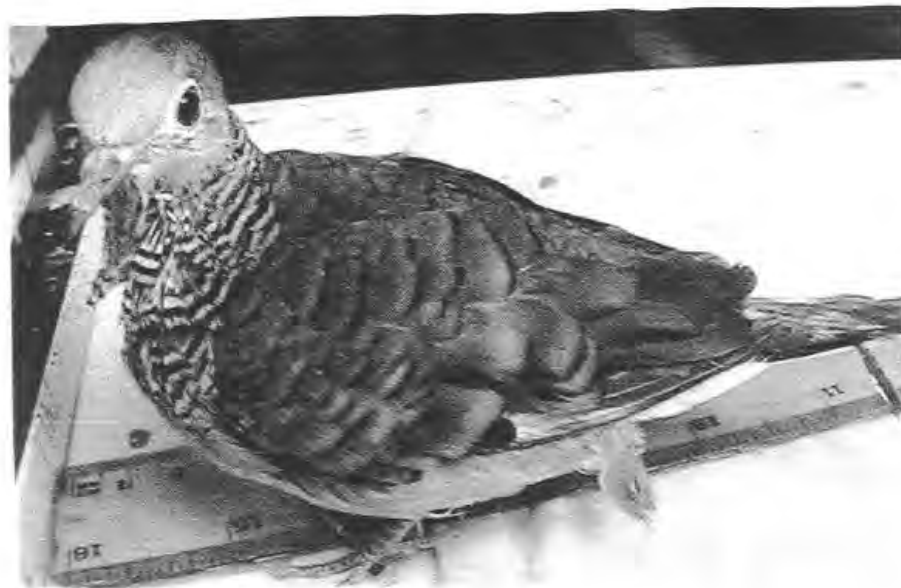
Alan came home from his trip and I enforced the code of silence on him too. He quite enjoyed the wine routine but I couldn't get him to join me in the bath.

The strategy worked. We still saw Tina every day. She was considerably smaller than the others, and her feather colouring was very brown which made her easy to pick out in the crowd. If I saw her alone on the grass I'd scatter a little bit of budgie mix about and watch her eat. She certainly enjoyed this but displayed less urgency to feed this way, she was finally becoming more successful fending for herself.

It was fairly late one afternoon and I had scattered a few seeds for her. As she was pecking away I moved down the driveway to watch her. She finished eating what she wanted and then ambled over to the bird bath. She hopped on, had a drink, and was obviously deciding what to do next. She flew confidently and high up across the front of our land and out into a stand of trees.

Tina was finally not just free but independent too. The ultimate thrill for any Carer.

Sue McLeod



CAN YOU HELP FAUNA RESCUE

We are a voluntary organization that relies on donations and the generosity of carers to raise and rehabilitate native animals.

Some of the foods to feed our animals, birds and reptiles can be very expensive.

A way we can all help is to make all carers aware of native or other food supplies in our area.

It may be native fruits or blossoms, young growth on gum or bottlebrush trees, seeding grasses, excess vegetables from the vege patch or fruit from your fruit trees.

Even an abundance of grasshoppers or moths can be like Gold to the carer that spends an hour a day catching bugs for an animal.

If we all emailed Sandy at sandy@faunarescue.com.au when we noticed a possible good food supply, we may be able to reduce some of the costs and time involved and also maybe improve the quality of diet to our charges by increasing the native food percentage.

I know myself, that in 1-2 weeks time I will have an abundance of fruit that is suitable for birds or possums that I have no use for at present.

I also am the one spending an hour a day chasing grasshoppers for a curlew and lizard so any bugs coming my way would be welcome.

I think if we all worked together telling each other what we need and what food we are aware of, it would benefit us all both in the hip pocket and our knowledge of different animal requirements.

NATIVE FOOD PLANTS FOR NATIVE ANIMALS/BIRDS

NECTAR SOURCES

Buckinghamia celsissima	Ivory Curl tree
Callistemon sp	Bottlebrush
Eucalyptus sp	Gum trees, bloodwoods
Grevillea sp	Grevillea
Leptospermum	Tea tree
Melaleuca	Paper barks
Schefflera actinophylla	Umbrella tree
Syzygium sp	Lillypillies
Ficus racemosa	Cluster fig Bats

FRUIT and/or NUT SOURCES

Alphitonia excelsa	Red ash	Seeds
Chionanthus ramiflora	Native olive	
Cordia dichotoma	Glue berry	
Dianella coerulea	Blue flax lilly	
Eucalyptus sp	gum trees, bloodwoods	
Ficus sp	Native figs	
Glochidion lobocarpum	Buttonwood	
Leea indica	Bandicoot berry	
Macaranga tanarius	Macaranga	
Melia azedarach	White cedar	
Myristica insipida	Native nutmeg	Torres Strait pidgeon
Nauclea orientalis	Leichhardt tree	
Pipturus argenteus	Native mulberry	
Polyscias elegans	Celerywood	
Trema orientalis	Peach Cedar	Seeds
Syzygium australe	Creek cherry	

N.B. I have noticed that even though some fruits may not be high on their list of favourites, none-the-less they enjoy picking at them and learning independent feeding techniques. Sometimes it might be a grub or a bug inside that they enjoy more!

Minimum cage sizes for rescued wildlife

In the design of any bird-cage, the ratio between the lengths of the two longest straight lines which can be measured on the floor of the cage and at right angles to each other shall not exceed 4:1, unless the shorter of those two lines is at least 900mm long. The length of this line should be at least twice the wingspan of the largest bird to be kept in the cage.

Birds: Indoor cage dimensions

Size of bird (approximate length) NOTE: Birds specified below are examples.	Minimum Floor area (cm ²)	Number of birds	Minimum height (cm)	Increased floor area for each additional bird (cm ²)
100mm (10cm) e.g. finches	1000 (e.g. 32 x 32cm)	1	34	500
200mm (20cm) e.g. <i>Neophema</i> , budgerigars, lorikeets (except rainbow and red-collared)	1600 (e.g. 40 x 40cm)	1	34	800
300mm (30cm) e.g. rosellas, cockatiels, rainbow lorikeets and bronzedwing pigeons	5000 (e.g. 70 x 70cm)	1	90	2500
400mm (40cm) e.g. king parrots, galahs and long-billed corellas	10,000 (e.g. 100 x 100cm)	1	90	5000
500mm (50cm) e.g. sulphur-crested cockatoos	15,000 (e.g. 120 x 120cm)	1	150	7500

Birds: Outdoor cage dimensions

Size of bird (approximate length) NOTE: Birds specified below are examples.	Minimum Floor area (cm ²)	Number of birds	Minimum height (cm)	Increased floor area for each additional bird (cm ²)
100mm (10cm) e.g. finches	3700 (e.g. 60 x 60cm)	1	60	1800
200mm (20cm) e.g. <i>Neophema</i> , budgerigars, lorikeets (except rainbow and red-collared)	7200 (e.g. 85 x 85cm)	1	60	3600
300mm (30cm) e.g. rosellas, cockatiels, rainbow lorikeets and bronzedwing pigeons	10,000 (e.g. 100 x 100cm)	1	90	5000
400mm (40cm) e.g. king parrots, galahs and long-billed corellas	15,000 (e.g. 122 x 122cm)	1	90	7500
500mm (50cm) e.g. sulphur-crested cockatoos	25,000 (e.g. 158 x 158cm)	1	150	12,500

Type of animal	Minimum floor area (m ²)	Maximum number of animals	Minimum height (m)	Increased floor area for each additional animal (m ²)
Hopping mice, dunnarts	1	2	0.5*	0.25
Kowaris, antechinus	2	2	0.5*	0.5
Feathertail gliders	5	4	2*	1.5
Small quolls, phascogales	10	2	2*	5
All possums, sugar and squirrel gliders	10	2	3*	5
Yellow-bellied and greater gliders	20	1	3*	10
Potoroos and bettongs	20	1	2*	10
Bandicoots	20	1	1.5	10
Echidnas	20	1	1	10
Koalas	40	1	1.5	10
Wallabies less than 10kg	100	1	1.5	50
Wallabies greater than 10kg / pademelons	300	1	1.5	150
Kangaroos	1000	1	2	500

Note: * denotes roofed enclosures.

- Height for hopping mice, dunnarts, antechinus and kowaris is above substrate.
- Bettong males should not be housed together.
- Wombats prefer to be solitary in permanent confinement.
- Pademelons require dense cover, a minimum of 1.5 metres above ground.

This cage sizes have been taken from:

Code of Practice – Care and rehabilitation of orphaned, sick or injured protected animals by wildlife care volunteers

Nature Conservation Act 1992

Environmental Protection Agency www.epa.qld.gov.au

AL'S FAUNA RESCUE SYSTEM
FAUNA RESCUE QLD Inc.,
CAUSE STATISTICS
Animals Found Between 23/01/2007 and 3/04/2007

Class	CommonName	Total	Car	Bird	Cat	Dog	Feral	Cane	Poison	Fishing	Other	Unknown
							Animal	Train		Line		
Birds												
	Bronzewing: Common	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Brush-turkey: Australian	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cockatoo: Sulphur-crested	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Coucal: Pheasant	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
	Cuckoo-shrike: Black-faced	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Curlew: Bush-stone	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Dove: Peaceful	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Figbird	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2
	Finch: Red-browed	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Frogmouth: Tawny	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Galah	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Goose: Magpie	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Goshawk: Brown	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
	Imperial-pigeon: Pied	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Kingfisher: Sacred	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Lorikeet: Rainbow	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Magpie: Australian	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Martin: Fairy	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Parrot: Red-winged	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Pigeon: Crested	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Rosella: Pale-headed	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Starling: Metallic	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Stone-curlew: Bush	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Tern: Crested	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Turtle-dove: Spotted	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Total Birds	47	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	28	13
Mammals												
	Bandicoot: Long-nosed	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Bat: Free-tail northern	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Bat: Sheath-tail	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Echidna: Short-beaked	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Flying Fox: Black	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1
	Melomys: Grassland	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Possum: Common Brushtail	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	3
	Wallaby: Agile	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Total Mammals	34	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	22	8
Reptiles												
	Gecko: Bynoe's	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Turtle: Northern Long-neck	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Total Reptiles	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Unknown												
	Unknown	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Total Unknown	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Grand Total	86	5	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	51	23

JACQUI'S ORPHANS

Photos courtesy of Sandy Cleland

Two of the four Tawny Frogmouth Chicks.



One of the Tawny chicks, now all grown up. They are all released and doing well (although unfortunately they do like to eat my smaller resident green tree frogs!)



One of the Torresian Pigeons I have had in care. I have hand-raised two of them. I am just waiting for the youngest to grow a bit more and then they will be released.



Juvenile Boobook Owl which Carmen raised, then came to me, before going to Linden's flight aviary.



A Bush-stone Curlew raised from a chick. We got him a domestic chick for company, which turned out to be a rooster. Although this Curlew has left to join the resident Curlews, the rooster remains to look after my hens.





**FAUNA RESCUE
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ANIMAL RESCUE SHEET

CARER.....

DATE FOUND/RECEIVED.....

SPECIES.....

NAME.....

REASON FOR RESCUE.....

LOCATION FOUND.....

FOUND BY.....

ADDRESS.....

PHONE NO.....

INJURIES.....

MEASUREMENTS.....

AGE.....

TREATMENT.....

STATUS (eg In care, transferred to, released, died, euthansased).....

DATE DISPOSED.....

DISPOSAL LOCATION.....

COMMENTS.....

FAUNA RESCUE ANIMAL IN CARE DIARY RECORD *(Please return by the end of each month to your co-ordinator)*

DATE	CAREER
ANIMAL ID	COMMON NAME
APPEARANCE	MEASUREMENT/WEIGHT/LENGTH
HOUSING	BEHAVIOUR
HEALTH/INJURIES/CAUSE/TREATMENT	VET CARE
FEEDING/TOILETING	OTHER