



**Fauna Rescue Whitsundays
Association Inc**

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to 2009, I would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. Thanks to everyone who helped our wildlife and supported FRW in 2008 and hope you can continue to do so this year. I know some of you have had a quite trying 2008, so hope 2009 will be a better year for you.

Thankyou to Sandy Cleeland for taking over the role of Newsletter Editor. I'm sure Sandy will be in contact with most of you requesting articles, so please get those fingers typing, writing or photographing.

Our Christmas Raffle was once again a success this year with stalls on Nov 25th at Coles 28th, 29th 30th at Centro, 2nd, 3rd Dec Main Street Proserpine & 4th, 5th outside Woolies in Proserpine. The last week we had the prizes on display at the Pet shop and managed to sell a few more tickets. We have raised over \$1600. Thanks to everyone who helped with the xmas raffle: Bec Adamson , Barb Adamson, Le-Anne Dinnie, Cathie Shoesmith, Lola Mudie, Di Jessop & Col Forster, Barb McLennan & Sheena Barrett, Kylee Gray & Friend, Derek Deambrogio, Jean Neal, Leigh Skead, Lesley Knight & Gerry O'Connor & all the local businesses and members who donated goods for the wheelbarrow and hamper.

Winners of the raffle were,

- 1st Prize winner, wheelbarrow, Steve Panel;
- 2nd Prize winner, hamper, V. Dibben.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Our next General Meeting is scheduled for 12.30pm Sunday 22nd February at QPWS entry via the rear door.

Please come and air any suggestions or ideas you may have to further our aims of caring for and helping our native wildlife.

Thanks also to Lola Mudie, Pets Paradise, Michael Bowley from Frameless Photography & Centro Management for organising the Pets Photos with Santa at Pets Paradise, Cannonvale. All proceeds from the photos were donated to FRW, with approximately \$170 being raised. Plans are underway to do the same next year.

Thankyou also to Debbie Henshall from Copy Connection who donated the printing of 100 brochures to tide us over the Christmas break until we get new brochures revamped and printed.

Another thankyou goes to Shelley, Marg & Kerry Edwards from Pets Paradise, who have offered to have a Permanent FRW Display at the shop. We have our display board with brochures set up to try and encourage new members and find more release sites. To date we have spoken to many of our customers about wildlife and FRW, so we are hoping this display does generate some positive interest.

I recently attended World Wildlife Fund Meeting in Cannonvale, with Christine who was representing Whitsunday Catchment Landcare. WWF are mainly interested in climate change and its affect on the reef. Topics discussed were runoff from farms and development sites. We also discussed the affects of development, land clearing and loss of habitat on our native wildlife and the problems facing the Proserpine Rock Wallaby.

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Beginner Mammal Workshop

Saturday 21st February, time 1.00pm

Cathie Shoesmiths home, for details see page 8

For anyone visiting Dubbo and interested in Echidnas, Dr P Rismiller is holding a workshop for details see page 9

Rotary Raffle tickets on sale soon page 6

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Anita Hines - Hydeaway Bay
Sarah Keating - Riordanvale
Cassa Tandridge - Collinsville

Sheena Barrett - Cannonvale
Miranda Martin - Mt Marlow
Lee Fleming - Riordanvale

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On Monday 22nd December I gave a FRW presentation for the Rotary Club of Airlie Beach. I would like to say a huge thankyou to Mark O'Donnell, Mike Storkey, Tim Arland, and their fellow Rotarians for the invitation to their meeting. It proved to be an entertaining night with the most scrumptious Christmas dinner.

Rotary is a worldwide organization consisting of a great bunch of people, who plan and action a variety of humanitarian, education change programs, touching the lives of not only the local communities, but communities all over the world. Our local Rotarians are extremely interested in the work of FRW and recognized the help we give to not only our local wildlife, but to the local community as well and have offered us their support. To find out more about Rotary, please visit their website www.rotaryairliebeach.com

Plans for this year include the finalization of the raptor aviary (sand for the floor was kindly donated by Roger from Whitsunday Clean Sands) and the wallaby release compound at Lee's.. The committee will be organizing more workshops and meetings, more community talks and displays, as well as finding more carers and release sites. Keep your eye on your mail box for further details.

If you have any suggestions or information to help Fauna Rescue, whether it be animal care info or any ideas you feel may be useful to FRW, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Well must be off to feed some critters yet again! All the best for 2009, keep up the good work!!

Cheers Jacqui

PHOTO COORDINATOR

FRW has created a new position, of Photo Co-ordinator and Sandy Cleeland has kindly accepted this role. Sandy will collect and be responsible for photos on behalf of the organisation.

These can then be used for newspaper articles, displays and workshops etc.

So if you have some great photos of wildlife in your care, please forward to Sandy.

Your name will be referenced on your photo. Alternatively, if you would like Sandy to organize to take some photos for the FRW Photo Library of your animals please contact her to organize a suitable time. on 49473324

Email: sandyc19@bigpond.com.



Juvenile Tawny Frogmouth photo by S Cleeland

Chicks when hatched have a white downy covering.. Tawny Frogmouths are less likely to be imprinted if raised with others of their kind.

POSITIONS VACANT

PROSERPINE ROCK WALLABY CARER, ASSISTANT TO FUNDRAISING OFFICER, GRANTS COORDINATOR, & RECORDS OFFICER

If you are interested please phone our secretary Sue McLeod on 49473075 to register your interest.

CARERS NEEDED

Have you been a FRW member for a while and been unable to look after animals?

Have your circumstances now changed?

Do you find you do have some spare time on your hands, even a couple of hours per day?

Not all of our wildlife that comes into care are babies who need regular feeds. We do get some adults who also need care and this may only take up a short period of your time each day.

If so, please contact the FRW Co-ordinator responsible for the particular species you would be interested in to register your interest and find out more information.

HOTLINE ROSTER COORDINATOR

Position Description

To co-ordinate and implement the Fauna Rescue Whitsundays Hotline Roster

Duties Included

- Diverting the hotline as required
- Contacting hotline volunteers re availability
- Drawing up and sending roster to hotline volunteers and committee on a monthly basis
- Arranging substitutes when some volunteers are unavailable
- Training of potential hotline volunteers

To apply please contact Jacqui on

Ph: 4947 3308

M: 0427 176 966

Email: jacqui.webb@bigpond.com

PEOPLE WHO CAN SEW WANTED

Wanted anyone with sewing ability that would be happy to sew some pouches and liners please contact Rebecca Adamson.

REQUIRED MATERIAL FOR POUCHES

Do you have any unwanted material lying around that could be made into wallaby pouches? If you do and are willing to donate to Fauna Rescue please contact Rebecca Adamson on 0458 438 538

FROM OZARK MOUSE THE KANGAROO

I just wanted to share a story about a very special kangaroo. In June, 1987 our zoo opened our Australian Adventure. We started with 5 kangaroos, all imported from Australia. Some were hand-reared by wildlife carers. In May of 1988 the second group of animals arrived. Mouse was among that group. From the very beginning she was special. She was very feisty, often challenging keepers. She was so ornery that a visiting Australian zoo director advised us to euthanise her because hand-reared males were dangerous. I mentioned that she was a female and she only challenged those she really trusted. She was hand-reared by a special lady named Ann.

Over the years Mouse became a great favourite of our zoo visitors. She often chose to stay near the path so that visitors could give her a pat. She was incredibly patient with everyone, including her 6 joeys. After the age of 15 or so she seemed to decide that she was done having children and rebuffed every mating attempt. Still she loved the visitors. Keepers couldn't leave her area until she had had her neck scratched and found any treats that the keepers might be hiding in their pockets.

This autumn on the day before we closed for the season she came to me on the porch of the barn to have her scratches and to rest her head on my knee. She then went to the edge of the path and slowly made her way along the line of children waiting for a chance to touch a kangaroo. One little toddler was fascinated but wouldn't touch her. After some minutes he finally ventured to pet her back. He continued to return to see her for about 15 minutes. His family was amazed--he had always been afraid of all animals and had always resisted touching them. But Mouse was different. Along the way Mouse became the oldest Eastern grey in North America at nearly 22 years old, with an estimated birth date of late December, 1986. She's never been medicated, never been anesthetized, never been sick. Unfortunately that changed yesterday. She was found down and in pain. Tests revealed a mass in her abdomen. The vet stayed with her as well as two keepers until nearly 9 PM. The vet tech came back at midnight and 4 AM to give her pain meds. This morning she was found....standing, waiting for a scratch, and looking for treats. I know she may not survive this, but it was so good to see her as she always was, at least for one last time.

When I wasn't sleeping last night I realized that I needed to thank all of you dedicated carers who make a tremendous difference in the lives of all the animals you care for day in and day out. One very special person took care of Mouse and made a huge difference in the lives of thousands of people in Indiana over the past 20+ years, including one little boy who learned to care for an animal on a beautiful fall day.

Mouse was patient enough to spend time with terminally ill children and with keepers who were sad. Bless you all for all that you do!

Elaine Kirchner
Area Manager
Australia Fort Wayne Children's Zoo
3411 Sherman Blvd. Fort Wayne IN 46808
elaine@kidszoo.org

CARERS COFFEE AND CHAT

It is now twelve months since the original Carers Coffee & Chat was held by Leigh Skead.

If you are interested in hosting a Carers' Coffee & Chat please contact the Secretary.

FOOD REBATE

The committee is now receiving claims for the 10% Carer food rebate for the quarter ended 31st December 2008.

All carers who had animals in care during the period are encouraged to submit claims in accordance with the process detailed in the Policy and Procedures manual.

DO YOU HAVE ANY FAUNA RESCUE PROPERTY?

Any members who have FRW property in use or stored that you have forgotten to tell us about previously can you please let Le-Anne Dinnie know so she can update the asset register.

BEGINNERS WORKSHOP ON MAMMALS

This beginners course is the starting point to caring for wallabies, kangaroos, possums and other mammals. When you reply by 19th February directions on how to get to Cathie's will be given.

Cathie and Lynne will show you all the ins and outs of caring.

There will be items for sale, kits and books.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

BEGINNERS WORKSHOP ON MAMMALS

WHEN: Saturday 21st February

TIME: 1PM

**HELD BY: Cathie Shoesmith &
Lynne Clarke**

WHERE: Cathie Shoesmith's home

**PHONE: Rebecca Adamson on
0458 438 538
or Lynne Clarke
49465 736.**

RSVP: by 19th February

FAUNA RESCUE WHITSUNDAYS

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD 22/11/08 AT QPW BUILDING, JUBILEE POCKET

Meeting opened: 12.30pm

1. Present: G O'Connor, C Davies, D Webb, C Peterson, S McLeod, B Adamson, L Dinnie, R Adamson, A Dinnie, A McLeod, W Dinnie, R MacRae, C Furner, B Gordon, G Cleeland, L Clarke, S Cleeland.

2. Apologies: L Mudie, J Pannan, J Webb, M Matthew, S & T Ilich, B McLennan, L Dissler, D Jessop, C Forster,

3. Presidents Report:

Refer to October/November Newsletter Issue 44.

4. Committee Activity Report:

Members were updated on activities of the committee since the last meeting on 18/5/08.

4.1 New carers will be asked to sign a Letter of Acknowledgement agreeing to abide by the Carers' Code of Practice, FRW Constitution and the Policy and Procedures Manual. A standard "letter of welcome" has been written and will be sent to all new members.

4.2 Members were given a brief update on Version2 of the Policy & Procedures Manual. It will be available on the website or from the Secretary.

4.3 Thirty Mediscope Bags (Heat bags) are on order and will be available for resale at cost price (plus Freight) from the Supplies Officer Linden Baker.

4.4 Following a Petpep visit to Hayman Island ground staff have been given contact details and information that may assist them in dealing with wildlife rescues on the island. FRW has done as much as it can. No further action required.

4.5 Petpeps visits for 2008 now completed. Rebecca Adamson is preparing presentations suited for different student age groups.

4.6 Two kit aviaries are on order for use with birds/possums.

4.7 It is intended to construct flat pack portable aviaries from excess materials not needed for construction of raptor aviary. Gerry O'Connor advised there should be quite a lot of material left over.

4.8 Seven "Injured Wildlife" signs with the Hotline number have been made. 6 sites approved for placement: J Talbots (Bruce Highway Lethebrooke), Dirt Bike Rider Club (near airport), Lumby's (Bowen end of Bruce Highway), Plants Whitsunday (Shute Harbour Road) and S. Banks Transport (Strathdieckie).

4.9 FRW provided comments to the EPA's Proserpine Rock Wallaby Draft Recovery Plan.

4.10 Any Carers interested in being considered as a potential Proserpine Rock Wallaby carer by Queensland Parks and Wildlife should contact the Secretary, email largoinn@optusnet.com.au or write to PO Box 806 Cannonvale. (see end note for updated email address)

4.11 The Open Garden Scheme may present an opportunity for future fund raising. Any interested gardeners to contact the Secretary.

4.12 Gerry updated the meeting on the website's members' forum and the online animal records system. He explained the new system is not perfect, there is no facility for doing animal transfers at present and more work needs to be done. Jacqui is able to extract a care records report in XL format. The animal records link will be moved to the main screen.

It was suggested a Help section would be beneficial. Members should direct any queries or questions regarding the database to Gerry.

4.13 Humidicribs were purchased for the equipment lending pool by the previous committee and were on display at the AGM.

4.14 There are 8 remaining possum boxes (made by the high school students) available from the Possum Coordinator Lynne Clarke. The boxes will need to be sanded prior to use. **Action:** Lynne offered to provide a suitable sample for future use.

5. Treasurers Report:

Account balances as at 21/11/08 Main account \$ 667.30

Maxi Direct account \$5970.81 including interest \$136.58

Public Fund account \$4758.57 including donation tins \$230.90

Income received since 1/6/08

Membership fees	\$ 630.00
Wombaroo formula sales	\$1167.60
Interest	\$ 7.43
Wombaroo Teats etc	\$ 31.35
Wildcare Course:	
Rescue Basket	\$ 20.00
Course fees	\$ 80.00
Lunches	\$155.00
Possum Book	\$ 13.00
Raffle	\$ 54.00

TOTAL INCOME FOR PERIOD: \$2158.38

Expenditure since 1/6/08

Telephone	\$607.62
Photocopying	\$ 82.50
Wombaroo formula purchases	\$1056.25
Bank Fees	\$ 1.25
Postage	\$149.00
Wombaroo Teats	\$ 85.50
10% Carer Food Rebates	\$ 67.70
Equipment	\$224.71
Possum Boxes	\$ 60.00
Website	\$ 93.75
Audit fees	\$429.00
Purchases for resale	\$106.50
Vet	\$226.50
Wildcare Course:	
Lunches	\$126.55
Airtfares	\$328.00
Accommodation	\$280.00
Road signs	\$429.00
Fuel reimbursement	\$ 67.00
Public Liability insurance	\$834.63

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR PERIOD: \$5255.46

It was noted that our expenses are outstripping our income and various fundraising activities and grant applications need to be actively pursued.

Action: **Andy** offered to provide subscription details for access to a comprehensive list of grants available nationally.

Christine will also advise FRW of any grants that she becomes aware of. Grant applications for the Gambling Benefit Fund close end Feb 09.

The Christmas Raffle roster was passed around for members to indicate days and times they can man the stand.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Moved Le-Anne, seconded Christine. Carried.

6. General Business:

6.1 Secretary: Rebecca MacRae has resigned as Secretary due to work commitments and time constraints. She will continue as a valued member of the committee. A vote of thanks was given to Rebecca for her efforts and commitment to the role of Secretary during the last 6 months.

The committee has appointed Sue McLeod as Secretary to fill the casual vacancy.

6.2 Positions Vacant:

6.2.1 Newsletter Editor:

Sandy Cleeland volunteered to fill the vacancy as Newsletter Editor. Her offer was accepted. After discussion it was decided a committee activity report be prepared by the Secretary for inclusion in each newsletter. Minutes from general meetings to be included in the newsletter. **Action: Sue.**

It was also decided the Newsletter be issued ever 2 months on set dates, even if there is only a small amount of content. **Action: Sandy.**

6.2.2 The position of Records Officer remains vacant. A Grants Coordinator and assistants for fundraising opportunities are also needed. Calls for volunteers to be advertised in newsletter.

6.3 Committee positions and contact details, the constitution, Policy and Procedures manual and Code of Practice to be made available on website.

6.4 Carers' Coffee & Chats to be held with two options available. Either Carers Only or Opened up to Others. This is to be the decision of the host carer. As a general rule the CC&C will be for carers only. If the host carer wishes to open it up to others they must advise the secretary prior to the invitations being prepared.

6.5 The Treasurer explained the process for lodging Carer rebate claims and that these are available for food products only. Claims to be lodged within 6 weeks of the end of each quarter. Quarters are January – March, April – June, July – September, October – December. Claimants must be submitting their In Care records and also attach invoices for proof of purchase. For more information refer to the policy and procedures manual.

6.6 Rescue Story Books are being purchased @ \$9.95 each. These will be available for resale to members at cost price \$9.95 and non members @ \$19.95.

6.7 FRW Brochure Update. A small quantity has been purchased for immediate use. It is intended to completely revamp the brochures and seek grant funding prior to having any more printed.

6.8 New Members' Orientations. The objective is to give new members an overview of the organisation, its structure, how they can access information (Code of Practice, Constitution, P&P manual etc) and ways in which they can participate. New members who wish to participate in caring, rescues or hotline operations will be invited to attend separate training courses in these areas.

Barb Adamson kindly volunteered to assist Jacqui with the orientations. **Action: Barb.**

6.9 "Over 60's": community information day. Barb McLennan and Sandy Cleeland attended on behalf of FRW.

6.10 A discussion was held about the appropriate use of the hotline number and the role of hotline volunteers. It was noted that operators receive various sorts of general enquiries and that regular updates on how to handle these different types of calls are necessary.

6.11 Members were advised that meetings will be scheduled as follows: Committee meeting (monthly) followed by a Coordinators meeting (every second month) and a General meeting every second month (on the alternate month to the co-ordinators meeting).

6.12 Committee members stressed the importance of ensuring all correspondence, communications etc are handled by the Secretary in the first instance. The Secretary can then ensure items are directed to the right person for action.

7. Members' request for information.

A document titled "Request for Information" was tabled. This document provided answers to members' questions sent to the committee prior to the meeting. Matters arising from the tabled document were:

7.1 Raptor aviary

Concern was expressed about the number of years this is taking for us to meet our commitment and the damage this could do to FRW's reputation in the community.

A question was asked as to whether the aviary will be up and running by the next AGM? Members were advised it shall be completed as soon as is possible.

Clarification was sought as to why the poly tubing is needed for more roof supports? It is considered necessary.

Questions were asked as to whom the builder is, is there a cost involved and who will be paying?

The meeting confirmed the decision made at previous meetings that FRW would not contribute any further funds to the aviary project and any additional costs will be borne by Jacqui.

Derek Webb told the group that Jacqui is paying for the completion by the builder.

Ease of access for members to the aviary was also queried?

Derek extended an invitation to visit anytime members wished to do so.

8. New Business:

8.1 Member dissatisfaction. The meeting discussed the process of allocating animals to carers. It was noted that some members resign because they feel they joined up to care but do not get given the opportunity to do so. Keeping members informed about decisions regarding the placement of animals may help to resolve this problem.

Action: Include on agenda for next Coordinators meeting.

Provide carer details on the membership database to the Coordinators. **Action Sue.**

8.2 Include information in the newsletter regarding the establishment of a skills & experience register.

Action: Sue.

Meeting closed 2.40pm.

These minutes will be confirmed at the next general meeting to be held at QPWS on the Sunday 22 February 2009.

Please note Secretary Sue McLeod has had a change of email address. curlw@optusnet.com.au

UPDATE ON MOUSE FROM OZARK

I wrote earlier about my special kangaroo, Mouse. After her problems last month she seemed to bounce back, in fact after a few days at the hospital she was returned to our mob and did well for a few weeks. She was happy to take treats and have her neck scratched. Unfortunately she started regurgitating this past Saturday. Yesterday morning she seemed a bit out of it but came around after a bit, again taking favored food items and looking for attention. Unfortunately my employees found her down this morning in an unusual part of the barn. I was not there as my daughter was having surgery that day. When they called me at 8 AM I initially said I wasn't going to come in to work. That lasted about 5 minutes. How could I abandon her after more than 20 years of caring for her? When I got there she had been given an injection for pain and was sleeping quietly. I gave her a gentle scratch on the neck and sat down a few feet away. After a few minutes she seemed to react each time I spoke. While waiting for the vet I finally got a seat and sat next to her head. After a bit she seemed to be a bit more uncomfortable but the vet was just minutes away--dealing with snowy. On approach to the barn Mouse raised her head and looked me in the eye as if to say good-bye. After that she never showed any reaction to any stimulus again. She was euthanised with those who loved her the most nearby. The necropsy showed a large tumor attached to the fold between the tubiform forestomach and the sacculated forestomach with numerous metastases to the liver and other organs. She lived a long life and was beloved by thousands of folks. My thanks to a lady named Ann Bell who took her in as a joey. She was a blessing.

Elaine Kirchner

Thank you to **Jan Jarratt's Office** for assisting with printing of hard copies of this newsletter.

ROTARY RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE FEBRUARY DRAWN 2ND MAY

Once again the Rotary Club of Airlie Beach will be holding its annual Community Raffle, this is where FRW can keep the proceeds!, all we have to do is sell as many tickets as we can and keep that money, if all of our members become involved it would be an excellent fund raiser..

The draw will take place at the Cannonvale Reef Gateway on the 18th May 2009 and if a representative of our group is present at the draw FRW will receive an extra \$1000.00 for our fund raising efforts.

Rotary has introduced a 4th Prize this year, one for the kids, so more opportunities to win!

FIRST PRIZE: \$10000.00 CASH

SECOND PRIZE: \$5000.00 Home Entertainment Unit

THIRD PRIZE: \$3000.00 White Goods Package

FOURTH PRIZE: \$1000.00 Games Console & Accessories Package

Tickets are \$5 each and come in books of 5

Phone Sandy on 49473324 for tickets please



RESCUED

"Rescued! enthralled readers with true stories of sick, injured and orphaned Australian native animals and the unsung heroes who are prepared to step in to help them in their time of need. These stories combine to not

only demonstrate the magnificence of Australia's wildlife but they carry a powerful message too—that every individual animal is unique and precious and that saving one animal is the stepping stone to saving an entire species. I encourage every Australian to read this book" *Gail Gipp, Manager—Australian Wildlife Hospital.*

FOR SALE THRU Fauna Rescue Whitsunday.

The book is available for purchase from Le-Anne Dinnie on 49471967, or email: ald@mackay.net.au.

The book will also be available for purchase at our next general meeting Sunday 22th February, 12.30pm QPWS building back entrance.

A NOTICE REGARDING ALL FOOD SUPPLIES INCLUDING WOMBAROO AVAILABLE THRU LINDEN

I will be away from the 13/2/09 until the 3/3/09.

I will be putting an order in to Wombaroo in a couple of days so please let me know if you want any large amounts of anything. Please stock up to cover the time I am away well before my departure date.

There will still be someone here to cover emergency supplies, please call 49461198 between 6.30pm and 7.30pm and speak to Jim.

Thanks, Linden

WESTERN PLAINS ZOO DUBBO DR. PEGGY DIANE RISMILLER ECHIDNA WORKSHOP

When: Saturday the 4th April 2009

Where: the Savannah Room at Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo.

Cost: Cost of workshop \$30

People attending the workshop do not have to pay the zoo entry fee. Registration will start at 8.30am - the talk will begin around 9.30am.

Morning and afternoon tea supplied. Please bring or purchase own lunch.

Please pay on the day, cash only and receipt will be given. If you need accommodation in Dubbo, visit www.dubbotourism.com.au

Please reserve your place at this workshop before Saturday 28th March, either by email at rjtay@activ8.net.au or telephone us on (02) 6887 2309. Regards, Helen and Robbie Taylor

MEMBER'S CONTACT DETAILS AND EMAILS

In compliance with our requirements from the Office of Fair Trading, FRW needs to uphold a strict policy on the use of member's personal information, including email addresses.

This means that your committee will only send you correspondence which is directly related to FRW core business. While there are many local issues which would have impact on fauna habitat they may not be core business items and there are other groups who are the main drivers behind disseminating such information e.g. Goorganga oil shale was very effectively brought to our attention by Save Our Foreshore and Mackay Conservation Group. We would prefer not to increase the burden of your email system by forwarding emails from other groups. Instead, we will respect your privacy by adding links to other relevant groups and issues on the FRW website and/or listing them in the newsletter. If there are specific groups or issues that you feel should be listed in this way, due to their relevance to habitat of our local native fauna, please let the committee know.

Obviously FRW members have made many fast friends within the group over the years and may send emails to those friends. This is not correspondence from the committee. If you receive any unwanted emails from fellow members please inform your fellow member (the sender) directly to let them know you would prefer not to.

C. Peterson



Advantages of Membership of the State Representative Body

- A collective voice for rehabilitation.
- Access to a network of carers across the State
- Financial membership offers cover under QWRC's Public Liability and Volunteer Workers Insurance policies.
- Support with wildlife rehabilitation and welfare.
- Access to QWRC endorsed training courses.
- Access to professional advice, information and data.
- Access to Best Practice Guidelines.

For more information visit

<http://www.qwrc.gov.au>

Or contact Jacqui on

jacqui.webb@bigpond.com

Ph: 07 4947 3308

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USEFUL LINKS

FRW Animal Records <http://www.frw.org.au/AnimalRecords/AnimalRecords.php>

Environmental Protection Agency <http://www.epa.qld.gov.au>

Mackay Conservation Group www.mackayconservationgroup.org.au

RSPCA <http://www.rspcaqld.org.au>

Queensland Museum <http://www.qm.qld.gov.au>

Save Our Foreshore <http://www.saveourforeshore.com/index.shtml>

World Wildlife Fund <http://wwf.org.au>

The Australian Nestbox Company <http://users.bigpond.net.au/ozbox/>

FauNature <http://faunature.com.au>

FREE FRUIT TREES FOR CARERS

Whitsunday Catchment Landcare has again offered up to 10 free native trees to FRW members for the purpose of providing food for animals in care. Shrubs such as native mulberry (*Pipturus argenteus*) can provide plenty of small fruit within 18 months or so of planting. Alternatively if you have a rural property and you wish to revegetate you can receive a free property visit to discuss issues such as weed control, all of which may result in free trees for your property. To redeem your free trees please call or wcl@whitsundayrc.qld.gov.au.



Native Mulberry *Pipturus argenteus*

Photos C Peterson



Photo by Sandy Cleeland

A Baby Brush Turkey

Baby Brush Turkeys

Often these birds are rescued and brought to FRW by well meaning people, or by carers who are unaware that these little fellows are completely independent from birth. They dig their way out of the turkey mound, run into the bush and can fly a few hours later.

It's a different matter if your cat brings one home in its mouth, it needs to go straight to the vet for a course of antibiotics, any puncture from a claw is a death sentence without treatment the turkey will die from infection,

Mortality is high maybe 1 in 200 reach maturity.

Birds of prey, cats, dogs, swimming pools all take their toll.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT From 23.11.08.

Members Personal Contact Information: A policy regarding the Use of Members personal contact information prepared. See elsewhere in newsletter.

Scales for Food Supplies Officer: Purchase of new scales approved.

FRW publicity brochures: Stocks of existing brochures are low. The committee is reviewing the brochure, with a view to having a "new look". It is hoped to source external funding to defray the cost of printing. The current brochures were funded through Mackay Whitsunday NRM group.

Co-Ordinators' Meeting: The Species Co-Ordinators held their first meeting on Saturday 20/12/08. The meeting is for the coordinators to discuss what's happening in their relevant areas and report back to the FRW committee with an update on any ideas, projects, needs, problems or assistance they require.

Property Agreements: A draft agreement has been approved. The agreement will be implemented with members who hold FRW enclosures, aviaries or other assets on their property. The signed agreement covers items including ownership, access, usage, wear and tear, and arrangements to remove the materials if no longer in use. It is expected the agreement will provide certainty and protection for both parties.

Duty of Care: All instances where the welfare of an animal in care, is believed to be compromised, should be immediately reported to the committee. This is not optional the committee has a duty of care in this regard. All requests for confidentiality will be respected by and kept by the committee's members.

Non Members: It is not permitted for non members to take over the care of wildlife from our carers, even for short periods of time. Individuals interested in "helping out" should be encouraged to join FRW.

Rotary Club of Airlie Beach: Jacqui attended the Rotary dinner meeting on 22/12/08 and gave a presentation to them about FRW and the work we do with our native wildlife.

Public fund: The Public Fund paid \$560 to Wildcare Australia for the training course "Introduction to Caring for Orphaned mammals" held on 21/9/08
Donations to the Public Fund for the period 1/7/08 to 12/1/09 total \$1344.68.

Kit aviaries: Two aviaries have been purchased. These will be placed on loan with carers in need of an aviary.

Wallaby Release Site: We welcome Lee Fleming as a new member and carer. Her application to become a pre release site for wallabies has been approved by the committee. An enclosure 21m x 24m is currently being constructed by members. The compound complies with the standard required in the Code of Practice and will be able to accommodate 5 wallabies up to 10 kilograms each.

Correspondence and other communications: The committee has a responsibility to ensure all correspondence and other communications is dealt with through the appropriate channels. To assist us in this regard we stress the importance of directing all correspondence and other communications through the Secretary.

Christmas raffle: Over \$1600 was raised. First prize winner was Steve Panel; Second prize won by V Dibben.

NOW SHOWING NATIVE TUCKER FOR OUR ANIMALS & BIRDS

Common name: Native Mulberry

Scientific name: *Pipturus argenteus*

Flowers: Green, white or cream, in any month. Male and female flowers on separate plants.

Fruit: A nut (a seed-like object inside the translucent & edible fleshy white sac), several sacs are clustered together to form miniature mulberry-like structures or clusters, between January and June.

Leaves: Broadly lance-shaped, whitish beneath with toothed margins.

Propagation: From cutting or fresh seed.

Description: Native Mulberry is a small tree to 6m high. It is found from Lismore NSW to the Torres Strait Islands, in a variety of forests including rainforest and riparian areas. Fruit are eaten by many birds and are a food plant for the White Nymph butterfly.



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TIP: Wash teats then leave to dry on a paper towel in the fridge they will last a lot longer. When putting a hole in your teats heat a thick darning needle with a flame until red hot then pierce the teat rotating the needle to get the size hole you need, remember too big a hole can cause the animal to take in too much milk and have it go down the wrong way, a few days later you have pneumonia. The message is to keep the hole small.

NEW WALLABY RELEASE ENCLOSURE NEARS COMPLETION

INTRODUCTION:

On 30th November we received a call from Lee Fleming, a member of the public, who expressed her interest in becoming a halfway/release carer for wallabies. This was as a direct result of Barb and Sandy promoting FRW at a Forum for Seniors held in Proserpine.

The committee arranged a home visit and site inspection. The location and habitat was very suitable with wild agile wallabies apparent in the area. Lee's enthusiasm, eagerness and appreciation of the responsibility and commitment she would be making to become a carer were apparent. The decision was made to proceed.

Unfortunately two and a half weeks were lost when Plan A became Plan B due to unforeseen circumstances.

Even so, in real terms the project has progressed from the initial site inspection to lock up stage in just 5 weeks.

OUR DONORS:

The project received a major boost with the receipt of the following donations to FRW:

Scotts Timber and Lattice donated 11 treated pine posts to FRW for the project.

Dr Rex Patterson of Mackay donated \$1000.

Lee Fleming donated \$500.

The SPCA Animal Shelter in Mackay donated sufficient second hand chain mesh wire to complete two sides of the enclosure.

Barb McLennan paid for the cost of hiring a "Kanga" and operator to dig the post holes.

OUR VOLUNTEERS:

Geoff Cleeland Fin Forbes Lee Fleming

Barb McLennan Al McLeod Sue McLeod

Ten working bees have been conducted so far including a trip to Mackay with 3 vehicles to pick up the donated wire. The working bees have been a great team effort, with lots of fun and co-operative good spirit.

A total of 131 man hours expended to date equals an in kind donation of \$3930.00.

A special thanks to Geoff Cleeland our site foreman and Fin Forbes, a friend of Lee's and willing worker at the construction site.

THE ENCLOSURE:

The compound complies with the Code of Practice and will be able to accommodate 5 wallabies up to 10kg each. It covers an area of 504 square metres and incorporates good grass for feeding, trees for shade and an area of dense shrub/guinea grass for the wallabies to hide in. It has been positioned so that it can be readily observed from the house. There are two gates, one for easy access by Lee and another at the rear for releasing wallabies directly into the bushland and ride on mower access for maintenance.



It is expected the compound will be completed on time and within budget.

At a time when we are critically short of carers and release sites, the willingness, enthusiasm and cooperation of our new members Lee and Rob is marvelous. The generosity and support received from members of the community has overwhelmed me. It has been a wonderful experience working with a team of volunteers who have turned hard work into good fun.

Sue McLeod.

26/1/09



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