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RARE & THREATENED IN THE WHITSUNDAYS



Photo by Sandy

The species prefers the brackish waters of mangrove flats and paperbark tree swamps, but will visit freshwater swamps, lagoons, and billabongs further inland during the wet season.

The Radjah Shelduck is listed as a protected bird in all states of Australia and penalties exist for harming or disturbing them. Cont'd page 3

Radjah Shelduck *Tadorna radjah*

Radjah Shelduck also known as the Burdekin duck. Head and neck all white; chestnut band extends from rich chestnut -brown mantle across upper breast; lower breast and abdomen is white; bill is pale pink; iris is white to pale yellow; legs and feet are pink; broad glossy green speculum is visible in flight.

The female has a harsh rattle and the male has a thin rattling whistle.

The Radjah Shelduck inhabits the mangrove forests and coastline of New Guinea and Australia. In Australia, its primary range is coastal tropical northern Australia, from central Queensland through the Northern Territory (including Kakadu National Park) to the Kimberley in Western Australia.

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UP AND COMING EVENTS

- 18th October, 3pm Sunday Carer's Coffee and Chat at Lola Mudie's home
103 Orchid Road Cannonvale. RSVP Lola 4946 1281.
- 26th November, 7.30pm Thursday General Meeting at the QPWS
- 5th December, 3pm Saturday FRW Xmas BBQ
Xmas Raffle Draw
- 22nd - 25th June 2010 National Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference



WELCOME TO MEMBERS

Kerry & Wayne Aspland, Kelly & Jamie Curra

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well here we are spring again already. I just love this time of the year, weather warmer and all our wildlife is more active, in the swing of yet another breeding season. Breeding season does tend to make the birds and reptiles a bit complacent as they are busy territory defending and mate attracting, with little regard to obstacles that they would normally be more wary of. We do tend to see more injuries at this time of the year. We are already seeing baby birds and as the weather continues into a dry spell we may also be seeing more wallabies coming in care as they move closer to the greener edges of the road, vying with cars for food and water. The reptiles, which really were never truly inactive this year are keeping Peter & Kylee on their toes! As we are heading into our busy 'silly season', please bear in mind that we are always in need of carers to share the load. If by chance you are able to help this year and haven't let the species liaison officers know, now is the time to ring and get prepared!

The Bird and Marsupial workshops, presented by Dr Anne Fowler on the weekend were wonderful. Dr Anne is an exceptional and candid presenter, who managed to entertain and educate us for the whole weekend. You know it doesn't matter how long you have been involved in wildlife caring (and in my case it's been close to 30 years), there is always more to learn and new techniques and information that will improve our skills, giving the wildlife in our care the best possible chance at rehabilitation and release. Dr Anne is also more than happy to come back again to do further workshops for us, so we are hoping to book her again next year, maybe for some advanced bird & marsupial workshops and also a reptile workshop. Thankyou to all who attended. A huge thankyou must go to the committee for pulling together and helping to organize this workshop. Thankyou to Cathie for providing Dr Anne's accommodation. Thanks also to Di & Col for Carol's accommodation. Further thanks to Rebecca and Di for organizing the wine and beautiful pearl earrings as a thankyou present to Dr Anne. You all did a brilliant job! And lastly our warmest thanks and appreciation to Dr Anne Fowler for taking the time out of her very busy schedule, coming all the way from NSW to the Whitsundays to present one of the best workshops to date. We look forward to seeing you next year Anne!

Keep an eye on the diary dates and notice board for up and coming events. We still have a few planned before the end of the year, with not only general meetings, but also another Carers Coffee & Chat and our Christmas BBQ. These events are a great way to keep informed as to what is going on within FRW, as well as giving you the opportunity to meet other members and put faces to the names you read in this newsletter or talk to on the phone.

Our School and Community Education Project in conjunction with the PetPep Programme is still travelling along, with Cathie attending another day for St Catherine's School in

Proserpine on 1st September and Carol Cosentino attending St John Boscov's and Collinsville State School in Collinsville on 17th September. It is wonderful that we can participate in the PetPep programme, educating the children in our community about our wildlife and their environment. After all they are our future wildlife carers and environmental protectors. Thankyou to Cathie and Carol for their time and assistance with this.

I had an interview with Kim Clyden, ABC Tropical North on September 8th. This gave us the opportunity to put FRW's name in the public ear yet again. Kim is also interested in following up other wildlife issues so would like to have further interviews as the need might be, eg baby birds, road kill etc.

Some of our wildlife signs with the FRW hotline number have now been erected. Hopefully this will help members of the public to contact us should they find wildlife needing our help. Thankyou Col for taking care of installing these signs.

The Longgrass Animal Record system is still in need of some help. For those of you caring for animals, could I please remind you that it is important you submit your records. You can do this either by using the system yourself on your computer. If you are interested please give me a call or send a quick email for us to assist you in familiarizing yourself with the programme. Alternatively, if you prefer to put pen to paper please contact me and I can organize to get you some Animal Record Sheets to fill in. It is preferable that you submit these each month. The statistical information we can glean from these records can be quite important and helpful for such things as road kill statistics, assisting with scientific research, applying for grants or for pinpointing any problems with wildlife in a particular area such as shootings or disease.

And lastly, it is with regret that I need to inform you that Kate, our Secretary, will be unable to continue on in her role at present. As some of you know, Kate has been involved with research and presentations with Hendra Virus, having been a 'victim', a horse owner and wildlife carer. Kate's involvement has recently "snowballed", being invited to her presentations up and down coastal QLD at this stage, with possibly further presentations inland and maybe even interstate. So it is now time for Kate to move on for a while and do something she is extremely passionate about. Kate, with her previous experience and background believes that by educating people about Hendra we can find a "balanced approach in dealing with the issues surrounding Hendra Virus, Flying Foxes, Horses and the associated human risk of infection with this potentially fatal virus". Please make sure you read her article in this issue.

Kate, we would like to thankyou for your help and assistance to date and wish you all the luck and support in your endeavours. We strongly believe that if anyone can, you will be the one to bring the balance between people, horses and flying foxes that is so desperately needed at the moment. We hope you return to us soon! Till next time, Jacqui Webb

Cont'd from page 1.

The Radjah Shelduck forms long-term pair-bonds, and is usually encountered in lone pairs or small flocks.

The diet consists mainly of molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates such as worms but also takes insects and seeds

Pairs start searching for nesting sites during the months of January and February. They nest close to their primary food source, often in the hollow limbs of trees, which makes habitat destruction a particular issue. Clearing of old growth trees with large hollows has destroyed many breeding areas.

Radjah Shelduck does not use nesting materials except for some self-supplied down feathers. Egg-laying is usually done by May or June, but depends on the extent of the wet season. The clutches range from 6 to 12 eggs, sometimes up to 15. Incubation by the female about 30 days. The ducklings leave the nest soon after they hatch. They flutter and tumble down to the ground from the nest even though they are still covered in down, they run to the safety of the water.

Information from A guide to the Freshwater Wetland Birds of Mackay and Whitsunday districts by Maureen Cooper, my observation & the EPA website.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE CONFERENCE SOUTH AUSTRALIA 2010

The National Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference SA 2010 will take place at the Sebel Playford Hotel in Adelaide from the 22nd to the 24th of June 2010. On June 25th a field trip.

<http://www.nwrc.com.au> for all the details.

Time to start saving your cents.

Papers from last years Conference in the ACT are now also available online.

PLANTINGS FOR POSSUMS

"Planting for possums: prime pickings or prohibited provender? A discussion paper from a horticultural and wildlife care perspective" - by Claire deLacey and Steven Chamberlain

http://www.ozarkwild.org/news/pickingbrowse/deLacey&Chamberlain_RZSpub07.pdf



DON'T SPARE THE ROD

Di (and I) have been rescuing animals for some time now and our speciality is baby birds. Speciality is an interesting description as it means that you prefer to deal with these animals, but don't necessarily have increased skills in that area. One thing that we have learned is take the big stick to them, do it early and don't let up. Yeah, you might remember *Spare the rod and ruin the child*, never a truer word said!

So what we have found as we *specialised* is that a stick helps to reduce handling of the birds. It also increases the distance between you and the birds reducing imprinting. For most of our perching birds Di has used the stick to move them from one habitat to another, to the scales, out of the cage whilst it is cleaned, from cage to aviary, for flying lessons, for recapture after day release. Basically anywhere they need to be moved to or from.

Recently we raised a pair of Bar-shouldered Dove chicks. They were so placid that Di forgot to use the stick – and this is where *ruining the child* comes in. PLEASE DON'T SPARE THE ROD! They went on soft release today and when it was time to encourage them back to the cage for the night they weren't impressed. They had learned quickly, and as we approached to apprehend them they placed foliage in the way. The extra reach and impersonal nature of the stick may have made things much easier. As it was an incentive (food) was placed in the cage nearby and we left them to relax for some time.

Later:

Whilst I had a beer, with the aid of food Di managed to capture one Dove and return it to the cage. After this the other was easy to convince, *come on sweetie (kiss, kiss, kiss)*Gotcha!

But I am convinced it would have gone much easier for all involved if the big stick had been deployed at an early age and relentlessly from then on.

By Col



Di wielding the big stick –this Fig Bird was not spared the rod and it served it well!

COUNCIL WORKERS SPY EGGS

I received a call from a council employee telling me that he had a team of workmen who were clearing a 'settling pond' using a back hoe in a new housing estate. They had seen three magpie geese around the day before but when they went to work that morning they found a nest had been built in the middle of the pond and could see a couple of eggs. I explained it would be a male goose and his two partners. I was unable to go that day and had to work the next day so I referred him to QPWS for permission and said I would get them in a couple of days. He said they should be able to work around the nest until then.

On the morning that I went to collect the eggs (as yet unsure as to how to get to the nest in the middle of the pond) I arrived to find that the man had already waded out into the pond and pulled the nest to the bank.

The eggs were cool and I very much doubted they would survive. I was also surprised to remove 10 eggs from the nest. I was careful to pick them up without turning them and placed two together in small, soft pouches.

I then took them home and placed them in an old incubator that belongs to the group. There are no instructions with the incubator so its a bit of a guess as to how to use it effectively. It has two furrows in the bottom that I placed water in for humidity (topped up regularly), then there is a strainer like tray that has two strips of plastic that can be placed along the length to create rows, preventing the eggs from rolling. The eggs would roll because the incubator plugs in and rotates front to back about 20 degrees in both directions over an hour period (that's a guess, I never timed or measured it). The incubator also heats the eggs via a fan. The temperature is monitored by an old mercury thermometer that sits near the top but its hard to read so I relied on feeling the eggs against my face to judge if I felt they were warm enough. I calculated the estimated time of required incubation to be 26 days from when I had collected the eggs if the belief of being newly laid according the council workers was accurate. It was not.

After joking about having a brunch with a large omelette for everyone, Mum was surprised on the evening of the first State of Origin game to be walking past the incubator and have an egg cheep at her. She quickly called me over and close inspection revealed that four eggs had pipped! We were so Excited!! We had prepared nothing as we expected nothing! A quick note on Ozark resulted in some tips. We had raised Magpie Geese before but never hatched them! By 3am the next morning, we had two beautiful chicks standing in the incubator all dry, warm and fluffy. We put them in a plastic container on a heat pad with towels under and over them and let them be. We knew they would not need food immediately as their natural mother would have to wait for the rest of the clutch to hatch before taking them to water.

When my boyfriend got up for work at 4:30am he found another one hatched and put it with the others. Over the next two days we had 8 out of 10 eggs hatch! Upon opening the unhatched eggs, I found that one had never Developed and the other had died just before hatching.

We immediately tried to teach them how to eat for themselves but placing their beaks in wet chicken starter mash. It was a bit of a slow start that required regular lessons but once a couple got the hang of it there was no stopping them. It was surprising to see them fighting with each other as soon as they had hatched. There was no siblicide and no 'hen-pecking', they all fought with each other.

They soon migrated to a large cage in the lounge where they were provided with hay on a heat pad, a drinking dish, a dry mash dish, a wet mash dish and some grass with dirt. To start with, the dishes were shallow. After a week they were given bigger, deeper dishes to allow for better bathing. The deeper dishes had a rock in them so that they could climb out. They took 1 min to learn to climb a ramp to get into the dish. We also went down the river and collected river weed for them. They loved it! I took them out into the yard every day for a walk and put the hose on to Create puddle for them to forage in. As a treat I would give them crickets and woodies which had me in hysterics to watch them chase after them.

It wasn't long until they had to move into the aviary in the back yard that had sand as a base (they quickly soured the soil). They had to stay in the aviary because they were the perfect size for a goshawk and because I have a dog that saw them as fun squeaky toys. They still had their regular time out on the lawn but as they wanted more time out I soon had to pass them on to a carer with more room.

They were fun to rare but a lot of work and a lot of mess, but very cute, very funny and definitely a big surprise!!!

Lana Reptile Coordinator NQ Wildlife Care Inc.



HENDRA VIRUS—CREATING A BALANCE

I strongly believe that education is the key to finding a balanced approach in dealing with the issues surrounding Hendra Virus, Flying Foxes, Horses and the associated human risk of infection with this potentially fatal virus.

Wildlife groups can play a key role in this education process as was the case with ABL (Australian Bat Lyssavirus) which is now accepted as a manageable risk by the general public, thanks in large to wildlife groups. Fortunately a suitable vaccine was made available, it was found that humans needed to have direct scratch / bite contact with bats and the risk was able to be greatly reduced by informing the public not to handle any bats. This approach offered practical, sensible solutions and there is now no longer a great fear within the general community of ABL.

Unfortunately the issues surrounding Hendra Virus are not so simple with no treatment, cure or available vaccine, (apart from the possibility that Ribavirin may assist in blocking the virus from entering human cells post exposure) and that it does not require direct contact with Flying Foxes to be able to pose a threat to humans.

At present many horse owners are sitting in one corner of the boxing ring (so to speak) and wildlife carers in the opposite corner with the general public caught somewhere in the middle. There have been the resulting slanging matches with some promoting culling and wildlife carers responding defensively. The current attitude on both sides does nothing for either group and certainly does nothing for the public image of Flying Foxes. My main concern in all of this is the risk to human life that seems to be being overlooked.

I feel very strongly that wildlife groups and horse owners need to work together on this issue to try to find practical, sensible solutions to try to minimise the risks of contact between Flying Foxes and Horses which in turn reduces the risk of Horse to Human transmissions. By these two groups working together, the damage to the public image of Flying Foxes could go a long way to being repaired.

People fear any risk that they know little about and feel that there is nothing that they can do to reduce it. This often results in inappropriate and extreme actions being proposed and / or taken. Our current Australian Workplace safety culture encourages elimination of a hazard as being the first and preferred option for dealing with risks. Unfortunately the majority of the general public see Flying Foxes as the hazard that should be eliminated. We need to find a way to offer practical and sensible alternatives instead to reduce the risks.

I am a horse owner, I have been a wildlife carer and I am also a person who has faced the very real fear of being infected with a deadly virus through caring for a sick creature that I loved. I can see all sides of the arguments and more than most, I understand people's fears on all sides but it is time to stop looking at this issue from opposite sides and find solutions together.



Currently the only real advice given to horse owners (who generally have no knowledge of flying foxes or their feeding, roosting and travelling habits) is to

1. Remove their feedbins and water troughs from underneath trees. In our case and in many others this was already routine practice.
2. Fence off or remove horses from paddocks with flowering or fruiting trees. Horses are animals too and need shelter. We had no fruiting or flowering trees in the horse paddock and other cases have been the same. Roost trees need to be considered as well as the trees that Flying Foxes eat the leaves of.
3. Stable horses during the "danger months" of Flying Fox breeding season. With recorded cases occurring to date in all months except Nov, Feb, Mar, Apr & May, horses would have to be fully stabled for 10 months of the year and this is just not practical for many horse owners nor healthy for the horses. Also just because recorded cases have not occurred during these months doesn't mean they haven't happened or can't occur.

We need to come up with better ideas than just this. Let's change the current culture of "blame" and "defence" and get together with the horse industry to try to find practical, sensible solutions. Offer education to horse owners about Flying Foxes so that they can try to find ways to reduce contact between Flying Foxes and Horses. Encourage alternative tree plantings both to encourage flying foxes to appropriate areas and to discourage them from horse paddocks. Encourage research into Hendra Virus transmission and funding for the development of a vaccine.

Some Hendra Information

The people who are at most risk and form the only recorded human infections to date have been horse owners / handlers and vets.

Flying Foxes do not show any clinical symptoms, become sick or die from Hendra, they are a host carrier species only.

The exact method of transmission to horses is still unclear but is thought to be via exposure to the body fluids of infectious Flying Foxes. Experimentally, cats and guinea pigs have

shown that they can be infected with Hendra but no naturally occurring cases have been recorded. The potential is there for other animal species to be affected and possibly play a part in transmissions to horses / humans.

Live henipavirus (Hendra and Nipah) can survive in water and fruit juice for over 4 days at temperatures below 4 degrees C. It is susceptible to UV light, heat and desiccation.

Hendra is one of the world's deadliest viruses. It has a human mortality rate of over 50%, horse mortality rate of approx 75% (but also any surviving horses are destroyed), no known effective treatment or cure and no available vaccine.

All human infections have occurred whilst carrying out their normal duties / routines supporting the need for a much broader awareness of Hendra by horse owners. Many people have not even heard of Hendra or else they confuse it with Lyssavirus or Equine Influenza. The symptoms shown in horses can range from mild and vague to severe. Hendra attacks the cells of the vein walls and will show symptoms consistent with the organ / system sustaining the most damage making diagnosis extremely difficult.

Hendra is endemic to Australia and is carried by Flying Foxes.

Approx 50-60% of Flying Foxes carry antibodies to Hendra which means that they have been infected at some point but

a much smaller percentage are actually infectious at any one time. Infections are thought to be periodic and may be related to periods of stress in colonies / individuals. Culling could actually make the situation worse as happened with the Nipah virus in Malaysia after massive bush fires which uprooted colonies and reduced food sources on a massive scale. The Nipah virus started out much like Hendra with smaller outbreaks requiring transmissions from Flying Fox to Pigs to Humans but became more virulent and has now been transmitted from flying fox to human and also human to human. Cases have not all been in close proximity to roosts and could occur anywhere where flying foxes are roosting, feeding or travelling.

The more people know about the risks, the less likely they are to speculate and react inappropriately as they can be better prepared to deal with the risks.

For further information please visit www.dpi.qld.gov.au. This also has links to other sites. I also have a free information disc that I am happy to send out. This disc can be obtained by posting a stamped, self-addressed CD mailer to: Kate Purvis PO Box 1039 Proserpine Q 4800

MORE ON HENDRA see

http://www.horsecouncil.org.au/_Upload/Files/HENDRA%20VIRUS%20INFORMATION.PDF

Does not include the latest case 2009.

AGENDA FOR FRW GENERAL MEETING

To be held at the QPWS building – Mandalay Rd entrance

Thursday 26th November commencing at 7:30pm

Tea and coffee supplied, please bring a plate of nibbles

1. Attendance
2. Apologies
3. President's Report – Jacqui Webb
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes –
Completion / progress and / or follow up discussion on previous items
5. Treasurer's Report – Col Forster
 - a. Bank Balances, income and expenditure
6. Whitsundays Fauna Rescue Fund report – Sue McLeod
 - a. Bank Balances, income and expenditure
7. Secretary's Report.
 - a. Incoming correspondence
 - b. Outgoing correspondence
8. Membership Report – Sandy Cleeland
 - a. New Member Welcome
9. General Business
 - a. Updates and amendments of FRW Policy & Procedure manual



NOTICEBOARD

- **R**EMINDER for all existing members to please return the application forms that were sent out with this year's membership renewal. These forms are not only for new members as we need updated information for everyone.
- **W**ith Xmas approaching quickly, it is time to start getting organised for our annual Xmas raffle. If any members are able to assist with gaining donations of non-perishable food items or alcohol or are able to assist with manning the stalls selling tickets at Centro, please let your committee know. Each member will receive raffle tickets to sell included in this newsletter.
- **E**quipment that was previously at Le-Anne Dinnie's has now been moved to Cathie Shoemith's shop, please contact Cathie if you require access to any equipment
- **F**RW XMAS BBQ will be held at the Cannonvale Park (Behind Cannonvale State School), 5th December at 3pm. BYO meat and drinks, salads will be provided. RSVP's required to the secretary please.
- **F**RW will be running a poster competition. Entry will be open to all FRW members and local school children. An entry form will be included in the next newsletter but all artists out there, please start creating. Min size is A4, the entry must promote Australian native fauna and their natural environment. All artwork / photos must be originals and it is a condition of entry that entries may be used in promotions for FRW
- **P**urchase of snake handling equipment and venomous snake handling courses are available through Black Adder Reptiles, Townsville. Please contact Gavin Kriesel for further information. Ph 0419 788 167 Fax 4778 7218 email gkriesel@bigpond.net.au PO Box 1356 Townsville Qld 4810.
- **T**he next Carer's Coffee and Chat will be hosted by Lola Mudie at 3pm on 18th October. 103 Orchid Rd Cannonvale.
- **F**ruit for Birds a note from Linden. I have a figtree full of ripe fruit, perfect figbird size, if anyone wants to come and help themselves please do, I have picked heaps and there is more available daily as they ripen. I am dehydrating some and freezing some as well so if you need any in the future give me a call. Linden
- **A**ustralasian Bat Society conference will be held in Darwin 12-14 July 2010. If any bat carers plan to come, would you be interested in participating/running a workshop type breakout session on a topic batty?? If so, please let me know toni.mitchell@nt.gov.au

UPCOMING MEETINGS

General Meetings:

Thursday 26th November at 7:30pm at the QPWS building (please note that the Sep GM date is not a misprint, this has been scheduled at a one monthly interval to avoid the busy Christmas period and also to bring the GM's back into bi-monthly line for next years AGM to be held in May)

Please see agenda included in this newsletter.

Management Committee Meetings:

Thursday 22nd October, 7:00pm at QPWS

Thursday 26th November, 6pm at QPWS

Species Liaison Officers Meetings:

Thursday 22nd October, 6:00pm at QPWS

VET THANK YOU

I apologise that most times when I attend the vet the animal is in such bad shape either mangled by cars, dogs or cats with broken bones, horrendous wounds, or diseased, or smelling of decay that euthanised is the best option.

We do sometimes have some wonderful happy endings that make up for all the tears and heat ache thereby inspiring us to new heights and making rescues worthwhile .

I'm sure all carers would like me to thank the vets and the vet nurses who help us treat and care for our wildlife.

Thank you so much.

Editor

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

HELD 16TH AUGUST 2009

QPWS BUILDING JUBILEE POCKET.

Meeting opened 3.45.P.M.

1 Present: Rebecca MacRae, Barb McLennan, Linden Baker, Jacqui Webb, Lola Mudie, Le-Anne Dinnie, Sandy Cleeland, Susan McLeod, Cathie Shoesmith and Kate Purvis

2 Apologies: Maren Matthew, Miranda Martin, Col Forster, Diane Jessop, Al McLeod, Andy & Bill Dinnie, Lee Flemming

3 President's Report:

2 x Upcoming Petpeps

2 x Wildlife signs have been put up by Col.

Local Mining Company is giving donations – Jacqui is waiting on further info

Aviary is completed

4 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Lola Moved that the minutes from General Meeting dated 14th of June be accepted. Seconded by Sue

Discussions regarding Summary of Actions 5.2 – Records to be published in the Newsletter – Records are not accurate – Animals that have been released in 2008 are still showing as being in care – questions were raised as to who actually knows what's going on – Committee response is that FRW can't make everyone do their records – There are problems identified that records are not being given by mail or phone – Gerry has received files for the database – FRW needs to hold a training day for records to be input – Internet will be required. RM will supply on the day – Jacqui is to look at records to see who is and isn't completing records

a Raptor Aviary – Slideshow of the Completed aviary were shown on the projector. Discussions that members were offended that they were not invited to the "Official Opening Day" and that presidents report showed lack of support to other members – Jacqui apologized and Sue McLeod thanked Jacqui for the apology

5 Treasurers Report

Colin away – the following was read out by KP dated 23/07/09

Main Account \$3054.85 Income \$247.80 Outgoings \$121.42

Maxi Account \$4555.72 No activity

\$1800.00 to be transferred to interest bearing account

Budget - advised members that although constitution / policy-procedure states that treasurer is to present a budget a first MC meet after GM, this would have been irresponsible

as Col is new to role, MC agreed CF was to be allowed more time. Budget was presented, accepted and passed at MC meet 230709 with details of budget avail for members to view if they wished.

The Public Fund committee met on 21/7/09 in Proserpine. The committee reviewed the Auditor's Report (FRW year ended 28/2/09) and also the financials for the Taxation Year 1/7/08 to 30/6/09.

The Dept of Environment has accepted Le-Anne Dinnie as a member of the Public Fund committee.

The Statistical Return paperwork has been received from the Dept of Environment. This requires financial/donation and environmental outcome information for the tax year although they accept auditor's reports for the organisation's financial year.

Income:	11 donations totaling \$2790.72
Expenditure:	\$143.00 Audit fee 2008
	\$205.68 Receipt books
	\$110.00 Audit fee 2009
	\$560.00 Wildcare training
	\$880.42 Wallaby enclosure

\$4000.00 transferred to Public Fund Maxi Direct account 13/3/09 for additional interest earnings.

Bank balances at 30/6/09 Operating account \$1555.00

Maxi Direct account \$4035.67

MOTION: That the Public Fund Report be accepted.

Moved Sue McLeod. Seconded Lola Mudie. Carried.

6 Secretary's Report

Incoming Correspondence

Kate received blank WRC non-profit group's survey from SC for consideration at next CM

Grant information/application has been sent in the hope that FRW can obtain – Laptop, projector, posters

Black Adder Venomous Snake course is available to interested members

Insurance renewal letter received and it expires 29/10/09 – Jacqui to contact other insurance companies for quotes.

Free pouches (polycotton Liners) notice received – we have taken them up on the offer and should have 300 delivered soon

School pouches are ready to be picked up

Outgoing Correspondence

Letter to Barb McLennan

Letter to Sue McLeod

Certificate of Appreciation to Abbot Point Coal Terminal

Certificate of Appreciation to Airlie Fire Station

Kate moved that the above correspondence be accepted.
Sandy Seconded

7. Membership Report

Welcome new member: Jill Lawrence
2 x Renewals 1 x Member unable to renew

General Business

Fundraising – Christmas Raffle – Anne Fowler workshop basket raffle – Blackie's sausage sizzle fell through due to poultry club involvement – Requested Ideas from any members interested. – Lola suggested Nutrametics Body Lotion for sale as \$2.00 will go to FRW for the month of August – Request for a fundraising officer

Grants Officer required

Membership drive by having a poster competition for members and school children- need a target of the age groups that will be entering

Equipment for reptiles required – Sandy stated that there was a large fish tank (cracked) available for snakes and lizards.

Draft brochure was shown with revamped wording – Credit Card details to be taken off – Lions club logo – Discussion as to why it is taking so long – Brochure will be finalized for end of August.

Future Carers Coffee and Chats – Lola's house – Sunday the 18th October 3pm start. Sue McLeod's has 6 attend

Anne Fowler Workshop – Marsupials filing fast, Bird day half full - Discussions on where to hold it – why is it a non-refundable payment – as seats are limited we need to ensure that people who have said that they are going are more likely to turn up – Public fund said they can assist with the training component of workshop – Col is to follow up

Member Application Pack – There are still existing member carers who need to complete the forms – Forms are being photo copied and then handed on to the species liaison office and originals to Sandy.

Equipment to be moved from L. Dinnie's to Cathie Shoemsmith's shop – this will be organized over the next couple of weeks.

General Discussion

Hollow logs are now available if anybody is interested please contact Kate

Thank you Sandy for putting the Computers for Sale notice in the Newsletter

Suggestion for T-Shirt Activity day – to be discussed at Committee meeting

Sue McLeod said that treasurer's report should be in Newsletter with a simple account balance and total of monies in and out.

Meeting closed at 5.30pm

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT FOR AUGUST SEPTEMBER 2009

The new updated FRW brochures are at the inter's and will be available soon.

Most FRW wildlife signs are up now so keep an eye out for them, the remaining ones will be up within the next few weeks. Sandy, I am trying to find the locations of the completed signs so these details can be added here, will let you know asap but wanted to get the rest of this to you today.

Cathie Shoemsmith and Carol Cosentino have been busy presenting educational talks to school children in conjunction with the AVA PetPEP presentations

We have started planning for our annual x-mas raffle, this is one of our biggest fundraisers and we need everyone's support to sell as many tickets as possible.

We will be looking at updates and amendments to the FRW policy and procedure manual in November, please contact the committee if you have any suggestions.

Secretary's Note:

I would like to apologise to those members who were unhappy about not receiving the agenda for the last general meeting on time. The Management Committee has decided to reduce time and costs to FRW by putting notices for general meetings into the newsletter as everyone receives a copy and this saves on postage. What I missed was adding the agenda into the newsletter and by the time I realised that under our constitution, the general meeting notice must include an agenda, the newsletter was already out. There was also a mix up with emails and in the end, although the meeting did go ahead at the time and date advertised in the newsletter, some people were not aware that the meeting was on and for this I am sorry.

The news that Dr Alistair Rodgers from Rockhampton has become the fourth person to die from Hendra Virus and another case close by in Bowen has made this month both an emotional and a very busy time for me. Twelve months ago my family was faced with dealing with this awful virus that is carried by Flying Foxes and affects horses and humans. Please see article in this newsletter.

Please remember that every little bit counts and if you have any ideas or can help out with upcoming fundraising or other events, please let your committee know. Kate

AUGUST SEPTEMBER

Please find attached reports for newsletter. Could we please put animal records in as is, because several members have requested that we provide the info on species as well as outcomes. Cheers Jacqui

	NAME	SPECIES	STATUS	DATE BIRTH	AGE	ARRIVAL	TIME INCARE
<u>386</u>	BG 0709	Brown Falcon	Released	Unknown	Unknown	1st Aug 2009	1 month 13 days
<u>384</u>	Blackie	Black Flying-fox	Died	Unknown	Unknown	2nd Aug 2009	
<u>391</u>	LD020809	Torresian Crow	Euthanased	Unknown	Unknown	2nd Aug 2009	
<u>450</u>	sc20809	Squirrel Glider	Transferred	Unknown	Unknown	2nd Aug 2009	1 day
<u>390</u>	sophie	Common Brush-tail Possum	In Care	Unknown	Unknown	4th Aug 2009	1 month 15 days
<u>440</u>	dj & mm	Agile Wallaby	Transferred	Unknown	Unknown	4th Aug 2009	7 days
<u>389</u>	none given SC 012	Common Brush-tail Possum	Placed in new home	11th Apr 2009	5 months 8 days	8th Aug 2009	1 day
<u>406</u>	Roo406	Proserpine Rock-Wallaby	Transferred	Unknown	Unknown	9th Aug 2009	1 month 1 day
<u>441</u>	mmm5	Proserpine Rock-Wallaby	Transferred	Unknown	Unknown	9th Aug 2009	
<u>394</u>	Fleure	Agile Wallaby	In Care	13th Aug 2009	1 month 6 days	11th Aug 2009	1 month 8 days
<u>393</u>	Matari	Agile Wallaby	In Care	13th Aug 2009	1 month 6 days	12th Aug 2009	1 month 7 days
<u>399</u>	LM036	Brown Falcon	Euthanased	Unknown	Unknown	18th Aug 2009	
<u>457</u>	Harry	Proserpine Rock-Wallaby	Euthanased	19th Apr 2009	4 months 6 days	21st Aug 2009	4 days
<u>396</u>	Pepper	Agile Wallaby	In Care	Unknown	Unknown	23rd Aug 2009	27 days
<u>400</u>	LM036	Common Brush-tail Possum	In Care	Unknown	Unknown	26th Aug 2009	24 days
<u>409</u>	cs270809	Common Sheath-tail-bat	Released	Unknown	Unknown	27th Aug 2009	6 days
<u>404</u>	jw 300809	Welcome Swallow	Died	Unknown	Unknown	30th Aug 2009	
<u>401</u>	sally	Common Brush-tail Possum	In Care	Unknown	Unknown	1st Sep 2009	18 days
<u>402</u>	sally	Common Brush-tail Possum	In Care	Unknown	Unknown	1st Sep 2009	18 days

403	sally	Common Brush-tail Possum	In Care	Unknown	Unknown	2nd Sep 2009	17 days
416	gip	Common Brush-tail Possum	In Care	Unknown	Unknown	2nd Sep 2009	17 days
405	jw040909 Cuddles	Wedge-tailed Eagle	In Care	Unknown	Unknown	4th Sep 2009	15 days
408	Roo408	Agile Wallaby	Euthanased	Unknown	Unknown	5th Sep 2009	
410	cs 050909	Agile Wallaby	Euthanased	Unknown	Unknown	5th Sep 2009	
407	Roo407	Agile Wallaby	Transferred	Unknown	Unknown	7th Sep 2009	
413	Budby	Agile Wallaby	In Care	7th Sep 2009	12 days	7th Sep 2009	12 days
442	Roo442	Agile Wallaby	Transferred	Unknown	Unknown	7th Sep 2009	
414	SC013	Painted Button-quail	Euthanased	8th Sep 2009		8th Sep 2009	
415	MM010	Laughing Kookaburra	In Care	Unknown	Unknown	10th Sep 2009	9 days
417	JW- 070909	Little Pied Cormorant	In Care	Unknown	Unknown	10th Sep 2009	9 days
454	dj0073	Australian Scrub Python	In Care	Unknown	Unknown	10th Sep 2009	9 days
443	Bird443	Black Kite	Euthanased	Unknown	Unknown	11th Sep 2009	
444	cs110909	Yellow Honey-eater	In Care	Unknown	Unknown	11th Sep 2009	8 days
451	sc18	Agile Wallaby	Died	14th Sep 2009	Unknown	12th Sep 2009	
452	sc16	Common Sheath-tail-bat	Died	Unknown	Unknown	12th Sep 2009	
453	SC17	Cattle Egret	Euthanased	Unknown	Unknown	13th Sep 2009	

SUMMARY OF INFO PROVIDED ABOVE 1st Aug to 13th Sept.

POSSUMS

Total of 5 incare 7 CAME IN(? 3 same name Sally Incare), 4 others
1 Squirrel Glider transferred

SNAKES

1 Scrub Python Incare

BATS

2 Common Sheath Bats 1 died 1 released
1 Black Flying Fox died

WALLABIES

10 Agile Wallabies 2 died, 2 Euth, 2 transferred, 4 Incare
1 Proserpine Rock Wallaby (in twice) same one trans then Euth.

BIRDS

1 Wedgetailed eagle Incare
1 Cattle Egret Euth
1 Black Kite Euth
1 yellow Honeyeater Incare
1 Laughing Kookaburra incare
1 Little Pied Cormorant incare
1 Painted button quail Euth
1 Swallow Died
1 Brown Falcon Died
1 Torresian Crow Euth
1 Brown Falcon Released

DR ANNE FOWLER MARSUPIAL WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2009



Rebecca M. not pictured as she took the photograph..

Lee, Lola, Sue, Darrie, Sheena, Miranda, Wendy, Barb A. Cole, Kylee, Cathie, Almuth
 Jill, Linden Carol, Anne Fowler, Eva, Col Anita
 Jacqui, Lynne, Brian, Barbie.

What a great day and what a lot of knowledge was past on at Dr Anne Fowler's Sunday workshop on Marsupials (koalas, kangaroo, wallabies, possums, wombats). It was such an enjoyable day and so good for so many of us to get together and Anne's excellent communication skills made the day interesting and fun.

Many thanks to our committee members who had gone to so much trouble to make the day so successful.

I'm sure the people who came so far from Septimus, Mackay, Bowen, Collinsville, Magnet Island, Hydeaway thought their travel time was well worth the effort.

One of the carers was recently saying since the workshop she has been brushing her young wallabies simulating the mother cleaning (licking) the joey and they just love it.

Just a reminder to all of us to make sure our tetanus injection is up to date and Anne also recommended to those of us dealing closely with animals the importance of having a Q Fever injection

Another point she reminded us all of was to wear light colour clothing as a deterrent to mosquitoes who may carry the Ross River, Dengue and other viruses. From what I have heard the Saturday workshop by Dr Anne Fowler on Birds was also a resounding success.

Herbivorous marsupials what are they? Herbivorous marsupials are kangaroos, wallabies, possums, koalas, wombats and gliders. Marsupials have a pouch or fold of skin on abdomen containing mammary glands, the pouch or fold of skin is the receptor for developing young. The young are born under developed they are called neonates, they crawl up into the pouch from the cloaca and attach to a teat. Neonates rely solely on the mother for warmth. They are born with a functional gastrointestinal tract, lungs and kidneys and have a special blood composition that enables them to survive high levels of carbon dioxide in the pouch. Ref. Carers Kit

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Raffle drawn, Saturday 5th December 2009

Please sell the tickets below and return by

Saturday 27th November 2009

Thankyou

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10

Please return money and tickets by Saturday 27th November 2009

To the Treasurer

PO Box 806 , Cannonvale 4802.

10 Tickets
for you to tear out or print
and sell for our
Wheelbarrow of Cheer
Christmas Raffle



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4967 7355

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4945 0200

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Peter Basso (fee charged)
0439 478140

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0424 456254

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(Bowen area)

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