



**Fauna Rescue Whitsundays  
Association Inc**

# NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2009 Issue 50



**MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*Photo Sandy — Myer Melbourne window Xmas 2006 "Wombat Divine."*

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### UP AND COMING EVENTS

Meeting dates for 2010 are as follows:

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Committee 1pm, then a General Meeting at 3pm

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Thursday Committee

March 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Committee 1pm, then a General Meeting at 3pm

April 15<sup>th</sup> Thursday Committee

May 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Committee followed by the Annual General Meeting at 1pm

### A WARM WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER

Alison Spence



## ENRICHMENT FOR POSSUMS

Have a good look around in the bush where the animal is going to be released, that should give you some ideas on how to set up your aviary. They need vertical as well as horizontal branches and the bark should be left on the branch, the thicker and rougher the better it is for the animal. Live branches are soft and move with impact. Place acacia branches into the aviary they love the insects and the galls. Catch moths and beetles and place them into the aviary for possums to chase about. Placing their natural food into the aviary is very important as that is what they are going to eat once they are released. You can drill holes into bark along branches and place insects, meal worms in the holes, the movement also stimulates their natural instincts.

Old fashioned climbing ropes with knots in them new rope from the hardware store. They can be hung from one corner to the other diagonally across the top half of the aviary. You can hide food in the knots push small branches through, Birds and possums both like it. Change the branches a lot, but the rope stays put. Astroturf on the bottom of the cage is marvelous, easy to keep clean just pull out and hose down air dry. (I have two pieces, one for in the aviary, and one being cleaned and aired/put in the sun) Thick 50mm natural ropes from branches to branches- natural rope is now hard to get as modern rope has nylon fibres in it. I just loop it around the thick branches until reasonably firm and sometimes push branches down between the twine. They love to hang by their tails and scramble around like on a tightrope!

I also hang large pine cones hanging from netting on a piece of rope - with titbits like grapes pushed into the sections so they have to pull it out and work to get it.

If you have any more enrichment ideas please pass them on.

## PEACEFUL DOVE INFO

A site worth looking at for Photos of the development of the little Peaceful Doves which are also found in Singapore <http://besgroup.talfrynature.com/2008/12/01/nesting-saga-of-peaceful-dove-part-1-of-6/> ps. There are six small films.

## RARE & THREATENED IN THE WHITSUNDAYS

Sooty oystercatcher *Haematopus fuliginosus*

The sooty oyster catcher is an uncommon resident to rocky shores around Australia. He has a red eye ring and red bill, legs greyish pink, and is black all over. They are more solitary than the sooty oyster catcher.

I was all excited thought I had taken photos of some sooty oyster catchers but alas they were of the pied variety.



## LINDEN'S NOVEL WAY OF NATIVE FIG COLLECTION



Linden not to be defeated in collecting all the figs from the tree used mechanical means thanks to Jim.

Linden has dried and frozen these native figs for members. See Noticeboard.

Thank you Linden

## ON BABIES, BATHS AND BIRDS

Having a young family and no money in the 1960's led me to discover the joys of camping. A cheap pair of binoculars and a book and I was hooked on 'bird-watching'.

Transferred to Canberra in the early '70's I became a member of the Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union (RAOU now Birds Australia). Little was known at that time regarding the distribution of birds in Australia. They started a project ('The Bird Atlas') to encourage people to send in 'sightings' that were then collated centrally. The distribution maps in today's Bird Books owe much of their information to this project.

One of the attractions of our current house, is that it is on the edge of 3 different bird habitats: Sclerophyll woodland down the front, old rain-forest down the back and on one side, Conway Beach. It didn't take long and I was once again involved in the Bird Atlasing project sending in records every month for over 2 years. This was greatly assisted by the number of bird-baths around the property.

Living in a place with a long and sometimes extreme, 'dry' season means that water for all local wildlife, is at a premium. Put out dishes, fill and clean them daily and you will be amazed what you will see. In the last 7 years I have recorded over 100 different bird species just from around the house, the most common being Dusky Honeyeaters.

Approaching such a dish recently, I saw 'something' in it. My first thought was that it was a 'toad' - not an unusual event for dishes on the ground. Approaching closer I realised it was a very young, very small bird. A Dusky Honeyeater! Inevitably, the first flight of every birds born in a tree is down! This poor little fledgling managed to make its first 'landfall' in water!

While the water was relatively deep the bird was floating on the top and while quite wet, still alive. Our house is enormously well-equipped with baby-bird life saving 'apparatus' but being home by myself, I had no idea where it is kept.

Having been found in water, my first thought was to dry it. Its soft breast-feathers were still damp and I realised that it must be incredibly cold. Cupping my hands around it, I 'breathed' through my fingers, every now and then taking a little peek to see what was happening.

It was just lying there, legs out-stretched, eyes closed, toes curled. Not good! Initially it was breathing quite heavily then it slowed down and became shallow. Not good at all!

Still warming it through my fingers, wandering around looking for heat pads etc. wondering when Sue would come home and why was she never there when she was needed! Becoming depressed!

Suddenly, I felt movement in my hand. Taking another peek, I saw that the tiny little thing was trying to stand up! Move its wings!!

Sue came home not long after. Heat pads were organised - nectivore mix prepared. By then it was nearly dark, so 'cage rest' was decided. (Actually 'cardboard box' rest but I wasn't about to argue with the technicalities).

Next morning, a 'nest' was constructed in a flowering grevillea tree near the delinquent bird-bath. Baby-bird was put in it where it quickly climbed to the edge. We left it for a time then went back.

From a distance we could see that a number of Dusky Honeyeaters had found the flowers in the tree. Dashing around in the morning sun, darting in and out of blossoms, calling! As we watched, ours made a tentative flight to a flower and started feeding. Then to another! Then another! It looked incredibly tiny, in amongst the flowers with its uncles and its cousins and its aunts.

Still it was alive. It was feeding! It could fly! It would probably make it. We called him 'Moses'!



Moses:(1) Feeding on the nectivore mix!  
(2)Free! (Photographic Rating: 1 out of 10. Carer Rating: 15 out of 10!)



Quinton: Not only 'wild' birds enjoy our baths. On 14/4/08 we received a Bush Stone-Curlew (ID = Quinton). Photo 1 shows him on that first day - meal-worms at his feet! The next photo, taken 180 days after release shows him enjoying the comforts of home.

The final photo was taken on 1/8/09, 408 days after 'Release'. By that time the dry season had kicked in and it had been over 4 weeks since we had any rain.

While we would like to think otherwise, this was almost certainly a case of Quinton, going through his 'database' of possible feeding places and coming up with us. Without any joy apparently!

He stayed for less that 12 hours, just long enough for a 'final' photo(?). Next morning he was gone. By Al McLeod

## SCRUB PYTHON UPDATE

Well after 4 1/2 months, I have finally been able to release my injured python. For those who didn't read my last article, he was about 4mt long and found at Cannonvale Primary school with some type of brain/nerve damage. His head was tilted to one side all the time and he was too quiet.

For the first couple of months nothing much changed, he ate a couple of meals which was encouraging but his head was still tilted and he didn't appear to be moving as he should. He lived outside in a 2.5mt square domed tent which gave him plenty of room, it was screened in fine mesh, lined with lots of leaves and logs and allowed natural light and air flow. He enjoyed the sun daily and moved into it while it was available and curled up in a secluded spot when it wasn't.

It was in the third month he became more active and unfortunately started rubbing his nose on the soft mesh causing a red spot and slight infection. Mark from Orchid Valley Vet Surgery prescribed Bactria injections daily for 6 days which seemed to do the trick. Luckily he was well behaved at injection time, I got him early in the morning when he was cold and at his quietest, just threw a blanket over him and pulled a coil out. Mostly he barely reacted but he did have some sensitive spots that made him squirm so I had to change position.

Then it was back to waiting to see if his brain was going to recover. There comes a time as you all know that you start to wonder if the animal is going to recover and I was starting to wonder. But luckily he stopped tilting his head and started to behave normally. There was to be no more getting very close to check his eyes and nose without restraint as I had been doing. Now the second I touched his cage he would turn and look at me and his body language said don't come near me or else.



So it was wait a couple of weeks to be sure he was recovered then one last look at his mouth and check that his teeth and gums were OK then open the tent to let him go. At this stage he was showing signs of shedding so I just left the tent open and waited, and waited. Snakes are very inactive before shedding so I actually released him a week before he left, as you can see he left a beautiful 4.8mt skin behind.

Linden Baker

## POSSUM RELOCATION STUDY

A study by Deakin University in Melbourne (Pietsch 1994) has shown that most relocated Common Brush tail Possums die in stressful circumstances soon after release. As part of the study, resident possums in a proposed release area were observed over 13 weeks. During this time, no possum carcasses, partial remains, or patches of fur were found. After the release of relocated urban possums in the same area, researchers recorded numerous patches of possum fur and the remains of eight possums most apparently killed by foxes.

Another 12 possums fitted with radio collars were released, but only two were alive after 10 weeks. Seven had died within the first week. Four had been killed by predators, probably foxes; two died of stress-related causes; and one was hit by a car. Two of the collared possums could not be found-their radios went off air prematurely.

The Deakin study showed that relocated possums spent significantly more time on the ground than resident animals, and 68 percent of their dens were on or under the ground during the first week after release. (Brush tail Possums rarely sleep at ground level under normal circumstances.) Contrary to popular belief, there was no evidence of any homing tendency in the released animals. Dispersal was in random directions. Similar studies of Common Ringtail Possums in Victoria and New South Wales have mirrored the Deakin results. Clearly, relocation is not a humane way of dealing with the problem.

### Reference

Pietsch, R.S. 1994. The fate of urban Common Brush tail Possums translocated to sclerophyll forest. in Serena, M. (ed.) Reintroduction biology of Australian and New Zealand Fauna. Surrey Beatty & Sons, Chipping Norton.

As a result of the findings of the Deakin University study, the Department drafted a Governor in Council Order that prohibits the relocation of possums in Victoria



# NOTICEBOARD



Barb Adamson has taken over the reins on the 7th October from Kate Purvis and is our new Secretary. I would like to say thank you to Kate for taking on the job as secretary for the past four months. It is unfortunate for us that your passion, horses and the opportunity to talk far and wide on the Hendra problem has taken you away from us.

Cathie Shoesmith has formally announced her resignation as co-ordinator. We therefore are in need of a macropod coordinator and a bat coordinator.

Anyone interested in becoming a committee member or co-ordinator should contact a committee member.

The 14th Australasian Bat Society Conference is being held in Darwin, 12-14 July 2010, a website is now available.

Go to <http://conference.ausbats.org.au/>. Bookmark the link in your web browser, if you are interested keep an eye on the site for developments as they come to hand. A reminder to those who may attend the conference that July is the peak of the tourist season in the N.T. We strongly recommend that you book your accommodation in Darwin well in advance.

A wonderful website [www.kangaroohouse.org](http://www.kangaroohouse.org) a great place to spent some time, maybe a weekend or a rest over or some spare time while travelling north. Donations always welcomed.

Next issue of Newsletter February is due out at end of January 2010. Please send your stories in to the editor.

## LOST

My baby galah flew off in the Sugarloaf area 15th November. I'm devastated. I'm having trouble attaching a photo, but you'll know him when you see him. He's beautiful.

He's very tame and will come to you. Please phone me if you see him. His name is Colin. Could you also please forward this to any animal lovers in the area, thank you

Shelley 4948 3328 0427 615 808

My Eclectus Parrot is missing please phone me if you have seen him in the Proserpine / Airlie Beach area. We understood he was clipped but unfortunately he just up and flew away.

Kelly 4948 4948

## FAUNA RESCUE MARKET STALL

This will be a regular column in the newsletter. So if you have items of use to either give away or sell. Specifically related to Rescuing or Caring for wildlife. Please contact Lola Mudie 07 49461281 or [melo@mackay.net.au](mailto:melo@mackay.net.au). A sample of all these items will be available at all our meetings, workshops and get togethers.

Book Marks \$1.00 (14)

Husbandry & Rehabilitation of Marsupials  
Course notes by Anne Fowler \$10.00 (4)

"Possum Books" by Sonya Stanvic \$12.00 (6)

Rescue Basket \$15.00 (1)

"Rescued" Compiled by Jodie Blackney (19) \$12.00 members  
\$20.00 non-members

Reusable Heat Pads \$20.00

T Shirts \$30.00 1x12, 2x 4, 1x16

## ITEMS TO GIVE AWAY

Disposable Cage Liners  
Small Mammal Pouches  
Towels

Please contact Lola Mudie 07 49461281 or email  
[melo@mackay.net.au](mailto:melo@mackay.net.au).

## FIGS FOR FREE

Well I have spent hours picking figs from my tree and have heaps and heaps of them. They are both frozen and dehydrated. I have reconstituted the dried ones and they come back very well. There are heaps of different birds that would benefit from these so please don't hesitate to come and get some. I have watched so many birds feasting on them over the last couple of weeks. I was surprised to see the peaceful and bar-shouldered doves daily getting their fair share of the fruit under the tree as well. I assume they were eating the seeds from inside.

Linden

# PRESIDENTS REPORT NOVEMBER 09

So, here we are again, only a few weeks left until Christmas Day! I would like to remind you all that our FRW Xmas BBQ is being held at 3pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December at the park on the foreshore in Cannonvale. This is a chance for everyone to get together, relax and share their stories of the animals they have cared for over the last year, so hope to see you there. We will also be drawing the Christmas Raffle, so if you are lucky enough to be the winner you may be taking home a wonderful Christmas treat!

Speaking of the Christmas Raffle I would like to extend a huge thankyou to all who have been helping with the raffle stalls, especially to Kylee Gray who has spent most afternoons on the stalls. At the time of writing this article, we have so far raised over \$2200 with stalls still to be held over the next week in Cannonvale. Excellent effort to all involved!

Well the babies have been trickling in with quite a few birds, possums, bats & wallabies in care, not to mention the snakes too! We are still looking for more carers to help share the load, so if you think you may be able to help this year please contact the species liaison officers.

We would like to thank the students at Proserpine State High School for the further 16 possum boxes they have made this year. These boxes are used for possums in our care and can be installed at the release site with the possum, giving them a familiar home when released or until such time as they may choose to move on to find new territories.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Cathie Shoemith

Cathie needs to move south to be near her father who has not been well and to assist with the running of his property. Cathie has been a huge contributor to FRW, spending time on the committee, helping with fundraising and our School & Community Education Project, acting as species liaison officer, as well as caring for many species of wildlife. Cathie will leave a huge hole within FRW and I only hope that she will be able to return to us one day. Thankyou Cathie for all your help and assistance over the years that FRW has existed. We wish you safe travels and good luck with your future endeavours. **I'm sure you will continue to put your knowledge and expertise towards helping our southern species of wildlife.**

Lastly, I would like to thank every one of you who have helped with FRW this year and wish to encourage you all to keep up the wonderful work!

Wishing you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year



## FRW WEB DESIGNERS REPORT

For those carers who may feel uncomfortable with the Animal Records database or not sure how to use it, I have made a new form which can be printed, details of fauna entered and passed on to a committee member who will forward it to someone to enter into the database.

Alternatively it can be filled in online and when the "Submit" button is pressed, it will be emailed to Jacqui & myself (Gerry) so we can enter details into the database. Many thanks to Lola Mudie for her designing the original form which we could work on.

The form is available online at <http://www.frw.org.au/addanimalform/addanimal.html>

All FRW members can join the member's forum at <http://www.frw.org.au/members/>

Here members can introduce themselves, post topics you feel might be interesting to others, view a list of FRW property and where it is stored, maybe there is something there that would be useful to you.

Also in the Photos section you can post any wildlife photos you would like to share with other members.

Do you wish to claim any expenses? The way to do this is in the Member's forum.

This will only be successful if members participate.  
Gerry



Thank you to

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# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING held 27/09/09 At QPWS Building, Mandalay.

Meeting Opened 3.40pm

Attendance: Rebecca MacRae, Barbara Adamson, Lola Mudie, Cathie Shoesmith, Jacqui Webb, Lee Fleming, Sandy Cleeland, Geoff Reudavey & Kate Purvis

Apologies: Col Forster, Le-Anne Dinnie, Sue & Al McLeod, Linden Baker, Kylie Gray, Rebecca Adamson, Barbara McLennan, Dawn Miller

Guest Speaker: Geoff Reudavey from Community Bank – Bendigo Bank

Presidents Report:

The Bird and Marsupial workshops, presented by Dr Anne Fowler was very successful. 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. The committee working together and helping to organize this workshop. To Cathie for **providing Dr Anne's accommodation. To Di & Col for Carol's accommodation.** To Lola for organising raffle and manning the welcome table. Further thanks to Rebecca and Di for organizing the wine and beautiful pearl earrings as a thank you present to Dr Anne. Everyone did a brilliant job, thank you.

Further events the committee has a few planned before the end of the year:

**Carer's Coffee & Chat Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm @ Lola's** General meeting Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas BBQ Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December, park behind Cannonvale State School. BYO meat & drinks, salads to be provided. Christmas Raffle, dates to be advised, calls for donations to hamper & wheelbarrow and helpers for raffle stalls.

School and Community Education Project in conjunction with the PetPep Programme Thank you to Cathie for time & assistance in attending **St Catherine's School in Proserpine on 1<sup>st</sup> September.**

Thank you to Carol Cosentino for time & assistance in attending **St John Bosco's and Collinsville State School in Collinsville on 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

Educational Purposes Permit (QPWS), currently working on application.

Possum boxes Proserpine State School

Should be available soon.

Radio Interview. I had an interview with Kim Clyden, ABC Tropical North on September 8<sup>th</sup>. 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, e.g. baby birds, road kill etc.

The Long grass Animal Record system. 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.

Call for carers, especially baby birds.

Call for native foods. (Linden's fig tree)

Secretary. 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 do 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 thank you 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!**

Newsletter Editor Needed.

Sandy unable to continue on as newsletter editor. Thank you to **Sandy for publishing the last year's newsletters.** Committee & members have provided lots of positive feedback on presentation and content of newsletters.

General Items

A. Feedback from Dr Anne Fowler Workshop - Barb Adamson suggested having a talk on how to identify food plants for our critters – Lola can help with this talk. Lee Fleming suggested finding out which ones are good so the some mem-

bers can plant food plants as well.  
B. Barb Adamson has been appointed Secretary.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

A. New Brochure – Is at the printers being printed. These will be ready next week.

B. Records Training Day will be held Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm in the QPWS office.

C. Poster Competition for schools – Entry form requires prize details – Call for any ideas from members –Entry forms to be given out at the beginning of December – PRYCE and other holiday care places to be teed up. Steve Parish Books, Faustus Toys and Hobbies for Kids and Fantasea/Cruise Whitsundays for trip for adult competition as prize suggestions.

Motion that Previous Minutes to be accepted – Moved by Kate and seconded by Sandy Cleeland.

Treasurers Report: Read by Jacqui –as of 18/09/09 Bank Balance is \$1,853.57 – Col to provide a treasurers report.

Whitsunday Public Fund Report: Sue unable to be at the meeting – Kate read report out on behalf of Sue. There has been no activity on either account other than interest earned. Maxi account balance is \$5,058.90 and operating account balance \$604.39

#### **Secretary's Report:**

##### Incoming Correspondence:

103 emails received the majority of these were internal emails. Sue regarding Brochure – requesting copies for Lions Club – **Lace Monitor, Kylie sent in photos, Sandy's application** to care for Proserpine Rock Wallabies and has been forward to QPWS.

Letters have been sent to supermarkets, bottle shops and hardware stores, requesting donations for Xmas Raffle, Agenda and General Meeting notices have been sent, letter to public fund – requesting shortfall of Anne Fowler workshop to be paid – they have approved 15 brochure holders but have declined labels as concerned that it is a administration cost and not for them. First Agency Pty will order and pay for labels.

Mail received – Gift Vouchers from IGA Jubilee Pocket, Coles, Airlie Beach hotel (Mangrove Jacks) and Wildlife Preservation has a \$5000 Preservation Award grant available for education.

##### Membership Report:

Membership fees were due 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 and are for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

We have had 2 previous members renew their membership. They are Kerry & Wayne Aspland, Kelly and Jamie Curra both joining as family memberships.

At the present time we have 36 adult or single memberships, 28 family memberships (56), 2 organisational memberships (4) and 1 honorary membership, a grand total of 97 members. Family membership comprises people of the same household at least one of whom must be over 18 years of age. On our lists husbands and children are listed for reference only.

Membership interest – Stalls are to have a workbook for people interested in becoming a member and a newsletter to be sent to them in 2010.

Juniors club to be investigated and ways to have them more Children involved in learning.

Committee to follow up on Insurance liabilities for children and what cover is required. RM to follow up.

##### General Business –

FRW Policy and Procedures manual – is that the renewal notices are 2 months not 3. This will bring the P&P and Constitution into line. This is not due for renewal until November. Please forward any suggestions to the Secretary.

New call log sheets for people who do not use a computer and post them in. Lola Has revised – Request queries from the floor – Discussions RE: What we have in place. Motion Moved by Lola and Seconded by Kate Purvis – Vote taken all for – Gerry to be emailed with a request that it is to be placed on the website – Barb Adamson to email to all carers and Hotline Volunteers.

Lola is now the Merchandise Coordinator – She will bring all merchandise to all FRW events.

Barb Adamson – Concerns RE Not enough Release sites – Geoff has offered to have any birds released on his property – suggestion of trailer with possum aviary for soft release.

Geoff Reudavey - Community (Bendigo) Bank – Has been a member of FRW since the beginning, has released some birds and possums on his property. He is here to talk to us about the new community bank Whitsunday. His interest is that it is the only bank that gives away 80% of its profit back to the community. The directors decide which organisations receiving the funding. Under the present government the funding is really starting to dry out. Bendigo bank was established in 1860. The directors are not paid and come from a steering committee and each year the 2 directors go off and 2 new ones get voted on. They are after 200 pledges. Pledge amounts are from 5 K -10k. The bank would prefer to have lots of smaller share holders as opposed to bigger ones. Wherever the more pledges are, is where the Head Office **will be set up. They will be putting in ATM's in the area but** its location will be ultimately chosen by Bendigo Bank. Shopping centres are not a chosen choice as Body Corp can make you change colours and signage, there for incurring addition costs. Bendigo bank provides all that other major banks provide and have the same bank guarantee from the government. They currently need 300 (\$ – \$900,000 raised) pledges, then a feasibility study is run, and then they will look for premises. They are aiming to have it done before Christmas. Pledges are not legally binding Contact Libby Liz for fees and charges. Bendigo Bank takes 50% of earnings and Community Bank gets 50%, 80% of this goes to the community and a limited 20% goes to the shareholders. Shares can be traded but are rarely ever sold. Bank Mangers will have the decision power to make loan decisions in house for business loans up to 2million (providing all checks are ticked) and personal loans. Amount was not specified.



Kate Purvis – Hendra – Laptop and projector did not work.  
General discussion with Kate and Geoff  
Meeting Closed: 5.56pm

ps. Since the general meeting Sandy has agreed to stay on as editor.

## COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT

### 22nd October & 28th November

As you will all know by now the main activities for the committee this month have been the roster and follow up for the Xmas Raffle.

Thanks to all who worked on this especially the volunteers who worked many sessions, the projected money raised will be close to \$3000.00. Special thanks to Kylie Gray who worked every afternoon for 3 weeks and to Col Forster who moved the raffle around and collected money each day.

We are sorry to announce the resignation of Cathie Shoesmith, who has been one of the strongest workers, **committee members, carers for many years. We don't know** how to replace her, if anyone has any ideas please let the committee know. Also our equipment has now been moved from Cathie's shop and will be stored at Barb McLennan's place in the future.

We give a huge thank you to Cathie and we wish her all the best in her new caring venture.

The Xmas BBQ which you should all have received a reminder for.

Because of the lack of members attending the general meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> November, we have had to delay the review of the policies and procedures, we have had only one response from our members, we need more feedback and more members to attend the next general meeting in 2010.

It has been decided to trial a face book page for 4 months. Hoping to get new members and advertise positive stories from carers and members.

Meeting dates set for the first part of 2010 are as follows:

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Committee plus General

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Committee

March 21<sup>st</sup> committee plus general

April 15<sup>th</sup> Committee

May 16<sup>th</sup> Committee and AGM

Barb Adamson  
Secretary



## NO MINUTES

for the General Meeting 26th November no quorum.

## PROSERPINE ROCK WALLABY RECOVERY DRAFT PLANS RELEASED

National draft recovery plans for 33 species of flora and fauna **have been released by the Australian Government's** Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts. Five of the six mammal species are from Queensland! The Proserpine Rock Wallaby a local.

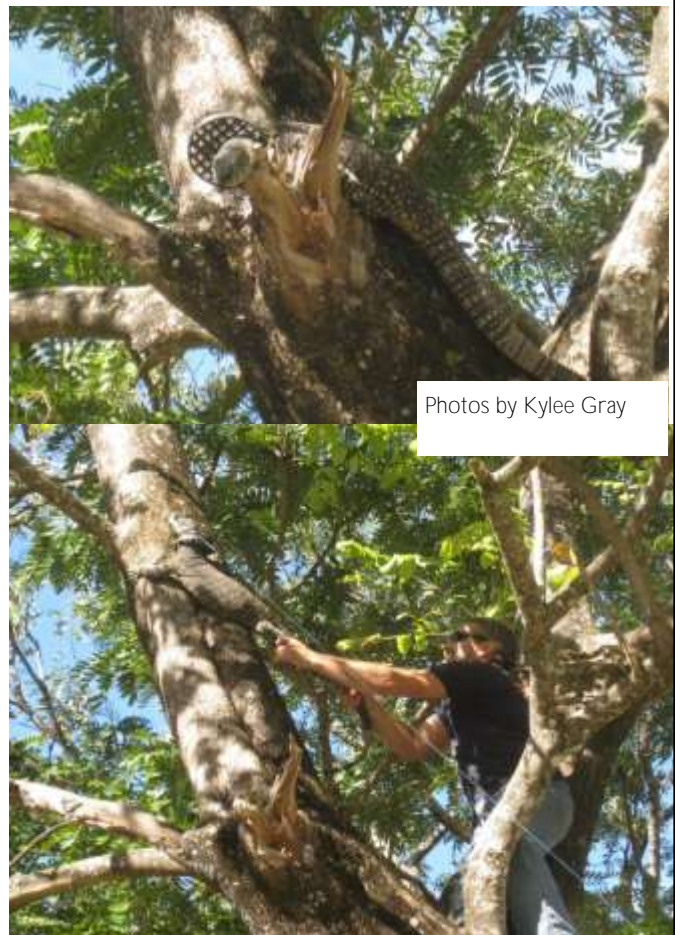
We have until 4 January 2010 to submit any comments. The draft plans can be downloaded from the website below.  
<http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/recovery-comment.html>

## PETER RESCUE'S A GRATED GOANNA

Thanks again to Peter and Kylee who both attended the rescue of a goanna. The goanna pictured had a grate around his neck.

You can see the broken grate caught around the goannas head like a collar.

Peter climbed the tree and was able to get a noose around its head. Happily the grate was able to be removed with not much drama and the goanna went on his merry way.



Photos by Kylee Gray

## Animal Records September/October

No	NAME	SPECIES	STATUS	ARRIVAL	TIME IN_CARE
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<u>459</u>	Baillee	Common Wallaroo	Died	16th Sep 2009	19 days
<u>473</u>	jw-250909	Pheasant Coucal	Died	25th Sep 2009	
<u>465</u>	Bird465	Laughing Kookaburra	Euthanased	26th Sep 2009	
<u>469</u>	jw-270909	Brahminy Kite	Released	27th Sep 2009	1 month 1 day
<u>460</u>	fiesty BA 31	Common Brush tail Possum	Transferred	28th Sep 2009	5 days
<u>472</u>	jw-280909	Masked Lapwing	Died	28th Sep 2009	
<u>464</u>	Maddison	Agile Wallaby	Transferred	30th Sep 2009	
<u>461</u>	Rachel BA 31	Common Brushtail Possum	In Care	1st Oct 2009	1 month 25 days
<u>463</u>	MM0110	Sacred Kingfisher	Released	1st Oct 2009	2 days
<u>466</u>	BA 30	Agile Wallaby	Euthanased	3rd Oct 2009	2 days
<u>467</u>	Suzi BA 33	Common Brushtail Possum	Transferred	3rd Oct 2009	5 days
<u>480</u>	SC20 Dolly	Peaceful Dove	Died	3rd Oct 2009	3 days
<u>481</u>	SC20 Cleo	Peaceful Dove	Transferred	3rd Oct 2009	8 days
<u>482</u>	Moses	Dusky Honeyeater	Released	4th Oct 2009	1 day
<u>474</u>	jw-051009	Rainbow Lorikeet	Released	5th Oct 2009	7 days
<u>484</u>	Cleo 481 SC 20	Peaceful Dove	Placed in new home	10th Oct 2009	11 days
<u>486</u>	Rodney	Agile Wallaby	In Care	15th Oct 2009	1 month 11 days
<u>534</u>	1	Squirrel Glider	In Care	15th Oct 2009	1 month 11 days
<u>535</u>	2	Squirrel Glider	In Care	15th Oct 2009	1 month 11 days
<u>488</u>	jw-161009	Rainbow Lorikeet	Released	16th Oct 2009	10 days
<u>487</u>	DVine SC 23	White-breasted Woodswallow	Placed in new home	18th Oct 2009	1 day
<u>489</u>	bm-004	Australian Magpie	Transferred	19th Oct 2009	2 days
<u>490</u>	Fish	White-breasted Woodswallow	In Care	19th Oct 2009	1 month 7 days
<u>491</u>	Fish BMc005	White-breasted Woodswallow	Placed in new home	19th Oct 2009	1 day
<u>529</u>	mmm No Weights	Black Flying-fox	In Care	21st Oct 2009	1 month 5 days
<u>530</u>	cs21/10/09	Black Flying-fox	In Care	21st Oct 2009	1 month 5 days
<u>531</u>	cs211009/2	Black Flying-fox	In Care	21st Oct 2009	1 month 5 days
<u>533</u>	mmm	Torresian Crow	In Care	21st Oct 2009	1 month 5 days
<u>493</u>	dw 001	Arnhem Sheath-tail-bat	In Care	22nd Oct 2009	1 month 4 days
<u>532</u>	cs221009	Black Flying-fox	In Care	22nd Oct 2009	1 month 4 days
<u>499</u>	Millie	Whiptail Wallaby	Euthanased	24th Oct 2009	6 days
<u>498</u>	Bird498	Pheasant Coucal	Euthanased	24th Oct 2009	
<u>500</u>	Lazarus	Eastern Water Dragon	Died	28th Oct 2009	11 days
<u>502</u>	mmm17	Rainbow Lorikeet	In Care	28th Oct 2009	29 days
<u>511</u>	LM043	Nankeen Kestrel	Transferred	4th Nov 2009	12 days
<u>512</u>	LM044	Nankeen Kestrel	Transferred	4th Nov 2009	13 days

<a href="#">503</a>	<a href="#">Bird503</a>	Yellow Honeyeater	In Care	5th Nov 2009	21 days
<a href="#">504</a>	<a href="#">MM0211</a>	Brown Honeyeater	Died	7th Nov 2009	3 days
<a href="#">505</a>	<a href="#">LB 7/11/09</a>	Nankeen Kestrel	Transferred	7th Nov 2009	15 days
<a href="#">508</a>	<a href="#">LMM046</a>	Unidentified Bird	In Care	11th Nov 2009	15 days
<a href="#">506</a>	<a href="#">DJ0076</a>	Northern Brown Bandicoot	Euthanased	12th Nov 2009	
<a href="#">507</a>	<a href="#">DJ0077</a>	White-throated Nightjar	Euthanased	12th Nov 2009	
<a href="#">509</a>	<a href="#">DJ0079</a>	Welcome Swallow	In Care	12th Nov 2009	14 days
<a href="#">510</a>	<a href="#">DJ0078</a>	Welcome Swallow	In Care	12th Nov 2009	14 days
<a href="#">513</a>	<a href="#">LM043</a>	Nankeen Kestrel	In Care	16th Nov 2009	10 days
<a href="#">514</a>	<a href="#">LM044</a>	Nankeen Kestrel	In Care	16th Nov 2009	10 days
<a href="#">540</a>	<a href="#">LB 7/11/09</a>	Nankeen Kestrel	In Care	19th Nov 2009	7 days
<a href="#">541</a>	<a href="#">jw-181109</a>	Laughing Kookaburra	Died	19th Nov 2009	
<a href="#">536</a>	<a href="#">mm0511</a>	Figbird	In Care	21st Nov 2009	5 days
<a href="#">537</a>	<a href="#">Bird537</a>	Bush Stone-curlew	Euthanased	21st Nov 2009	1 day
<a href="#">538</a>	<a href="#">Pepper</a>	Agile Wallaby	In Care	22nd Nov 2009	4 days
<a href="#">539</a>	<a href="#">Toohey</a>	Agile Wallaby	In Care	22nd Nov 2009	4 days



## JOEY'S CORNER



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<http://www.woaw.org.au/indexd.asp?arealD=2&pageID=3&contentID=3&grID=3>

Go to Fun Stuff

See native animals. Loads of games to play and fun things to do for children of all ages.



Australian Freshwater **TURTLE** Conservation and Research Association Inc. Has a Marvellous site on fresh water turtles with an exciting kids section.  
See: Hey Kids & school section.  
<http://www.aftcra.org.au/home.php>



## AUSTRALIAN BUSTARD

A marvellous photo submitted by Carol Church of a Bustard in full mating display. The photo was taken on a property in the Whitsundays they have a total of five bustards living on the property.

I have spoken to Peter Sykes and he says that about 70 have been recorded in the Whitsunday area.





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