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New species recognised!



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AGM 28th May

1pm QPW Building

10th Birthday

Celebrations

BBQ after AGM



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Editors Note:

It's that time of year again; Membership renewal and AGM on the 28th of May.

Membership renewal notices were sent out recently - if you didn't receive yours please contact Lola.

There is a lot of information in this issue re the AGM, please read it and if you have any questions contact one of the committee members. Please mark down the date and attend the meeting and the birthday celebrations afterwards – they are important.

Stop Press: we have just heard (it is not official yet) that we have been successful in our grant application to hold workshops (\$5000 odd) this is great news! The committee had already taken the decision to book Dr Anne Fowler (details TBA) but the funding should allow for further workshops as well.

Some great articles again in this edition, thanks to the contributors. Mostly feathers and scales, is nothing interesting happening with our furred friends?

Linden has created a bit of interest with the discovery of a new species of snake for the area. See the photo above and story on the next page.

Col



Happy
Birthday
FRW,

Happy Birthday

to you.....



Thank you: **JAN JARRATT'S OFFICE** for the printing of hard copies

**New species recognised in the
Whitsundays!**



SLATEY-GREY SNAKE *Stegonotus cucullatus*

One night last week I passed a snake crossing the road. It was going very slowly and I was concerned it would be run over. I did a U-turn and parked near it to give it a hurry on. It was then I noticed it was not a python as I had assumed. A careful closer look made me think it was a harmless Slatey grey snake which I have dealt with in the past in my time working at a wildlife park. It had stopped moving by this stage and refused to budge when nudged with a long stick. I took it home and rang Kylee, excited I may have found a snake that was not locally recognised. Kylee, also excited came straight around to help me examine and identify it, unfortunately the snake which must have been run over, died as she arrived. Kylee agreed with me that it appeared to be a slatey grey so I sent pictures to other snakey people for their opinions. When they also agreed I emailed some photos to Peter Sykes at the Department of Environment and Resource Management. He also agreed and forwarded the photos and description to the Queensland Museum who confirmed it was a Slatey Grey. Body is on the way to the Museum as a specimen and species will now be recorded as being found in the Whitsundays.

How exciting!

Words and Photo Linden Baker

Slaty-grey snake

After reading Lindens article I did a quick bit of research on the Slaty- Grey snake and here is what I found:

- ✓ It is found across the top of the NT and Qld. to Townsville.
- ✓ Common name; either Slaty - Grey or Slaty – Grey.
- ✓ Scientific name, *Stegonotus cucullatus*.
- ✓ Family *Colubridae* (from Latin *coluber*, snake). These snakes are either solid-toothed and non-venomous or rear-fanged and weakly venomous. No Australian colubrids are dangerous to humans, but they do look more like Australian venomous snakes than do the pythons.
- ✓ This family includes snakes with a range of specialised characteristics and habits. Some species are arboreal, others favor aquatic or semi-aquatic habitats.
- ✓ The three most common colubrid snakes are **Brown Tree Snake** (*Boiga irregularis*), **Common (Green) Tree Snake**, (*Dendrelaphis punctulata*) and **Keelback** (*Tropidonophis mairii*). The diet of the group reflects their habitat. The Common (Green) Tree Snake feeds mainly on frogs, the Brown Tree Snake is mainly a bird-eater - notorious for its raids on aviaries (See article N’letter 57) the Keelback is aquatic and preys on frogs, lizards, tadpoles and fish. The diet of the Slatey-Grey consists mainly of frogs, sometimes reptiles and some small mammals.
- ✓ The family includes both egg-layers and live-bearing species. The Slaty – Grey is an egg layer, laying up to 20 eggs per clutch.
- ✓ They are usually found near creeks, swamps and lagoons extending into woodland, monsoon forest and rainforest habitats and can be found associated with human habitations and buildings. They generally shelter beneath rocks, vegetation and in burrows.
- ✓ The average total length of an adult snake is 1.3m.

An Unusual Journey – The Road Trip of Chooky, Pie 1, Pie 2 & Friends.



Pie 1 & 2, photo by Jacqui Webb

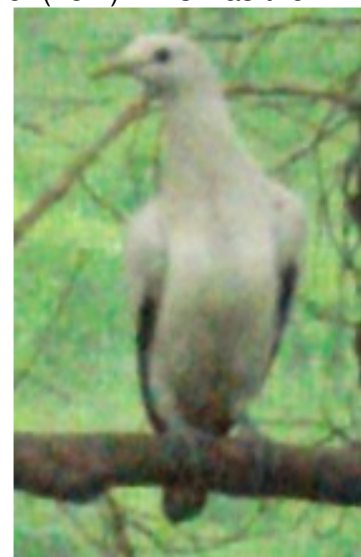
It was the beginning of January and I received a call from Di to say she had a young Pied Imperial Pigeon in care. This bird was nearly fully fledged, showing interest in food but not self feeding. We agreed that Di would care for the pigeon until it was self feeding, then it would come to me for pre-release, as I have others nesting in the area who always take an interest in the babies, which I eventually release to join up with them for their migration north. I received this bird, Pie 1, on 10th January and transferred him to one of the smaller aviaries. About a week later I received another call from Di saying she had another one in care. We agreed again that Di would care for it until self-feeding then it would join the first one in my aviary. Pie 2 arrived here on 10th January. These 2 birds got along marvelously together. However they

were not impressed when Cyclone Anthony was looming as I had to bring them, along with the Maggie & Butcherbirds inside in small cages. I was not taking any chances after losing the original flight aviary to Cyclone Ului. I think they went back out for only a day or two as then Cyclone Yasi reared it's ugly head, so back inside they all came, then back to their aviary a day later.

They were transferred to the large flight aviary once the Magpie & Butcherbirds were released on 11th February. They were flying beautifully from one end to the other (18m). This was the same day I received another one, Chooky, from Sue, a carer in Mackay. Sue was going to release Chooky there, but their local wild ones had also left early so she thought it would be better for Chooky to join my 2. Unfortunately our local wild birds had left earlier than usual, probably as a result of the cyclonic activity, so I was a little concerned that these guys had lost their buddies who would show them where the local food source was and guide their journey north.

I had been busy after Cyclone Yasi, wearing my QWRC hat, talking to carers in the North who were severely affected by Cyclone Yasi, discovering the devastation to the wildlife habitat in those areas and offering assistance from QWRC if needed.

It wasn't till a few days later that it suddenly dawned on me. Oh no, maybe I shouldn't release the birds here as if they did migrate North and stopped off for food and rest in the cyclone affected areas there would be no food or shelter for them! So I got back in touch with a carer in Cairns, Cathie Archer (Far North Qld Wildlife Care) who was happy to take them as she had others in her large aviary due for release. Luckily the Cairns area where she lives did not receive to much damage from Cyclone Yasi and there was still plenty of wild food in the area. Cathie told me that the wild ones don't usually leave Cairns till the end of April.



Chooky, photo by Jacqui Webb

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An Unusual Journey – The Road Trip of Chooky, Pie 1, Pie 2 & Friends. Cont.

This resulted in my plea for help in the last newsletter and via the internet to my other contacts within QWRC & RSPCA. The birds needed transport to Cairns ASAP. I really was loathe to use just any courier or transport company and was unable to do myself due to work commitments.

I received an email back from Annette Colling, the new RSPCA QLD Wildlife Co-ordinator who said if I could get them to the RSPCA shelter in Townsville, one of their inspectors was liaising with the Cairns inspector on 28/3, who could then get the birds to Cathie. Luckily, we had the North Qld Education Co-ordinator, Deborah Casey, coming down on the 26/3 for a workshop for Airlie Beach Friends of RSPCA, who offered to take the birds back to Townsville with her on the 27/3.

In the meantime, I had a call from Darrie (Magnetic Island Fauna Care Organization) on Magnetic Island. Darrie had been reading the newsletter. Although not a FRW member, Darrie was interested in receiving our newsletter after attending the last Anne Fowler Workshop we held. (Thanks Col, for ensuring delivery of the newsletter to Darrie). Darrie also realized that her PI pigeons in care, as well as some others from North Qld Wildlife Care, (NQWC), Townsville (6 more birds), also needed assistance and could we get them all together to go to Cairns?

So Darrie co-ordinated the Townsville & Magnetic Island birds to arrive at RSPCA on the Sunday along with my birds. Caroline Shemwell, the Townsville RSPCA shelter manager, ensured that they were comfortable and fed for the afternoon (apologies to Caroline who had to go in to work on her day off) and next morning loaded them into RSPCA transport cages to go to Cairns.



*Released Pied Imperial Pigeons,
Machan's Beach, Cairns,
photos by Cathie Archer*

Cathie contacted me the next day to say they had all arrived safe and sound in Cairns and were settling in nicely with her birds. She was amazed that they all settled down so quickly and were all eating well.

I had a call from Cathie again last week to say that now the birds are released, apart from the younger ones, and some are still hanging around her garden, feeding on the palm berries ☺

QLD along with 3 different Wildlife Rehabilitation Groups working closely to ensure a positive release and outcome for our wildlife.

Many, many thanks to Annette Colling, Deborah Casey, Caroline Shemwell and the Townsville & Cairns RSPCA inspectors for the safe road trip for our pigeons. Special thanks also to Darrie for co-ordinating the Townsville birds and to Cathie Archer for taking these birds 'under her wing'.



*Released Pied Imperial Pigeons,
Machan's Beach, Cairns,
photos by Cathie Archer*

Jacqui Webb

President's Report April 2011

Finally, it looks like we are seeing the beginning of some glorious Autumn weather and the rain has finally subsided! What a relief for Qld and all our critters. Let's hope that all who were affected by the floods and cyclone are on the road to recovery. The Easter weekend has been wonderful and I hope you have all had a wonderful break, spending time with family and friends.

As you may recall, in the last newsletter, I was seeking help for transportation of the Pied Imperial (Torresian) Pigeons from here to Cairns. I am happy to report that these pigeons, along with another 6 from the Townsville region were successfully transported to a carer in Cairns and have since been released, with the assistance of RSPCA Qld (see article in this newsletter for more details).

Speaking of the RSPCA, 12 of our members plus Peter Sykes (our local friendly wildlife ranger) and Selina Neil (our local RSPCA inspector, attended the information session last Thursday night hosted by Adam Northam (A/Senior Ranger (Wildlife Partnerships), Wildlife Management Branch, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Environment and Resource Management) & Kevin Bradley (Director of Veterinary Services, RSPCA QLD) regarding the DERM/RSPCA partnership. I am sure that most of you, if QWRC members and if registered as FRW members with DERM, would have received letters with information regarding this partnership. This proposed partnership covers various aspects of the management and regulation of wildlife rescue, care and rehabilitation, with RSPCA assuming responsibility for co-ordination of wildlife carers. It is expected that some of the benefits of this agreement will result in increased support for carers, improved standards of animal care and the creation of a central contact number for members of the public when reporting orphaned, sick or injured wildlife. The RSPCA 1300ANIMAL number will take over from the DERM hotline. Currently, the FRW hotline is listed with the RSPCA hotline and calls for the Whitsunday area are passed on to FRW Hotline Volunteers. Also, as part of the process, the Code of Practice - Care of orphaned, sick or injured protected animals by wildlife carers (COP), is being reviewed. DERM & RSPCA have already consulted with QWRC on the code and partnership and now would like to consult with other wildlife care organisations, individual carers and other stakeholders regarding the partnership and the COP, hence the scheduled information sessions. The draft COP should be available on the DERM website soon, <http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/wildlife-ecosystems/index.html> Please ensure you do have a look at this document and provide feedback as soon as possible either directly to DERM or myself as our regions QWRC representative. The others scheduled dates for these information sessions in other areas are listed further in this newsletter, in case you wish to pass them on to other rehabbers. We would like to thank both Adam and Kevin for taking time out of their busy schedule to give us an informative presentation on the partnership and answer many of our questions. I really feel this is a positive step in the right direction for not only our wildlife, but our carers as well.

While reminders are being issued please remember our AGM and 10th birthday Celebration will be held on May 28th at 1pm, followed by our celebration birthday BBQ. We sincerely hope that we will see most of you there. Invites will be issued closer to the date.

We will also be holding a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in June, as well as further fundraising and awareness days at the Airlie Beach Markets, so if you are interested in volunteering please contact one of our committee members for further details. We held a sausage sizzle and raffle at the Airlie Beach Markets on the Easter weekend. This was very successful, with quite a few people in town. We raised a total of \$724.80!! We would like to sincerely thank Barb McLennan who did a marvellous job of organising this successful event. Thank you to our sponsors, Coles Cannonvale, Brumby's Airlie Beach. Raffle prize donors, Barb McLennan, Airlie Beach Hotel and Lorelle Smith, also Airlie Beach RSL for the loan of the BBQ trailer and Whitsunday Lions for the market site. Gratitude also goes to our wonderful volunteers on the day, Barb & Rick Adamson, Mel & Lola Mudie, Di & Col, Linden Baker, Kylee Gray, Tamsyn & Nathan Hogarth, Lee Fleming, Lorelle Smith & Sunny as well as a lot of FRW members and friends who popped by to say hello and support this event.

Barb A has been busy with the PetPep programme with 2 visits in April. Wendy Wallaby also has been assisting Barb and the kids just love her. Many thanks to Di who brought the Wendy costume to be used by FRW.

We are still waiting to hear on the grant applications, but are booking Dr Anne Fowler for 26/27 November so please mark this date in your diary now. This is definitely a workshop worth attending as Dr Anne is an excellent presenter, very knowledgeable, experienced wildlife Vet, and her workshops are both educational and fun. If the funding is successful it should allow for us to hold another 1 or 2 workshops earlier in the year depending on availability of trainers. Please let your Species Liaison Officer know if there is a topic you would be particularly interested in.

And finally, please remember to submit your animal records on a monthly basis. With the new DERM/RSPCA partnership, we may be required to submit records to them for statistical purposes so it is important you keep these up to date. Accurate records not only assist us and the animals but can also help with funding applications.

Cheers, Jacqui

Some days just make it all worthwhile

I was called to the balcony this morning. 'Zorro is here' said Col with a smile on his face. There was no mistaking, from the raucous call, that there was at least one Pee Wee in the area. Zorro was one that we decided to try to save; as a fledgling it had had a broken leg. We raised and released her about a year ago. She stayed in the area for a month or 2 with visits becoming less and less frequent until she stopped altogether. Since then any Pee Wee call has been answered by us 'is that you Zorro?'

I was on my way to the balcony to feed a finch so went for a look. 'Is that you Zorro?' The Female came right up then changed her mind settling on a nearby tree. The male stayed away calling to maintain contact. At the same time no-name (the Friarbird in N'letter 57) came in to see what was going on but so did our 2 wild Lorikeets that have found there are often small treats around our bird cages and accept us in what is *their* environment.

No-name suggested that they should move on but the reply was a very stern 'no you move on buddy'. No-name was shocked but a great lesson. In the meantime Col got out the binoculars and had a good look at the Pee Wees. 'I think it's her' he said. I choose to believe it was.

Some days just make all the work, the disappointments, and the stress worthwhile.

Di Jessop

The Pee Wee *Grallina cyanoleuca*

This beautiful bird has a host of common names: (Australian) Magpie Lark, Peewee, and Mudlark are probably the most common. It is also known for its raucous and piercing call. Adults are easily distinguished, they are sexually dimorphic; that is there is a difference between individuals of different sex.



The Female (left) has a white bib both above and below the beak with the black crown and breast joined by a black vertical line through the eye.



The Male (right) has a black crown and breast up to the beak and a horizontal black band through the eye (a *Zorro* mask).



The Immature (left) is a real mix. It has the eye stripes of both sexes, although the vertical one does not go right through to the crown. It has the white breast bib of the female but is black above the beak like the male.

It was interesting watching the changes as Zorro matured. The white began appearing above the beak, the black vertical line began filling in and the Zorro mask began to disappear.

Carpent Python (Another gift from Kylee!)



Some of the initial injuries, this type of wound covered over a 1/3 rd of the body

Kylee as one of our local snake remover / rescuers is often dropping in little (sometimes not so little) surprises. She rang to say she had a python with a nasty infected mouth (canker) and infected wounds over the body. Well - for those with sensitive tummies you may want to skip to the last paragraph.

I could smell him before the bag was opened! Infected rotted wounds. After an examination was the discussion-euthanasia or have a go. The mouth (which Jacqui had already cleaned up) was red and swollen, the teeth on one side were gone and he had cheesy deposits (infection) and ulcers which are typical of Canker in snakes. Canker is always an indication of an underlying condition. The infected wounds over the body were probably that. As to what caused the injuries-who knows. Maybe his intended meal attacked back, maybe dog attack, maybe caught in roofing iron and injured? We could guess forever.

Vet Mark thought we should have a go so that meant daily antibiotic injections, wound and mouth cleaning and rinsing. Again I am going to be pretty graphic so if you keep reading don't say I didn't warn you. Enter Tamsyn! I have discovered that if it needs picking, probing, scraping and cleaning, she's your gal, no amount of goo fazes her. Every wound needed to have all the dead tissue removed on a daily basis, most went very deep, running under the skin, some into muscle. There was one wound that if we flushed it with saline, the saline would come out at another wound. There were about 10 nasty smelly wounds we were treating plus the mouth. We would find a tiny spot on the skin, pick at it and large pieces of infected tissue buried under the skin would be removed. It is amazing what can come out of one tiny hole. On about the third day we found 2 teeth that we could see imbedded laying flat in the gums. Could they be removed? Were they still attached and the jaw damaged? There were a couple of times I asked are we doing the right thing in treating this? Should we euthanase?

Off to Vet Mark again for his opinion. He could see improvement in the body and mouth so scraped the teeth out (they weren't attached) and said keep going.

So we did, with Tamsyn picking and Kylee and I holding we kept persisting. Day by day as each wound was cleaned we started noticing improvement. After 14 days there were some that were healing well and needed little attention, others we were still removing dead tissue from. The mouth started showing improvement too, the ulcer was shrinking and the swelling was down. After three weeks we are only wound cleaning every couple of days, still flushing the mouth daily and feeling confident the wounds will heal. He started flicking his tongue again – hadn't seen it before. Then he attempted to bite me when I went to pick him up. Now most people wouldn't like that but I was excited. He was obviously feeling heaps better to even try to move his mouth. Once when I was holding him he attempted to lunge at Tamsyn (I don't blame him) with mouth wide open. Fantastic! Now our main concern is the teeth. Will they grow back? We are also concerned about his ability to shed as some wounds cover a large area.





Yes, that came out of that hole!

Now 10 weeks on, all wounds are healed, mouth is great and it looks like the teeth are regrowing, he has had a small feed and yesterday with assistance shed his skin which unfortunately tore at the first scars. He is very underweight but otherwise healthy. Hopefully a winter with me and lots of food will see him ready for release in Spring.
Linden

More Sausage Sizzles?

As noted the Sausage Sizzle at the Easter Markets was a great success. We raised money and public interest, and members had a get together. We may have another coming up at Bunnings and Barb McLennan is interested in organizing more. If you think you can help contact Barb or a committee member.

Thanks to **Cassa Tandridge** who has donated a 5kg bag of Insecivore to FRW.

As part of the **DERM RSPCA partnership** the Code of Practice is being reviewed. Details: <http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/wildlife-ecosystems/index.html>

Fauna Rescues Market Stall

If you have useful items related to Rescuing or Caring for wildlife to either give away or sell contact Lola Mudie 07 49461281 or melo@mackay.net.au.

Items For Sale

Husbandry & Rehabilitation of Marsupials Course notes by Anne Fowler, Possum Books” by Sonya Stanvic, Rescued” Compiled by Jodie Blackney, Workshop notes by Dr. Jim Pollock, Reusable Heat Pads, Assorted FRW T Shirts - From \$12.00

Items To give Away

Disposable Cage Liners, Small Mammal Pouches, Towels, Joey Stand, Pouches suitable for Joeys or possums

A sample of all these items will be available at all our meetings, workshops and get-togethers.

Treasurers Report 02 11

The FRW accounts continue to be pretty healthy with activity closely reflecting the budget.

Our books are currently with the auditor and their figures will be available at the AGM.

The Easter Sausage Sizzle at the markets raised \$724.

We also received \$91.50 as donations from the Cannonvale Kidz.

Col Forster, Treasurer FRW

Rotary Club of Airlie Beach Community Raffle



It is that time of year again and we have our allocation of tickets in the Rotary Community Raffle. It is a huge help to local community groups; for FRW it is one of our biggest fundraisers. Remember that every \$ of every ticket we sell goes straight to FRW. Did I mention the prizes are great! This year first prize is a 10 day Kimberley cruise, second prize \$10,000.00, there are 9 prizes in all. Thanks to the members who have already purchased tickets and taken books to sell. Your help is greatly appreciated. I still have a lot of books left so if you would like to help, please phone me on 49461198. Look forward to hearing from you, Linden.

A big thanks to Rotary for organizing this.

**FAUNA RESCUE WHITSUNDAYS
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



**VENUE: QPWS BUILDING (via back entry)
Mandalay Rd Jubilee Pocket
DATE: SATURDAY 28TH MAY
TIME: 1PM**

An opportune time for all FRW members to get together, to elect a new committee and to meet new members and like minded people in a face to face situation. See you all there.

There will be a BBQ after the AGM to celebrate 10 years of FRW. See the Invite on Page 13.

**Fauna Rescue Whitsundays Association Inc
Annual General Meeting
Qld Parks & Wildlife Building Jubilee Pocket**

Saturday 28th May 2011, 1pm

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes from Annual General Meeting held 16/5/2010
4. Presidents Report
5. Treasurers Report
 - a. Receive & consider Financial Reports
 - b. Auditors Report
 - c. Adopt the Above
 - d. Appoint Auditor for year ending 28th February 2012
6. Public Fund Report
7. Secretary's Report
8. Membership Report
9. Hotline Report
10. Election of Incoming Committee
11. Honorary Membership
12. General Business

Close Meeting

FRW - the way ahead.

Is the power in FRW held by too few people? This question has been asked before and the resounding answer is yes! Is it because those people seek power and control? No. It is simply because no one else has their hands up. We need more hands to be raised and your best opportunity to do this is the AGM to be held on the 28th of May.

Lets look at a few examples:

Our President: Jacqui is not just President of FRW she is our Mackay/Whitsunday Qld Wildlife Rehabilitation Council representative, a Volunteer Co-Ordinator of Airlie Beach Friends of RSPCA. Remember President is an executive position and a committee member. She is Hotline co-ordinator. She is a carer. She is SLO for Birds (the largest group of animals we deal with), Koalas, Raptors, and Echidnas. She mans the hotline as required. On top of this she holds down a job and husband, is a mother, grandmother, and I guess she gets to sleep on occasion!

Our Vice President: Lola is not just Vice President of FRW she is President of the Proserpine Hospital Auxiliary, Committee person Mackay Health Community Council, Consumer Rep Northern Maternity and Neonatal Clinical Network, Active Life Member of both local swimming clubs. Remember Vice President is an executive position and a committee member. She is a regular Hotline chick. She is a carer. She is Membership Officer, Asset Manager, and Merchandising Officer. On top of this she runs her own businesses, has a husband, is a mother, grandmother and I guess she also gets to sleep on occasion.

A committee member: Linden. She is SLO for Reptiles, Small Mammals, and Koalas. She is a carer. She organizes our Wombaroo food supplies (orders, packaging, distribution and financials), is raising insect food supplies and is a regular Newsletter contributor. On top of this she holds down a full time job, and a husband, is a mother, and I guess she gets to sleep on occasion.

Other committee members also hold multiple positions. Myself; I am just Treasurer, an executive position on the committee, Newsletter Editor (and contributor), Rescuer, and I assist with caring.

So is it because these people seek power and control? No, they care. Each one would like to reduce their workload provided the animals and organisation are still being cared for. In short they just want OUR community to be caring, balanced, and a great place to bring up our families and live, work and play.

Give this some thought because if this committee burns out and no one else puts up their hand there will be no FRW. Think about the impact on the wildlife and human inhabitants in this region.

Now don't get me wrong, it is not just the committee. Di, my partner, is a Hotline chick, Rescuer, and Carer. She has been on the Committee and was Fundraising Officer. There are many more members just like her. But could YOU give a bit more?

Again the AGM is on the 28th of May and nomination forms are in this newsletter. Nominating for a position is not standing in opposition to the current committee member, it is offering your assistance; and that will be gratefully received.

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM 2011-2012

(Please use block letters when completing)

Completed Nomination forms must be received by the secretary no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the annual general meeting to be held Saturday 28th May 2011 at 1pm at the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Building in Jubilee Pocket.

The Secretary
Fauna Rescue Whitsundays Association Inc
PO Box 806
Cannonvale, QLD 4802

I.....am a financial member of Fauna Rescue Whitsundays Association Inc .

I nominateas a candidate for the position of: (please circle one)
President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Committee Member

Signed By the candidate.....

Nominating member’s signatures:

1.....Date.....

2.....Date.....

Notes:

- Any two (2) financial members must nominate another member (the candidate) to serve as a member of the management committee.
- Nominations are to be received by the Secretary not later than Saturday the 14th May 2011
- Should there be no written nominations for any position, then nominations may be taken from the floor of the meeting.

PROXY VOTING FORM 2011

(Please use block letters when completing)

Fauna Rescue Whitsundays Association Inc:

Iof

(Address).....

Being a financial member of the association, appoint

(Full name).....of

(Address).....

As my proxy to vote for me on behalf at the annual general meeting of the association, to be held on the 28th day of May, 2011 and at any adjournment of the meeting.

Signed this.....day of2011

Full Name.....

Signature.....

Meet Wendy Wallaby



the kids at Cannonvale Kidz did!

FRW was invited to do a talk at Cannonvale Kidz child care centre and I asked Rebecca Adamson to help me do a play as these children are all pre school age and the span of concentration is not a long one. As it happened Tahlia, Becs eldest child had a day off work and said she would play the part of Wendy Wallaby ,again we chose Wendy as wallabies are more common here than kangaroos are.

Our play showed the kids the wallaby being hit by a car and what we need to do with the help of an adult of course. As we checked the pouch to everyones delight ,she had a baby that was taken into care.

The children and staff loved it so much they decided to help Fauna Rescue and hold a dress up day with a gold coin donation tin, of course Wendy was invited back and taught the kids a wallaby dance and was well loved again.

This is all part of the education program and we loved doing it as much as they loved seeing it.

Barb Bec Tahlia

Juvenile Brown Booby, *Sula leucogaster*



This bird hitched a ride from Black Island to Airlie on one of the boats. He is currently in care and guzzling down the pilchards and squid, impregnated with special seabird tablets for extra vitamins. He was looking quite stressed when Tony spotted him at the marina and advised the crew to call FRW. The mottled lower breast indicates he is a young bird. Thanks to Kylee for picking him up.

Juvenile Channel-billed Cuckoo, *Scythrops novaehollandiae*



This youngster was found in Airlie Beach. They arrive here from New Guinea, Indonesia and other Northern islands around August/September to breed and depart from Northern Australia March/April. They are parasitic birds, laying their eggs in nests of currawongs, crows or magpies. He has had some sort of wing injury, although there appears to be no breaks, which will hopefully heal enough for him to develop strong flight for his migration. Adults are grey and white. They eat fruit and large insects, hence the colouration on the beak, he was having breakfast when this photo was taken. The buff-colouration in the feathers indicates a young bird. He may also need to be sent direct to Cairns. Thanks to Barb A for catching and bird-sitting until I could pick him up after work.

Words and Photos Jacqui Webb

Fauna Rescue Whitsundays Association Inc



You are invited to Fauna Rescue Whitsundays

Annual General Meeting

Followed by: 10th Birthday BBQ Celebrations

When: Saturday 28th May 2011

Time: 1pm

**Where: QPWS Office
cnr Mandalay & Shute Harbour Roads (Mandalay Rd entrance)**

What to bring: Yourself & family, chair & drinks

RSVP: Monday 23rd May

FRW Noticeboard

Upcoming dates of interest:

Saturday 28th May: AGM. 1300 (1pm) See Invite Page 13

Saturday 28th May: 10th Birthday Celebration. See Invite Page 13

Sunday 12th June: Wildcare, Walk For Wildlife. www.walkforwildlife.com.au

16-20 July 2012 - NWRC Info on www.nwrc.com.au

26/27 November – Workshop _ Dr Anne Fowler. Details TBA

DERM/RSPCA Partnership Information Session Dates

Toowoomba - DERM office - 3/5/11 - 6.30pm

Sunshine Coast - Waterfront Hotel - 4/5/11 - 6.30pm

Bundaberg - DERM office - 5/5/11 - 6.30pm

Cairns - Envirocentre Edge Hill State School - 9/5/11 - 6.30pm

Townsville - DERM Office - 11/5/11 - 6.30pm

Rockhampton - DERM office - 12/5/11 - 6.30pm

Ipswich - Environmental Centre, Queens Park - 16/5/11 - 6.30pm

RSVP adam.northam@derm.qld.gov.au

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The Recent Past:

Cannonvale Kidz including fundraiser. See Meet Wendy Wallaby pg 12.

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Other Stuff: - The Rotary Raffle, details Pg 8 – Contact Linden Baker 4946 1198

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A comment from afar:

Hi Col, I'm Jacqui's friend from Adelaide! Just wanted to tell you that this is a very comprehensive Newsletter with lovely stories & piccies!! I can't believe it's 10 years, & how the 'contacts' page has multiplied.

Why don't you give Jan Jarrett an Hon Life Membership???

Cheers Robyn (Stokes)

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