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Cover Photo: A Juvenile Greater Glider rescued from Kangaroo Valley

Photo compliments of Ian & Shirley Usher



OUT-GOING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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This season was characterised by a lot of rain and much 'climate change' behaviour in the animals. There were bird nesting's almost continually throughout the winter, and the flying foxes arrived unusually early this year after an early cold spell. This resulted in a very busy spring and summer, and unusually high numbers of calls related to baby birds and bats.

2011 has seen a name change for the organisation from the long-standing name of Native Animal Network Association Inc to Wildlife Rescue South Coast Inc. Combined with this, the organisation has launched a new logo and is having a proactive Publicity campaign. A part of the mandate from NSW Parks and Wildlife is to educate the public, and there is a big push in the organisation to get our name and mission published out there.

A part of this campaign has been the production of a Wildlife Rescue South Coast Inc. 2012 calendar. Packed with beautiful photographs and educational information about the animals, these were sponsored by 12 local businesses, provided with photos by highly talented member photographers and, at a price of \$10, are proving very popular. Get your order in now for Christmas presents. All funds go to Wildlife Rescue South Coast Inc.

A big thanks to all members for their time and support in the last 12 months. Joy Weatherall, our long time Treasurer and, very active member, is taking over as our new President. I know the organisation is in very safe hands there. Congratulations and welcome Joy.

The Committee and Members would like to thank the following for their generous donations:

Name	Company	Name	Company
Murray Smith	Shoalhaven Antennas	B. Dobie	
Lorna Bass		John Bromage	
Marie Gardner		Anne & John Richardson	
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IN-COMING PRESIDENT'S REPORT



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Firstly, I would like to say a huge "Thank You" to the dedicated working committee, office bearers and members, who have worked so hard in the past to make our organisation such a great one to be involved with. You all inspire me so much!

By way of introduction, I am a relatively new comer to the native animal rescue scene, but have been involved as a volunteer in several different organisations over the past 30 years, holding positions including; Secretary, Treasurer or President in car clubs, Rotary Clubs and have been your Treasurer for the past couple of years. Hopefully my administrative skills will make up for what I lack in animal experience. I am looking forward to working together with you and to getting to know you better.

Our change of name to Wildlife Rescue South Coast Inc. has generally gone through fairly smoothly, and has been well accepted by most members, the general public and other organisations with whom we do business. We will soon be looking at re-designing and re-printing much of our publicity material.

I'm sure that the year ahead will present us with some challenges, but we have a talented team of people to lead us and it is going to be a great year.

We have identified some opportunities for improvement which are aimed at getting more people involved in the management of our activities:

- The redirection of the Nowra group emergency phone system is now being performed daily by the staff at Well Done Contact Centres. This is expected to deliver a more regular service to those people on our phone roster, and relieves the phone co-ordinator of this responsibility.
- We plan to appoint a 'buddy' to each appointed role - this will give support to each person, whilst also allowing new people to learn more about each task, and ultimately, give us some 'succession planning' options.
- The Far South Coast group has formed a sub-committee which now conducts regular meetings for their members. Thanks to Ray Alcock (Committee Chairperson), Cath Horsfield (Committee Secretary), and Kathy Mincher (Committee Treasurer) for stepping into these roles. This will help to improve the communication between members and to implement more consistent procedures; including training, statistics, financial controls and administration across all members.

Our major fund raiser for this year is the 2012 Wildlife Rescue South Coast Inc. calendar (see elsewhere in the newsletter). Well done to those involved in the preparation. Sales have got off to a really good start - keep those orders coming in!

**FLYING FOX &
MICRO-BAT
REPORT**



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Bat carers in the Shoalhaven have had a relatively quiet time over the past three months with only 39 flying foxes wintering over and very few rescues. The Bomaderry colony left the Shoalhaven on the 26th April this year and, although flying foxes still graced our night skies, the colonies they occupied could not be found. Our last rescue was a juvenile female at Shoalhaven Heads at the beginning of August, unfortunately she had a fractured forearm and had to be euthanized.

Our demountable release cage has been a godsend, last season over 130 bats were released from the Bomaderry facility, during the winter months it has come home for an upgrade and very shortly it will be replaced under the canopy in Bomaderry close to the flying fox camp.

Several weeks ago a flying fox/micro-bat training workshop was held at the Shoalhaven Bat Clinic. Twelve Wildlife Rescue members completed the course and we now have an additional five vaccinated rescuers/carers.

Five micro-bats (3 Lesser Long-eared bats & 2 Gould's Long-eared bats) wintered over, all have been released. We have had several micros in over the past couple of weeks, all had very low weights after the winter torpor but all have put on weight very quickly and will be released shortly.

At the beginning of August several flying fox carers from Wildlife Rescue attended the FFICN conference in Murwillumbah, the main topic at the conference centered around the latest research on Hendra (HeV). Spurred on by this information, Steve Amesbury has put together a fantastic web page www.hendrafacts.info and it is a viewing must for horse owners. Please remember HeV is a disease of horses and not bats.

I would like to thank Jan Guscott, kitchen manager, Shoalhaven Bat Clinic. Jan has done a fantastic job cutting fruit 3 days a week for over 18 months; she has freed up vaccinated carers to do hands on work. If anyone would like to help Jan (1 day a week) please contact me on 0414 931 452.



Arrgh! Come on!
A kiss and a cuddle won't hurt!
I promise I'll eat all those mosquitoes that are bothering you.

POSSUM & GLIDER REPORT



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Having only stepped into the position of co-ordinator for possums and gliders four months ago, it has been an interesting few months. I was led to believe the winter months were historically the quiet months for rescues however, if this is the case, then I hope I'm up to the task of collecting the required statistics when things hot up.

May and June were relatively quiet, although I suspect the previous co-ordinator was still being notified of incoming animals, hence allowing me to ease into the role gradually. Rescues increased in July and hit the high time in August. Figures for the four months showed that there were twenty two (22) Brushtails, twelve (12) Ringtails, ten (10) Sugargliders, three (3) Feathertails and one (1) Pygmy possum in total; requiring care for a variety of reasons.

Currently we have nine (9) pouched young Brushtails and twin Sugargliders in foster homes. The little 2gm Pygmy possum was found during land clearing after the branch he was sleeping in was dropped, he sustained bruising and initially did well in care, however, ultimately did not survive. I was told the rest of his family had been relocated but due to his small stature he was missed when the others were removed. Sadly most of the Sugargliders either died in care or required euthanising due to extreme prematurity, only two were able to be released. Of the three Feathertails, two did well and one required euthanising.

On Saturday the 10th September, a 'Juvenile to Release' possum course was held at the State Emergency Services meeting room. The trainer was Karen Jordan and feedback from those who attended was very positive. All participants were keen for Karen to run her other two courses in the near future. Hopefully this can be arranged in the coming months. I would like to thank Karen for sharing her knowledge and also for her unwavering commitment to possum and glider care.

Karen is always available for advice and nothing is ever too much trouble. She is even happy and cheery in the middle of the night when called to adopt a furless orphan.

Now that we have keen new carers waiting in the wings, it has come to my attention that secure indoor housing and aviaries are in short supply.

If anyone has equipment they no longer require, it would be appreciated if you could contact me so we can find a useful home for it.

While a number of you have already met or spoken to me, I would like those who I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, but are willing to adopt an incoming orphan, to contact me so I can ascertain who is out there. And finally, I should let you know I am a stickler for statistics for two reasons. Firstly, I am somewhat of a control freak and need to know what

is where but, most importantly, it is imperative that the statistics are reported accurately to NPWS.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated in this matter. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns although, I am a shift worker, and not always available at the usual times; in which case feel free to leave a message on my home phone or e-mail me and I will get back to you.

**GENERAL INFORMATION ON PLANNED ACTIVITIES
FAR SOUTH COAST**

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Contact
15 Oct 11	Sat	1200	General Meeting	To Be Confirmed	Ray Alcock 6493 0357 0417 238 921
19 Nov 11	Sat	1200	General Meeting	To Be Confirmed	As Above
17 Dec 11	Sat	1200	General Meeting	To Be Confirmed	As Above
21 Jan 12	Sat	1200	General Meeting	To Be Confirmed	As Above
18 Feb 12	Sat	1200	General Meeting	To Be Confirmed	As Above
17 Mar 12	Sat	1200	General Meeting	To Be Confirmed	As Above
21 Apr 12	Sat	1200	General Meeting	To Be Confirmed	As Above
19 May 12	Sat	1200	General Meeting	To Be Confirmed	As Above
16 Jun 12	Sat	1200	General Meeting	To Be Confirmed	As Above

General Meeting dates for Wildlife Rescue South Coast Inc. are listed on the Contacts Reference Page.

Mr. Michael Smith, the Shoalhaven City Council Threatened Species Officer, will be a guest speaker at the General Meeting to be held 09 November 2011. He will be talking about our role with regard to tree felling within the Shoalhaven and provide a perspective on the Council's expectations. We currently have no SOP for dealing with the tree felling operations that we are regularly requested to attend. Should be interesting and, I am sure, he will be happy to discuss other matters about threatened species.

LARGE MAMMAL REPORT



John Meany 4422 7367

This last year has been one of many changes for our group. These range from a name change from NANA to Wildlife Rescue South Coast Inc., we have adopted the positions of Species Co-ordinators to oversee the management and well being of animals that come into our care and, some new faces have appeared on the Committee and Executive positions.

For my part in the role of Large Mammal Co-ordinator I covered the macropods, i.e., kangaroos, wallabies, and wombats; and, for a while, the various possum and glider species until the Possum Co-ordinator position was established.

The macropods are the most numerous of the animals reported to the Large Mammal Co-ordinator and, unfortunately, this is reflected in the fate of most of them. Motor vehicle strike would account for at least 75% of animals, either being killed outright or having to be put down due to injuries sustained. The other concern is the orphaned joeys that come into care. Some of these die from injuries received while others need to be raised and, hopefully, released back into the wild.

Wombats, while not as numerous in reports, seem to suffer a similar fate at the hands of vehicle operators. Most adults reported are either DOA or killed outright, while others have to be put down due to injuries. Another problem for wombats is infestation by mange mites that, in severe cases, usually results in the animal being euthanized. There is, however, some new research into treatment of mange mites that may save some of these animals from unnecessary death.

In other situations we have cases of wombats that wander into urban areas and need to be rescued and relocated from backyards or under houses.

A major concern for most co-ordinators is the availability of trained carers who can take orphaned joeys and rear them to a stage where they can be released. I can only urge all members to do what they can to assist in this important work.

In closing, I would like to thank all those who have assisted me in my role of Large Mammal Co-ordinator over recent years and ask that the new Co-ordinator, Ian Ross, be given your full support in the future. Ian Ross can be contacted on 0438 608 556 or *email: rossian51@gmail.com*

**REPTILE & AMPHIBIAN
REPORT**



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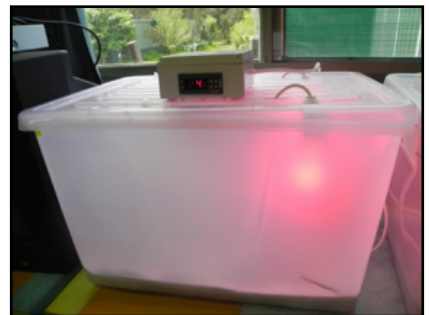
Winter has provided reptile carers with a break, although now spring has arrived so has the whipper snipper bluetongues and car strike dragons.

Cooperation between groups really works. This Hawksbill turtle was found buried in the sand at Longbeach (just north of Batemans Bay). A member of the public took it home and made numerous calls before reaching John on our Wildlife Rescue hotline phone. John gave her my number. I contacted National Parks and arranged for them to pick up the marine turtle. Joy and I met up with the ranger at Bewong, transferred the turtle to my car and continued up the coast to Kiama where we transferred the turtle to Seabird Rescue. They then drove the last leg to Sydney and delivered the turtle into the capable hands of staff at Taronga Park.

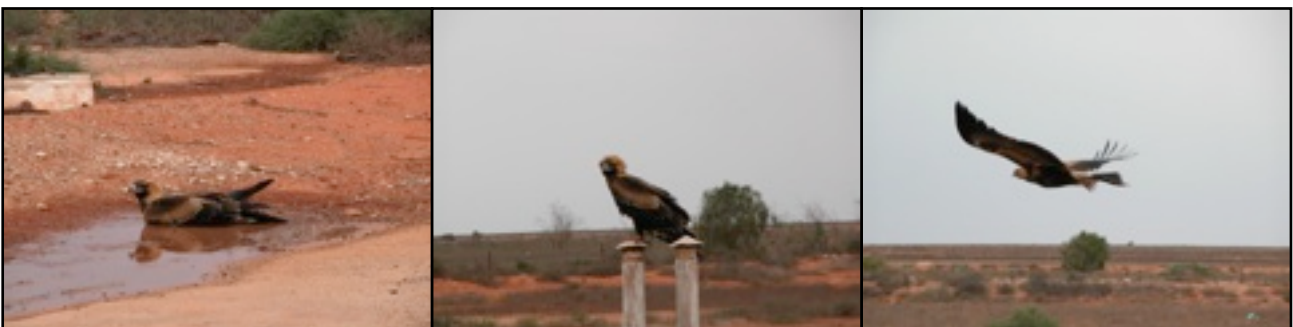


A stomach full of plastic is thought to be the cause of the turtle being off course. Turtles that have swallowed plastic bags are unable to sink and swim against the southern cold currents.

Thank you to Terry McLafferty for making the reptile team thermostatically controlled hot boxes. Terry has made three already and is in the process of making another eight.



Jane Mills will be taking over as the reptile and amphibian coordinator from the 1st October. I wish her well and know she will do a great job. Jane will hold the new hot boxes and issue reptile numbers as part of her duties. She can be contacted on 0407 297 264.



Wedge-tailed Eagle at Forrest Airport, Western Australia
Compliments Graeme Hawkins

**RAPTORS & THREATENED
SPECIES
REPORT**

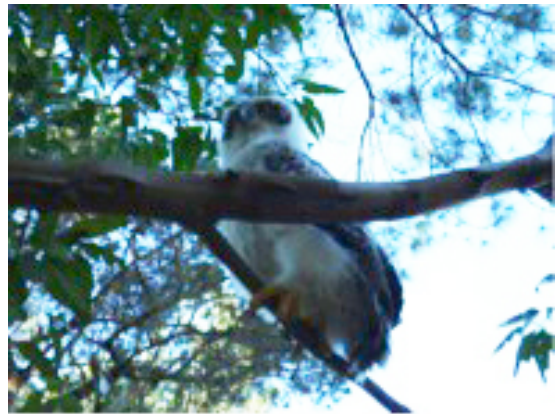
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RAPTORS AND THREATENED SPECIES

Since January we have had 2 Gang-gangs, 1 Peregrine Falcon, 2 Wedge-tailed Eagles, 1 Powerful Owl, 6 Boobooks, and 2 Masked Owls come into care.

Unfortunately only 3 Boobooks, 1 Powerful, 1 Masked, 1 Barn and the Peregrine Falcon were released successfully. NPWS are undertaking further enquiries regarding the shooting of the adult male and juvenile Wedge-tailed Eagles at Berry, a very distressing discovery following rescue and vet examinations.

But this encounter makes it all worthwhile. We were called to a rescue mid-afternoon, a "white owl with black eyes" they said, in a tree being attacked by magpies at Greenfield's Beach, Vincentia a few weeks ago. Debbie, Colin and I attended and found this juvenile Powerful Owl perching low in a tree. After I climbed up and had a closer look he flapped his wings at me and obviously had no injuries and had probably been blown down the night before in high winds. We decided to leave him there until first light next morning.



Following inspection of the surrounding trees and bushes early next morning he had obviously been reclaimed by his parents as there was no sign of him. A magnificent encounter.

Hints for the Submission of Photographs

Most cameras produce an image file in the range of 2-5 mb. Please don't reduce the image size for email transmission. In many cases, the photo will need to be rescaled, or lightened/darkened, to be suitable for printing as a 'hard copy' newsletter.

If you use software to reduce the image size it will make it difficult for the editor to use the image in a manner that does it justice. A .jpg (or .jpeg) file of less than around 400 kb gives very little opportunity to manoeuvre at the time of editing.

I am more than happy to copy full size images off Thumb Drives or any format of CD/DVD if you are concerned about emailing large-sized images.

BIRDS - (SOUTH) REPORT

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It has been reasonably quiet over the winter months with around 100 birds coming into care including the usual Lorikeets, Kookaburras, Rosellas, King Parrots and Magpies for varying reasons. A few unusual rescues were a Eurasian Coot which flew into a backyard and could not take off again from solid ground, an Australasian Grebe, Crested Terns, an Australasian Gannet, a Golden Whistler, and several Boobooks coming into care.

SIX SWANS A SWIMMING

Six cygnets that came into care, five being abandoned by their parents and another coming in alone. Judy Bailey has been caring for them since they were balls of fluff and I babysat them while Judy was away for 2 weeks. We can see how much they have grown in just those two weeks and they are nowhere near flying yet as their wings are still only half size. As you can see, they love their swimming lessons.



2013 CALENDAR - PHOTO COMPETITION

The Photo Competition for the 2013 Wildlife Rescue South Coast Inc. calendar is now open. All members are encouraged to submit photos for the calendar.

Members can submit photos until 31 January 2012; when the competition will be closed and the Committee will review all the photos with a view of selecting the 13 most suitable for inclusion in the calendar. Any photos chosen for the calendar will acknowledge the photographer and their copyright.

The decision to produce a 2013 calendar will be based upon the success of the 2012 venture; which appears to be very viable at the moment.

Send photos to the Editor flynavy@shoalhaven.net.au or to a Committee Member who will forward them as required.



King Parrot - 2012 Winning Entry
submitted by Nick Gibson

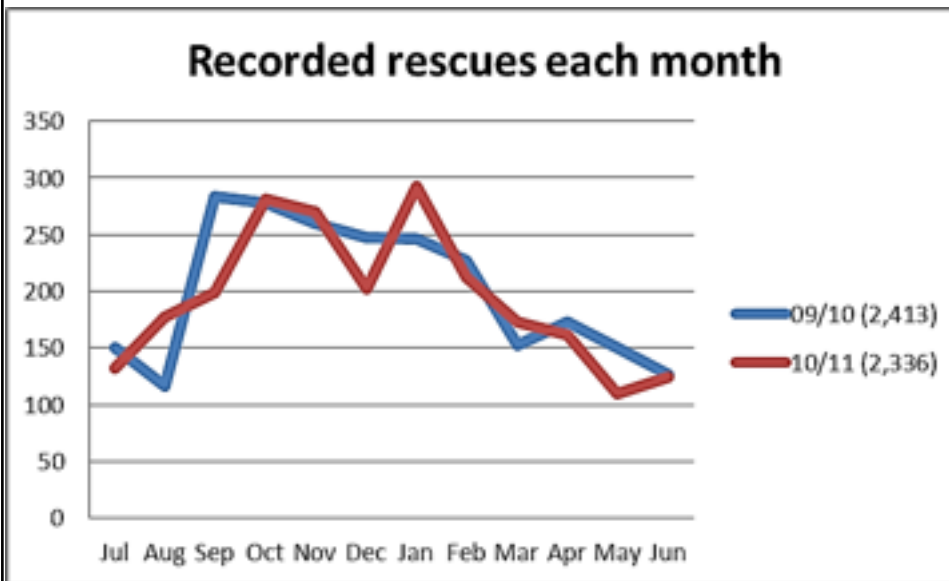
STATISTIC OFFICER'S REPORT



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Statistics

The 10/11 year showed consistent overall activity compared to previous years - with over 2,300 rescues being recorded. Again consistent with previous years, car impact is the most common cause.



Things are different this year though with the statistics process, with National Parks requiring more detailed information from all wildlife groups, e.g. the specific release location.

All Wildlife Rescue South Coast Inc. members are required to supply this information to co-ordinators so that the information can be collated. A new spreadsheet is available with the required information, so please contact your co-ordinator or email me at lynne.amesbury@gmail.com for a copy if you don't already have one.

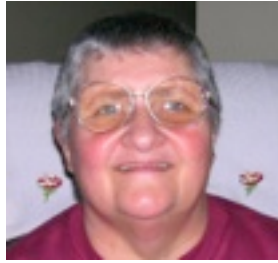


Juvenile Greater Glider
Compliments Ian & Shirley Usher



Some mother's do 'ave 'em - Breech Birth
Compliments Graeme Hawkins

TREASURER's REPORT



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Hi Everyone,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for entrusting me with this position for the next twelve months. My promise to you is that I will do the best job I can.

I would also very much like to thank the outgoing Treasurer, Joy Weatherall, who has now taken on the very important role of President! Joy has set a wonderful precedent in how to manage our finances, and my job now is to keep up this very high standard. Joy has been, and I am sure will continue to be, a wonderful teacher and mentor. Her experience and knowledge is outstanding! So once again, thank you Joy.

Thanks to the efforts of Jo Evans, and many other members, we have a wonderful tool for raising much-needed funds. The calendars! What a great idea. They have turned out very well indeed. Oh, yes, I understand there were a couple of errors, but in the grand scheme of things this is really a minor issue when compared to the funds we stand to raise! Remember, we are amateurs at this, and teething problems are to be expected. I am sure that the 2013 calendar will turn out even better! So please, keep taking photos of our fantastic wildlife, with an eye to submitting them for consideration in our next calendar.

As a very broad approximation, we have incurred costs of about \$5,500 to produce these calendars, and, with 2000 calendars at \$10 each, we stand to make a profit of \$10,000 to \$15,000, roughly. Wow! Just imagine what we could provide for our rescued animals with those funds available!

So far, as a rough estimate, we have already taken over \$3000 in sales and sponsorships, and it is very exciting to see this response, even though it is still relatively early for calendar sales. I would think that November and December would be the time when sales will skyrocket! So, please everyone, do everything you can to encourage sales of these calendars.

Keep in mind what these funds will provide for the animals that come into our care, and maybe even lessen the stress on our wonderful carers, who do such important work, with love and dedication.

How to Order a Calendar

If you want to order calendars, there is a form at the end of this newsletter. You will have to print that page, manually enter the required data, and then mail or deliver to Joy. If you prefer, I have the same form as an Excel Spreadsheet that can be completed on your computer and emailed direct. The Excel Spreadsheet will calculate the total cost for you if you enter the number required and the appropriate postage charge.

My Email: flynavy@shoalhaven.net.au

PHONE ROSTER

Changes to the Wildlife Rescue South Coast Inc. (Nowra) Phone Rostering

The process of redirecting our 24 Hour Emergency Phone service - 0418 427 214 has been changed. This daily task has previously been performed by our own phone co-ordinator. While this was done to the best capability of the relevant person, there were times when difficulties occurred; and it imposed some unreasonable expectations on that person. It has now been handed over to an external call centre, which should improve the reliability and regularity of the process. Phones will be redirected at 6:30 am each morning, with an SMS reminder being sent at 6:30 the previous evening.

Wildlife Rescue South Coast Inc. would like to thank the Well Done Contact Centres for their assistance. Managing Director, Judy Potter, and Jenny Packwood have been liaising together and have agreed procedures which we feel will produce an efficient service, and also relieve some of the stress experienced by our previous phone co-ordinators.



We would also like to thank Jane Mills for her dedication in performing the phone roster co-ordination job over the past few months, her efforts have been very much appreciated. The role has now been taken over by Jenny Packwood. Thanks Jenny for stepping into this position. Jenny will be responsible for maintaining the phone roster, which will be forwarded to the contact centre on a regular basis. There are procedures for managing 'emergency' changes to the roster and these should be coordinated via Jenny. (Please do not attempt to call the contact centre yourself!). Jenny's phone number is 0418 497 345.

Phone volunteers are thanked for their ongoing commitment to supporting Wildlife Rescue South Coast Inc. and we hope that you will find the new processes efficient. Your feedback to Jenny or Joy will always be appreciated.

SPONSORS/SUPPORTERS

Wildlife Rescue South Coast would like to acknowledge the following organisations for their ongoing support:

Shoalhaven City Council
Shoalnet - website hosting

National Parks & Wildlife Service
BOSCO Accounting - Sanctuary Point
Well Done Contact Centres - emergency phone rostering

We would also encourage members to support these organisations with their business when possible.

MEMBER'S TALES

From Ian & Shirley Usher

Tale 1 - Feathertail cunningly disguised as a Ringtail.

About 3 months ago we rescued what we thought was a tiny baby Ringtail possum. Because we knew that Rhonda Parker was looking for a baby Ringtail to pair with one she already had, we rang Rhonda and set off to Currarong on a mercy dash with possum in pouch.

On arrival at Rhonda's place I opened the pouch and out jumped what we thought was a possum, with 3 dogs and Bill in hot pursuit around the house.

After Bill captured it Rhonda inspected it and it turned out to be a Feathertail Glider. Back in the pouch, we head back to Nowra to Gerry's place to put the Feathertail into care. Talk about mistaken identity! One major lesson was learnt; don't open pouches in the presence of dogs or the husbands of carers - it can be quite traumatic for all concerned!

Tale 2 - Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

Shirley and myself were visiting her mother and father in Shellharbour about 2 months ago and on our way to the shopping centre I turned into a street and swerved sharply. Shirley, sitting in the back said, "What are you doing?" I said, "There was a turtle in the middle of the road and I swerved to miss it."

I backed up to rescue it and Shirley jumped out and ran back to pick it up. She threw it off the road and, when she got back in the car I said, "Why did you throw the poor little bugger?" She replied, "Because it was a plastic turtle and was missing its head." Talk about overkill!

From Christine Moss

Tale 1 - Rampaging Python

After doing a snake course in Queanbeyan, I contacted Dusty and explained to him that I had done the course and would like to be involved in the rescue of snakes. Dusty has since relocated some of his calls to me, as I am closer than he is to the caller. Dusty has advised me that I should only handle pythons until I am used to catching them and then I can be moved onto the more dangerous ones later on. I have enjoyed being involved with the snakes and the photo of the python coming out from my car was my 2nd rescue. In this case I did not tie the bag up tight enough and when I went to release my snake I got a shock to see the bag empty. The Python was no-where to be seen, and then slowly it came of the boot of my car, as this photo will show. The snake was caught again and was released further into the bush behind.

Tale 2 - Sneaky Dwarf

In March this year I was sent out to a property in Milton where I had to rescue a Python. These people had not long been in the area and had a lot of trouble with rats, so they had talon rat poison around the house. The snake was asleep on a brick wall on their patio and I was required to catch this snake and take it to Dusty so that he could make the snake sick to see if it had taken any of the poison. Dusty inspected the snake and he was certain that it was in tip-top condition. However, while at the property, these people found a snake with a gold band around it's neck and asked me if I would like to show this to Dusty to identify it. When I showed Dusty he was very excited to see the snake as he said he had never seen one as small as this and it could be about 1 or 2 days old. He identified it as a Krefft's Dwarf.

Later on that day I received a phone call from Dusty telling me that he took the snake to the Rangers and they told him that they had to redraw their maps as this snake had never been seen in this area before. I met Dusty once again and took possession of the snake and released it back on the property where it was found. Looks like we have a new snake in our area.



Tale 1 - Rampaging Python

Photo of the Python emerging from the boot.

Compliments Christine Moss



Tale 2 - Sneaky Dwarf

Dusty with the Krefft's Dwarf.

Compliments Christine Moss

From Deborah Colbert

Pesky Pig Farmers

While waiting to pick up the discarded fruit from a local supermarket I was fortunate enough to meet the local pig farmer who was also waiting patiently for the leftovers. I was wearing my wildlife rescue vest so was easily identifiable as an animal lover. He sidled over to me and began a conversation.

"Hope you ain't got no bats."

"Pardon!" was my reply.

"You heard me, BATS, hope you ain't got none."

"I'm sorry but I don't know what you are talking about."

"Bats, I hate them, you bring them down from Queensland and they bring that Hendra with them, bloody bats!"

At this point I decided the conversation was going nowhere so turned away pondering what he had said. A few minutes passed in silence as he blew cigarette smoke all over me.

Finally, I turned to him and said, "You know what I hate?"

"What?" was his reply.

"I hate Brussels sprouts."

"What!!!" he repeated.

"You heard me, I said I hate Brussels sprouts, they come from Queensland too, and I hate them."

Needless to say, he had no reply.



'Sometimes, even a bath does not help!
Compliments Graeme Hawkins



'OK! So what happened to the pizza?'
Compliments Graeme Hawkins

Wildlife Rescue South Coast Inc. Christmas Party

When: November 27th

Time: 11.00am

Where: Greenfield's Beach, Vincentia

What to bring: Your own meat (for a BBQ) or a picnic basket

A salad, desert or nibbles to share

Sun screen, and

An animal related present to the value of \$10.00. This year all members wishing to go into the kris kindle must bring a gift. All gifts will be placed onto a table and each member will take a number, unseen, from a hat. Members will then choose a gift in the order of their number. After the last gift has been taken, members will be able to swap gifts with each other if they want to.

All members attending will go into a draw for some great prizes, come along and meet other like-minded carers, do some networking and have lots of fun.

Directions: From the roundabout at Vincentia, follow Elizabeth Drive all the way to the end.



GENERAL INFORMATION ON PLANNED ACTIVITIES

TRAINING COURSES

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Contact
15 Oct 11 16 Oct 11	Sat Sun	TBA Call Catherine	Macropod Handling Course	Cowan (North of Sydney)	Dr. Catherine Herbert 02 9351 6879 catherine.herbert@sydney.edu.com
22 Oct 11 23 Oct 11	Sat Sun	0830 - 1630 0830 - 1630	WIRES Macropods & Wombats	Albion Park	Gerry Hawkins 0414 931 452 batsgalore@shoalhaven.net.au
27 Oct 11	Thu	0630 - 0930	Basic Rescue & Phone	Tapitallee / Nowra	Jo Evans 0411 500 621 jevans@accsoft.com.au
29 Oct 11	Sat	1200 - 1600	Basic Rescue & Phone	Tapitallee / Nowra	Jo Evans 0411 500 621 jevans@accsoft.com.au
20 Nov 11	Sun	1000 - 1630	NARG Basic Raptor & Owls	Bywong / East of Canberra	Dianne Colman 02 6162 5866 dianne.colman@marymead.org.au

FUND RAISING EVENTS

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Contact
25 Nov 11	Fri	0800 - 1300	Street Stall	Junction Court Nowra	Gerry Hawkins 0414 931 452 batsgalore@shoalhaven.net.au Joy Weatherall 0417 677 917 noddysview@bigpond.com
13 Jan 12	Fri	0800 - 1300	Street Stall	Junction Court Nowra	As Above

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Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Contact
03 Nov 11	Thu	1000	Committee Meeting	Nowra Hill	Jo Evans 0411 500 621 jevans@accsoft.com.au
08 Dec 11	Thu	1000	Committee Meeting	Nowra Hill	As Above
02 Feb 12	Thu	1000	Committee Meeting	Nowra Hill	As Above
08 Mar 12	Thu	1000	Committee Meeting	Nowra Hill	As Above
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03 May 12	Thu	1000	Committee Meeting	Nowra Hill	As Above
07 Jun 12	Thu	1000	Committee Meeting	Nowra Hill	As Above

FROM THE EDITOR

Having just assumed the role of Editor, I sincerely hope that I can maintain the high standards set by Steve Amesbury. Steve has done a wonderful job in this very important role of information transmittal. As always, the information being passed to members is extremely reliant upon members taking the time to write articles and anecdotes that are suitable for publication. I urge all members to continue to provide input into the newsletter. Please feel free to forward any articles (especially photos), that you think may be of interest to fellow members.

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Please don't bite me - I'm just the Editor!
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**Membership
Officer's
Report**



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A very warm welcome to the following new members:

Name	City	Name	City
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Penny Beaver	Bermagui	Tom Jacka	Sanctuary Point
Thomas Bevitt	Bemboka	Julia Johnston	Woodhill Mtn Kangaroo Valley
Shari Bishop	Culburra	Fiona Kelleher	Worrigee
Georgie Bradley	Kalaru	Justin & Saskia Macey	North Nowra
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Philip Donovan	Wrights Beach	Fay & Tim McInnes	Culburra Beach
Anne Fulton	Bermagui	Amanda Goocg-Institoris	Culburra Beach
Belinda Gales	Falls Creek	Brett, Jeff & Pia Nemec	via Merimbula
Brandon Grout	Bomaderry	Caroline Winnel	Nethercoote
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Refreshments provided

Meeting Dates

12 October 2011
09 November 2011
14 December 2011
January 2012 - No Meeting
08 February 2012
14 March 2012
11 April 2012
09 May 2012
13 June 2012
11 July 2012
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