



Journal of the  
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By and for the members of NANA

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Main Photo: Masked Owl *Tyto novaehollandiae*

A family from Berry were travelling on the Princes Highway near the Lake Conjola turnoff when the owl hit the windscreen of their car and ended up lodged under the sun visor.

They stopped and removed the owl and gently placed it in the back of the car and delivered it to Veterinarian Steve Henry the following morning. It suffered no broken bones but was heavily concussed. Carer Rhonda Parker test-flew it late in June and found it to be healthy and raring to go. It

was released the following day back to the area that it came from.

*The Masked Owl is classified as a vulnerable species in NSW, and it is one of a number of threatened species that NANA deals with every year. The brown face is an indication that this individual is probably a female.*



**Renew your membership before it's too late**

## From the President

Greetings to All in this mid-winter newsletter.

Quite a large number of rescues have been taking place well into this winter and not all members are getting the break they would normally expect in mid-winter.



Gery has a large number of Eastern Long-neck turtles that cannot be released until the temperatures rise in spring, lest they go into torpor before finding a safe home. Gery also has more bats in care than is normal in winter.

This last season has been one of the most devastating experienced in our area. A mix of strange weather patterns, increased population and pets has resulted in a very high number of orphaned and injured animals.

The emphasis to everyone must be that only statistics will tell the story. Everyone - please keep the feedback about the animals going to the coordinators so that our statistics are thorough and tell the story properly. Lynne Amesbury is collating the figures so that we can use the statistics to inform authorities and for funding submissions.

The annual general meeting is in August (second Wednesday at 7 pm in the Library meeting room) and this newsletter is the formal notification to members. Please try to attend that meeting - and express interest if you are prepared to nominate for the committee. We are making a conscious effort to keep our meetings shorter so that members have time to chat and network. The committee thanks everyone for the enormous effort which has gone into rescue and caring this last year. Very well done.

Jo Evans - President

## Powerful Owl *Ninox Strenual*

Another vulnerable species, this Owl is being cared for by northern Bird Coordinator Judy Bailey.



### MORE Cheap Deals!

Last Newsletter we brought you updates about [dealsdirect.com.au](http://dealsdirect.com.au) and the herp shop online - this month we can do even better.

Graeme Young of **Fantastic Farms!** Has donated two thermostats to help NANA with our wildlife rehabilitation, but that's not the best part. He is offering all NANA members a 10% discount off their already low prices. (Just contact a committee member to get your coupon code)

A good source of brooding supplies including heating lamps, shades and thermostats, as well as incubators and small farming supplies can be found at [www.FantasticFarms.com.au](http://www.FantasticFarms.com.au).

# Petrel Rescue (Rick Cowan)

Phone calls came through to NANA and National Parks (DECCW) on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> June about a large sea-bird on the beach near Cudmirrah.

Cudmirrah is about 30 minutes drive for me and as I arrived, a local resident, Liam gave me a wave to let me know I was at the right place. His residence backed onto the beach. Because I was told it was a large Seabird, I took a towel and a large hammock type bag, and Liam and I walked straight down through the bush.

We could see the bird as we got to the sand, sitting on the high point of the sand dune some 10-15m from the water. Even from a distance you could see it was in big trouble with its left wing twisted in reverse and pointing upwards. Its size was intimidating. Even though I knew what I was in for, its long beak with a longer than usual nostril, made me wary of its biting power.

Liam and I stood a bit awe struck at its size, and were wondering how to handle it, when we noticed 3 ladies striding quickly towards us - one was clearly from National Parks (by the uniform). The Petrel was trying to move away as 5 people surrounded it.

Without any delay (because it was stressing) I grabbed the beak, threw a towel over its head and body, and scooped it up under my arm. It was big but not particularly heavy. The towel was too small so I asked Liam to hold its beak so I could wrap its wing against its body, inside the towel. Then I opened the big hammock bag and slid it over the Petrel. This allowed me to hold it under my arm securely while holding its beak/head as I tramped back up the bush track to the house and car.

The NPWS Ranger (Libby Shields) snapped a few photos during this and we said a quick 'goodbye'. In the car the bird settled and was keen to slip its head into the bag as well, even though I had a towel loosely over its head. Back home I scratched my head as to how to secure/cage the Petrel.

Being a long weekend Saturday afternoon I didn't expect to find a vet available. I tried anyway with no success. Even my largest cage was too narrow, so I

pulled the side off the cage, tipped it over side-ways, lined it with large sheet cardboard and sat the Petrel in it on about a dozen towels to protect its feet. It was fretting. I felt I had to do something with its left wing, as it stood on it whenever it tried to move. A bit cautiously I opened some swab cloths I had on hand, straddled the bird and tried to cover its wing with the cloth. I taped its beak during this (as I have a sensible attachment to my fingers). The Petrel was not too keen on staying still, so rather awkwardly I taped the wing to its body just enough to stop it



Northern Giant Petrel *Macronectes halli*. Photo: Libby Shields

from hanging at the birds feet.

I checked my bird book for identity and details – confirming that it was a juvenile Giant Northern Petrel *Macronectes halli*. It is classed as vulnerable in NSW and nationally.

Jenny Packwood was on leave, but I sent her a text message. Gerry Hawkins and I called vets in the area, and Gerry was able to secure agreement for a local vet to see the bird next day.

Jenny, a vet from South Nowra was struck by the size of the Petrel. A quick inspection confirmed a complex fracture, with further complications from it standing on its wing. Reluctantly, the vet made the decision that the Petrel needed to be euthanized.

*It is sad to see such a magnificent bird being put down. But in situations like this, wildlife cares have to make tough decisions in the best interest of the animal.*

# Bits and Pieces

## Well spotted

A REMOTE camera survey in far south coast national parks has yielded some significant and startling results.

Remote infrared cameras have captured footage of the highly endangered Southern Brown Bandicoot but the biggest surprise was the very first record in the coastal heath of the endangered Spotted-tailed Quoll, otherwise known as a Tiger Quoll, pictured.

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Photo: Dr Andrew Claridge

### NOTE:

Due to the need to include renewal and voting forms, this newsletter is a cut-down version this month. We hope to have a full version next time. This is your association and your newsletter so please contribute!

### YOUR RENEWAL OVERDUE?

Every year we spend weeks chasing up overdue renewals. If you are more than one month overdue, your membership will lapse. This means that you will not be authorised to care for wildlife, and you may have to re-apply for membership, costing you extra – so if you have not already renewed – do it now and save the additional expense.

Article reproduced from "Town and Country" insert -, June 14, 2010

### Shoalhaven hops to a green and gold tune - April 2010

Shoalhaven city is witnessing a once in a generation happening – the incredible breeding event of the threatened Green and Golden Bell Frog. The timing and volume of Christmas rains and pre-Easter rains were perfect for frog breeding. The tadpoles have grown to froglets and have dispersed in large numbers around the edges of the Shoalhaven floodplain looking for food and habitat.

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green said this is a wonderful event "The frogs, although endangered, do have explosive growth events when the conditions are just right. And we haven't witnessed one of these events for at least 20 years."

Council is ensuring that its works, such as road side trimming or community events do not harm or endanger the frogs and their natural movement for food and a place to burrow. Green and Golden Bell Frog are listed in NSW and nationally as a threatened species and protected by Federal legislation.

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / DATA UPDATE

(Form to be completed and forwarded to NANA prior to July 30<sup>th</sup>)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone:(02) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type:       Life Member       Single Member       Family Member  
Have you cared for any native animal in the past 12 months       Yes  No  
Have you ever been convicted on charges relating to wildlife/domestic animals       Yes  No  
Are you a member of another wildlife group?       Yes  No

Please name \_\_\_\_\_

Your preference for membership status:  Passive (non carer) Member       Carers Authority Card

Please tick the areas in which you can assist or would like to be trained:

Caring       Rescuing       Rescue Phone  
 Macropods       Micro-bats       Flying-foxes       Birds       Possums  
 Reptiles       Fund Raising       Publicity       Education  
 Newsletter       Nest box building       Info Displays  
 Emergency Response       Land care / tree felling

Do you hold a current shooters licence.       Yes  No

Do you have any experience or training which could help in any of these fields?       Yes  No

1. I agree to be bound by the conditions of the General Licence issued by NPWS and to the rules of the Native Animal Network Association Inc.
2. I understand that I may be suspended or expelled from NANA should I act in an unethical manner.
3. I agree to care for any animals /birds entrusted to me to the best of my ability with the objective of returning them to the wild.
4. I agree to be guided by any Coordinator, Appointed by the NANA Committee in every facet of the care and rehavilitation of any animal int my care and will allow the relevant coordinators to inspect my premises at a time of mutual agreement.
5. I agree that all my labour is voluntary and that all activities are carried out at my own risk and with no right of recourse against any member of NANA.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Note:      All carers and rescuers must be over the age of 18 years by law.  
            Each voting member or authorised carer must be a financial member.

### OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Renewal Membership fee:     Single \$20.00       Family \$25.00       Life Member (no fee)

Donation (optional): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cards Sent:                        Data Base Update:

Please read and sign the form below. This is a requirement of our insurance policy.

### ***CHILD PROTECTION (Prohibited Employment) ACT 1998***

The Child Protection (Prohibited. Employment) Act 1998 makes it an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence (a prohibited person) or a Registrable person under the Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000, to apply for, undertake or remain in, child-related employment. It does not apply if an order, from the Industrial Relations Commission or the Administrative Decisions Tribunal, declares that the Act does not apply to a particular person.

**Section 5 of the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998** defines a serious sex offence as an offence involving sexual activity or acts of indecency that are committed in NSW and that was punishable by penal servitude or imprisonment for 12 months or more, even if the sentence was not served, or, an offence involving sexual activity or acts of indecency that was committed elsewhere and that would have been punishable by penal servitude or imprisonment for 12 months or more if it had been committed in NSW.

***Child-related employment*** means any employment where at least one of the essential duties of the position, involves direct contact with children where that contact is not directly supervised. Section 1 of the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 specifies that child-related employment is employment:

- Involving the provision of child protection services
- In pre-schools, kindergartens and child care centres (including residential child care centres)
- In school or other education institutions (not including universities)
- In detention centres (within the meaning of the Children (Detention Centres) Act 1987
- In refuges used by children
- In wards of public or private hospitals in which children are patients
- In clubs, associations or movements (including of a cultural, recreation all or sporting nature) having a significant child membership
- In any religious organisation
- In any entertainment venues where the clientele is primarily children
- As a baby-sitter or childminder that is arranged by a commercial agency
- Involving fostering or other child care
- Involving regular provision of taxi services for the transport of children with a disability
- Involving the private tuition of children
- Involving the direct provision of health services
- Involving the provision of counselling or other support services for children
- On school buses
- At overnight camps for children

#### **Under this Act**

It is an offence for a prohibited person to **apply for, undertake or remain in** child related employment. Employers **must** ask existing employees, both **paid** and **unpaid**, and preferred applicants for employment to declare if they are a prohibited person or not.

All child-related employees **must** inform their employers if they are a "prohibited person" or remove themselves from child-related employment. A prohibited person is someone who has been convicted of a serious sexual offence or, who has had a finding for a" charge of a serious sexual offence proven in court, even if a conviction was not recorded.

#### **Penalties are imposed for non-compliance.**

I am aware that I am ineligible to apply for, undertake or remain in, child related employment if I have been convicted of a "serious sex offence" as defined in the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 or if I am a "Registrable Person" under the Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000.

**I have read and understood the above information in relation to the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 and understand my responsibilities and obligations under this Act.**

**I declare that I am not a person prohibited by the Act from seeking, undertaking or remaining in child related employment.**

\_\_\_\_\_

Name

Signature

Date



**NATIVE ANIMAL NETWORK ASSOCIATION  
NOMINATION FORM  
AGM 2010**

Person Nominated .....

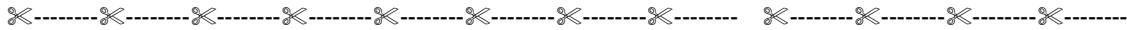
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Seconded by .....

Accepted by ..... Date .....  
Nominee .....

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Please Note: All members must be financial at date of AGM



**NATIVE ANIMAL NETWORK ASSOC. INC.  
FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

I, ..... (full name) of

.....(address) P/code.....

being a current financial member of the Native Animal Network Association Inc. hereby appoint

..... (full name) of

.....(address) P/code.....

being a financial member of NANA, as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2010 and at any adjournment of that meeting as follows:

- Vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting.
- Vote for .....
- as .....

.....  
*Signature of member appointing proxy*

.....  
*Date*

NOTE: A proxy vote may not be given to a person who is not a financial member of the Association. Proxy Votes must be received by the **Secretary/Treasurer** 48 hours prior to the relevant meeting.