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# Native Animal Rescue Newsletter

**Autumn 2017**

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## **AUTUMN DAYS**

Summer has ended and we are now entering the final month of autumn for 2017. As we transitioned into the cooler months, we have already seen some changes in the types of wildlife that come through our doors.

Baby bird season is coming to a close, and though we are still seeing a dozen or so fledglings and nestlings each week, it's far fewer than the 20+ daily admissions that we normally see in spring and summer.

Still, with this weird weather, not all animals are following the usual seasonal trends. By now our Waterbirds facility should be slowing down, but we still have ducklings in care! The other wildlife centres across Perth are also caring for these unseasonal ducklings, which means some ducky mums need to check their calendars.

Autumn is a time for baby reptiles; we'll be seeing them until mid-June. We were already seeing hatchling dugites on our property looking for shelter in February, so snake season started early. Remember to wear long pants, closed shoes, and don't pick up or try to interfere with wild snakes, and you're in no danger. The bobtails are also having their babies now, so be mindful when gardening to look out for them.

We've been hard at work revamping our facilities, maximizing space and comfort for our animals in care, and our Executive team has been working on events and activities that we will be announcing shortly.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, members and sponsors. We wouldn't be able to achieve all that we do without your support.

Best wishes,

**Native Animal Rescue Executive Committee**





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## Did you know?

In January we launched the **Black Cockatoo Sponsorship Program**, where we are offering members of the public the opportunity to sponsor a bird, either currently under rehabilitation or a permanent resident education animal, to help support the costs of vet bills. Sponsorships are available either on a monthly or annual basis from \$10 per month. If you are interested in sponsoring a cockatoo, please visit our website.

<https://nativeanimalrescue.org.au/involved/asp>

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## ANIMAL UPDATES

### Black Cockatoos

**Mike Jones and Jaylin O'Sullivan**

It's time again for another release of our Carnaby's White-tailed Black Cockatoos. The birds have been in our care for 12 months, with one or two that have been in care for a while longer. The majority of birds that come into NAR receive care following being struck by a motor vehicle, with injuries associated with the wings and head. A big thank you once again goes to the Perth Zoo and the staff at their Veterinary Department, along with Wildlife Officers from the Department of Parks and Wildlife. We would also like to thank all of the NAR

volunteers who are part of the Black Cockatoos Rehabilitation Team who work tirelessly to help these amazing birds, rain, hail or shine.

The Team has organised a release date for the birds with the Department of Parks and Wildlife, to be held at Yanchep National Park on Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting). We will be arriving at Yanchep around 4pm for a release before dark. Our thanks and appreciation goes out to all the staff at Yanchep National Park for assisting us with the release. It'll be great to see these birds flying free.



### ***Skilling-up with Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre***

**Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre** invited Native Animal Rescue to come and help with their worming treatments for their cockatoos on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Four of our Black Cockatoos team members, Mike, Lizzi, Daniel and Anna, attended the day. Everyone had a great time and learned a lot thanks to the hands-on experience. The Black Cockatoos team had a great chat with the team at Kaarakin and are interested in doing some more training in the future. We are always looking for more opportunities to collaborate with other centres to help our volunteers gain important new skills. If you have any ideas, feel free to let us know by contacting:

**[promotions@nativeanimalrescue.org.au](mailto:promotions@nativeanimalrescue.org.au)**





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## Found a joey?

If you find a joey in the pouch of a dead, sick or injured mother mammal, give us a call on **9249 3434** to help arrange a rescue. Don't attempt to remove the joey from the pouch if the mother is still alive, as this will cause unnecessary stress for mum and bub, and your chances of injury are high as mum tries to protect her joey. It's always worth checking pouches of dead animals – you might find a baby possum, bandicoot, kangaroo or wallaby that can be given a new lease on life. Give us a call for instructions on how to remove the joey safely. For more information about joeys, visit our website.

<https://nativeanimalrescue.org.au/animalemergencies>



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## ANIMAL UPDATES

### Mammals

**Danielle Wood & Louisa Carlsson**

#### *Possum magic*

We've recently received a few possum joeys that have come to us after their mothers were attacked by cats and dogs. Well done to the rescuers who made sure to check the pouch for joeys. Our most recent admissions are two little females, and they are doing well. We also have two other possums that are currently with carers as they are still small enough to need regular bottle-feeding. Our Possum team is getting ready to send off a handful of possums, each to a different location, for soft-releases, where they will be protected from predators and given a chance to move on in their own time. If you have a large bush block that is predator-free and are interested in helping to soft-release some possums in future, please contact us via:

[mammals@nativeanimalrescue.org.au](mailto:mammals@nativeanimalrescue.org.au)



#### *Macropods*

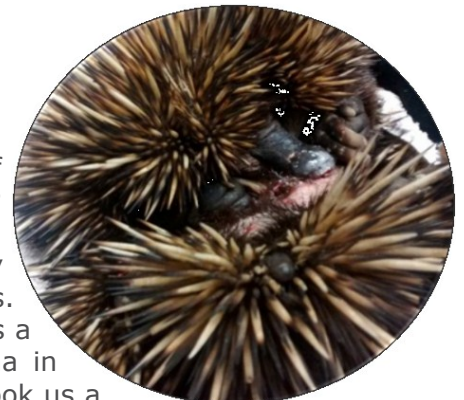
We have recently taken in a Euro joey, which is always exciting. He's receiving round-the-clock care from one of our top-notch foster carers, and he is gaining weight and looking brighter every day.

We are holding a macropod care course on Sunday 7th May. Check out our Events Calendar on Page 9 for more.

#### *Echidnas about town*

While we see lots of marsupials on our roster, we are occasionally visited by more unique mammals.

One such encounter was a recent admission of a female adult echidna in February. She had an injured beak and it took us a bit of effort to get her eating. Luckily it was just a soft-tissue injury, and she made a full recovery and was released at the start of March. We have also, amazingly, seen an echidna wandering around our bush property. This place is just full of the most fascinating wildlife, even though we're smack bang in the middle of an industrial complex. It goes to show that anywhere can be a safe haven if you can maintain a good-quality habitat. Our predator-proof fence also works a treat.





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## **Hungry tummies**

We have a huge range of animals that come into care, and we are always looking for native foliage to provide as either enrichment or food. We are always after pruned branches of eucalypts, peppermint, banksias, bottlebrush, and other native trees. If you're having a garden clear-up, please keep us in mind. Extra-large donations might even be met with a personal "thank you" from one of our education possums.

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## **ANIMAL UPDATES**

### **Waterbirds**

The season has slowed down a bit for waterbirds, or so we first thought. Our first ducklings of the year arrived in March: a team of 9 wood ducklings. We have since received more duckling admissions, mostly wood ducks and pacific black ducks. We don't usually receive ducklings this time of year (ducklings are normally seen September to January), but with the funny weather we've been having, we know to always expect the unexpected! It seems like we're not the only ones receiving ducks, word is that all of the wildlife centres around Perth are caring for ducklings too.



### **Reptiles**

**Ashleigh Wolfe**

It's baby season! We have started seeing bobtail babies in the last few months. Most notably, we had a bobtail come into our care in January that was being treated for the flu. Just as she finished up her treatment she gave birth to three healthy baby bobtails. Bobtails normally give birth to 2 babies, sometimes 1 or 3, every other season. They are monogamous and mate for life with a partner, so it's always important to try to put them back where they came from after being treated for illness or injury. We have had a lot of cases of dog attacks in our history, and unfortunately those bobtails are not able to be returned due to the risk of being attacked again.



Along with the baby bobtails, we have also been seeing baby snakes. If you have a snake sighting, please give the Wildcare Helpline a call on **9474 9055** (24 hrs) to arrange for a snake removalist. Unfortunately we are not able to attend any snake call-outs, but there are plenty of volunteer snake removalists registered with the Wildcare Helpline.

**WILDCARE** helpline

**FOR SICK, INJURED OR ORPHANED NATIVE WILDLIFE**

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## ANIMAL UPDATES

### Releases

Tom Ferries and Lizzi Helliwell

We had a little buff-banded rail come to us in February that is now ready to go. The bird was a star on our Facebook page's "Extreme Close-up", where we post pictures of animals a little too close to the camera and ask our followers to guess what it is. For the video reveal of the rail, just go to this link:



<https://www.facebook.com/nativeanimalrescuewa/videos/1451044194927641/>

Our release gurus Tom and Lizzi have been sending all manner of birds and reptiles back into the wild, releasing over 50 animals in the last 3 months. Great work guys! It is also extremely helpful when rescuers help us out by releasing animals back where they came from. If you bring an animal to us for care and would like to assist in the release, please let our receptionist know! For volunteers, if you are interested in assisting with releases, please let your shift supervisor know.

### Admissions Summary

Since February, we have had over 450 animal admissions to our wildlife hospital. Our most common species admitted were:

Species	# admitted	Most common reason for admission
Laughing doves	75	Babies found on ground, cat attacks
Magpies	30+	Babies found on ground, physical injuries
Pink & grey galahs	25+	Hit by car, wing injuries
Rainbow lorikeets	25+	Babies found on ground, hit by car
Wood ducks	25+	Unseasonal ducklings
Singing honeyeater	15+	Babies found on ground
Bobtail skink	15+	Bobtail flu, pregnant mothers with babies

The vast majority of our most common admissions (species highlighted in red) were baby birds learning how to fly. While we understand that people mean to rescue these birds, most of the time they will get along on their own—they're just learning. Some species, such as magpies, are highly territorial, and we need to release them back exactly where they came from. If you're ever unsure, you can always give us a call!

### Don't be a bird-napper!

Before you save a baby bird check that it *really is an orphan*. Some species feed their young every few minutes while others like magpies can take an hour or more to find food for their young. Birds outgrow their nests when still very immature and continue to be fed by their parents for weeks or even months as they gradually learn to forage and fly. Parents will call and search for their young to feed them. Many baby birds just need a little help to be reunited with their parents.





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## **VOLUNTEER & MEMBERSHIPS UPDATE**

**Donna Dagg**

### **Volunteers**

A huge thank you to the weekend Shift Supervisors: Sara Turner, Louisa Carlsson, Stuart Muldoon, Julie Bristow. We appreciate all your help and support. Your commitment to NAR is first class and your professional approach to ensuring the centre runs smoothly on the weekends is invaluable.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

We are looking for Volunteers to fill new roles at NAR. If you are interested please contact Donna Dagg — Volunteer Manager via

**[admin@nativeanimalrescue.org.au](mailto:admin@nativeanimalrescue.org.au)**

**Call Centre Operator** — Liaison between our Organisation and its supporters.

#### *Responsibilities:*

- Manage calls in a timely and professional manner
- Follow communication “scripts”
- Build sustainable relationships and engage customers by taking the extra mile
- Data input

#### *Requirements:*

- Previous experience in a customer service role
- Strong phone and verbal communication skills along with active listening
- Focused and adaptability to different personality types
- Reliable and good time management skills

**Events Coordinator** — Events management and coordination

#### *Responsibilities:*

- Manage and coordinate major fundraising events for NAR
- Liaise with the Fundraising team and Promotions Coordinator
- Engage with supporters and local businesses positively and uphold NAR’s values within the community

#### *Requirements:*

- Demonstrated previous experience in events management
- Excellent inter-personal skills
- Ability to work autonomously and in a team
- Reliable and good time management skills



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## **ANIMAL ARK**

**David Manning and Jenny Seymour**

We are as busy as ever teaching wildlife handling skills to construction, oil/gas, shire staff and vet students. This is all helping to spread the word and conserve our native creatures.



Animal Ark have 2 new lizards, both baby King Skinks, acquired from Peel Zoo. They are called Jarrah and Trigg and are set up in the Education room to supplement our display. Volunteers are welcome (under supervision) to sit with and tame the little rascals! Just ask your supervisor. We also enjoyed introducing other animals, such as Oli the Olive python, to some volunteers.

Animal Ark recently delivered a couple of presentations to the City of Joondalup, with special thanks to Ziggy from Animal Ark and Tom and Lizzi from NAR for handling the animals. These presentations help to fund NAR's work and promote the centre.

As an extension to the traditional Animal Ark Roadshow, we can now offer additional native mammals and birds for visitors, customers or guests to your event to get up close to, touch and even hold. Our Animal Ark NAR display introduces your events' visitors and guests to real live native mammals and birds, such as possum, tawny frogmouth and woylie, along with lizards, snakes and frogs.

If not being handled under the supervision of our professional staff, the creatures are displayed in attractive cages with informative signs.

Animal Ark wildlife displays can be adapted to your theme or event requirements.

We guarantee to: EDUCATE, ENTERTAIN, ENTERTAIN, INFORM and even THRILL your visitors, guests, staff, members, clients and families.

If you are interested in arranging a wildlife display which helps to support, promote and fund Native Animal Rescue, please call David, Jenny and Ziggy on **9243 3044** or visit our website:

**<http://animalark.com.au/wildlife-events-reptile-displays>**





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## FUNDRAISING

Ashleigh Wolfe

**We are now fundraising with the  
Entertainment Book!**



*Discover thousands of valuable up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for many of the best restaurants, cafés, arts, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much more. Upon purchasing a membership, you have the option to use as many of the offers available as you can over one year.*

The Entertainment Book offers either a digital or book-of-coupons membership, offering thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for many of the best restaurants, cafes, arts, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much more. Upon purchasing a membership, you have the option to use as many of the offers available as you can over one year. They make excellent birthday presents, housewarming gifts, and Mother's Day is just right around the corner! The best thing is that 20% of all purchases will go straight towards funding new animal enclosures at NAR. The books and digital memberships are available now!

Here's a glimpse at some of the offers that will be available:



If you are interested in supporting us through the Entertainment Book, please give us a call on **9249 3434**. Alternatively, you can make your order online using this link:

**<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/9b1104>**

### **Here's to our Fantastic Fundraising Team!**

While we're in the hospital caring for the animals, we have an amazing Fundraising Team who attend and hold social events to help raise funds for NAR. So far this year the team has held several sausage sizzles, and our Fundraising Team Leaders Martin and Cathy regularly attend a local farmer's market in Yanchep with merchandise for sale for proceeds to NAR. To date they have raised over \$4,000 towards the operation of our wildlife hospital, which helps immensely. We rely wholly on donations from the public, some grants that we must apply for, and money raised by our Fundraising Team. We also receive some funds raised through Education Animal displays with support from our partners at Animal Ark.

For a complete list about how you can help, by either donating, hiring an animal display, or volunteering, visit our website: **<https://nativeanimalrescue.org.au/involved/>**

**Donations can be made via our website:**

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## PAST EVENTS

### April

Our most recent event was held at our site in Malaga to support the East Metropolitan Regional Council's (EMRC) Healthy Wildlife Healthy Lives program. On Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> we hosted a program called "*Magnificent Magpies and Dabbling Ducks*". The day involved an informative talk, a guided tour of our grounds and some facilities, a fantastic lunch, and a tree-planting session.

There was a huge amount of information provided, with the aim of educating the public on how to better interact with wildlife, especially with regard to feeding and the damage that feeding the wrong types of food can do to wildlife.

We planted a huge range of native plants to provide environment and food for the native wildlife. These plants, donated by Men of the Trees, included sheoak, grevillea, kangaroo paw, woollybush, and acacia.

We had such a fantastic time that we're planning to hold another event in the near future. Keep an eye out by liking our [\*\*Facebook page\*\*](#).

Miss out on the event? You can find all the information provided on the day by visiting the website:

**<https://www.healthywildlife.com.au/>**

### March

Did you see us at the City of Bayswater's Autumn River Festival? We supported the East Metropolitan Regional Council's Healthy Wildlife Healthy Lives program. Everyone had a fantastic time meeting our education animals. We had our bobtail Titch, blue tongue Mr Grumpy, and Carnaby's Cockatoo Iggy. Our volunteers Tom and Lizzi had a great time, and we hear that everyone who saw us enjoyed the interaction time with the animals.



## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May **Macropod Care Course—FULL**

Full day course, 9:30am for a 10am start - 4:30pm.

Price: \$30 NAR members, \$50 non-members.

Tea & coffee provided, BYO lunch.

This course, run by Sue Turner of **Blue Gum Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation**, is a basic course aimed for anyone who is interested in becoming a macropod carer, and for carers looking for a skills refresher. The hands-on course will involve demonstrations on feeding and toileting, with plenty of opportunities to have a go.

This course is full. If you are interested in attending this course on a future date, please email our Macropod Coordinator via:

**[macropods@nativeanimalrescue.org.au](mailto:macropods@nativeanimalrescue.org.au)**

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### June (Tentative) **NAR Volunteer Induction**

Interested in volunteering? All of our volunteers must first attend an induction session and join as a member. A police clearance is also required. A tentative induction session is planned for June. If you are interested in joining our diverse and interesting team, send an email to our Volunteer Manager via

**[admin@nativeanimalrescue.org.au](mailto:admin@nativeanimalrescue.org.au)**

Once the Volunteer Induction date is confirmed you can then register to attend the session.

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### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July **Native Animal Rescue Open Day**

Came and join us for this family-friendly event. There will be plenty to see, do, and buy, as well as lots and lots of native animals to learn about. See the flyer overleaf for more information, and keep up to date by following us on Facebook!

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### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July **WAHS 2017 Reptile Expo**

Come meet our education animals. The Expo will be ticketed, for more info visit:

**[www.expo.wahs.org.au](http://www.expo.wahs.org.au)**

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We are working hard to provide new and interesting events for our members and the general public. To keep up-to-date with all of our events as they become available, be sure to follow us on Facebook:

**<https://www.facebook.com/nativeanimalrescuewa/>**



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**We are located at 170 Camboon Road Malaga**

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# Open Day

**170 Camboon Road Malaga  
Sunday 9th July 2017**

Native Animal Rescue the only major wildlife centre in Perth's northern suburbs dedicated to the rehabilitation & release of sick, injured, orphaned and displaced native wildlife in WA. Come join us at our Open Day:

**10am—3pm**

**Meet our education animals**

**Learn about local wildlife**

**Activities for the kids**

**Exclusive facility tours**

**Gifts and merchandise on sale**

**Displays by sponsors**

**Silent Auction & Raffles**

**...and much more!**



**More information to come soon!**

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