



O.N.A.R.R. Newsletter

September 2011

President's Report by Linda D'Arcy

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Thank You!!

Special points of interest:

- New President's report**
- Di-Vetelact for sale \$16 kilo**
- Register Head Reports**
- New Milk Available**
- President's Report from the A.G.M.**

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Hi All

A lot has happened since the last newsletter and AGM , President Wayne has stepped down from the role of President and as such as Vice President I have to stepped up into the role.

We wish to extend our collective thanks to Wayne for his efforts over the time of his presidency and we are all glad he is staying on as Vice President and Web Master.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask all members for the support required to make our organisation meaningful and relevant by coming forth with ideas to improve the organisation. We are faced with ever changing government legislation that appears to oppress us in our efforts to simply save our native animals. Instead of sitting and be-moaning the changes that are being thrust upon us, let us study these changes , improve on them and make them our own. It is you, dear members, that are the lifeblood of the organisation and with out your

input we will eventually fail!

This now leads me into the work-shops that we are required to carry out by government legislation - SOME OF YOU SAY - workshops are boring , guess what - when car-ers come along and choose not to participate in the workshop, I totally agree with you. Without input from you members we are doomed to be bored to death by "the same old same old-" we need your input, the stories, the experiences , some-times the students have a better appreciation of a certain ailment or condition than the teachers. Re-member that the poor old teachers do these schools out of the good-ness of their hearts to support you the members and we need fresh input.

Enough of the sermon - the upshot is we will thrive on the support and contribution of you—the members.

Yours in Caring

Linda

President
ONARR



History sheets are now due in.

Please ensure that you have covered the extra month due to the change in sending our the newsletter to September. Remember that even nil returns are due. If you are unsure of what you should send, please contact a register head and seek advice. We'd love to help you! You can find all the phone numbers for people to help you on page 2 of this newsletter.

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A.G.M. Presidential Report 2011

Welcome to the annual general meeting of ONARR. Thank you for attending here today at Toowong. I would like to thank the members of ONARR for all of their efforts throughout this past year with caring for wildlife.

A special thanks to the committee

Beverley Clarke, Secretary, for her tireless efforts including our Newsletters.

Susan Allan, Treasurer, for her hard work

Kerry Johnston, Vice President, for all her work and assistance to me

Maxine Folland, Vice President, for her contribution.

A special thanks to Susan Doel for maintaining our caring database.

Also thanks to Kerry Johnston, Bev Clarke, Justin Knudson and Candice Nichols for running ONARR Educational Displays this past year.

A special thanks to all our register heads for their hard work this past year. Welcome to new register head Linda Darcy.

Thanks also to past register heads Gill Rigley and Kym Schulz.

This year we have continued building educational courses and materials for our members. By giving members workshops in the care and rehabilitation of native wildlife we not only fulfil a requirement of our **Rehabilitation Permit** but add to the knowledge and skill sets of our members.

Thanks to Susan and Mick Allan and Bev and Ray Clarke for opening their homes to hold these workshops. Thanks also to Kerry Johnston, Bev Clarke and Dee Smith for writing workshop manuals.

As you are all aware our authority to operate (Licence) is subject to the conditions of the DERM

Code of Practice.

This Code is at present being re-written and is due to be finalised and implemented soon. When this happens all members will be advised of any changes / new requirements that we will have to comply with.

We have written and implemented a streamlined membership database this year which allows us to easily keep track of our members details, workshops they have attended etc and comply with EPA reporting conditions. All is going well with that project.

The ONARR release trailer has been in use for most of the year at various Release Sites around Brisbane and environs. It has been a great success with returning Native Animals to their natural environment at carefully selected sites. Great work!

It has been a long struggle but ONARR now has DGR (Donor Gift Recipient) status. Thanks Bev. That means, among other things, that contributions to ONARR will be Tax Deductible. Full details of all the implications and necessary paperwork will be worked out and the membership notified as soon as is possible. We are still getting advice as to what and how these things work / entail.

Over this past year ONARR has continued with it's mission to provide support and education to its members and the general public and most importantly give care to orphaned and injured native animals.

Wayne Johnston
President.

*Only until all of mankind
lives in harmony with
nature can we truly decree
ourselves to be an
intelligent species. -
Genelle Haidane*

A.G.M. Register Head Report 2011

This has been a difficult year so far for everyone, with the floods and the cyclones. Who knows how many of our native wildlife we lost during that difficult time – that is something we will never know. How many animals washed down the river, into places they haven't been before? Not only natives, but introduced species as well. Some were rescued, and some will be left to make the best of the situation that they are now in. I stood on the bank of the Brisbane River and watched a bobuck washed in. I hear tell that we are expecting more rain in September and October, so I guess we just keep our fingers crossed for only the amount we need, not the quantity we got last time!

On the possum side, we have registered 137 brushtail possums, which is 22 up on last year, 115 ringtails compared to 102 last year, 7 gliders, which is 1 more than last year. We've also had 3 bobucks in care.

Macropod numbers have come in at 20 Redneck wallabies, 1 swamp wallaby, and 12 Eastern Grey kangaroos and 1 rock wallaby, which is a rare and endangered species. Unfortunately, it didn't make it. Macropod total for the year is 34.

We have had 1 koala, 2 echidnas, 1 phascogale, and 6 bandicoots registered as well.

The numbers for flying foxes are 35 Blacks, and 9 Grey Headed Flying-foxes. There was 1 Gould's wattled bat and 2 broadnosed making a total of 3 Micro bats.

However, our bird registers have had a variety of birds this year, 242 in total. (Refer to the attached sheet.)

That's our registered numbers for 2011. These numbers do not always reflect what has really come into care due to carers not registering their animals with a register head. Therefore when we are asked for our numbers for research purposes, we can only give the numbers we know about, not the true numbers.

However, with the all carers now falling into line and completing history sheets, registrations for this financial year should hopefully show our truest numbers for the first time in many years.

Thank you.

Beverley Clarke for the Register Heads.

**Want to find out what lives where? Check out:
www.derm.qld.gov.au/wildlife/wildlife_on_line/index**



Birds

Ducks	7
Barn Owl	1
Brush Turkey	1
Bush Stone Curlews	3
Butcher Birds	4
Cockatoos	5
Corella	1
Crimson Rosella	1
Dollar Birds	2
Fig Birds	4
Galahs	7
Grebe	1
Honey Eaters	3
King Fishers	8
King Parrots	2
Kookaburras	14
Magpies	16
Noisy Minors	14
Pale Headed Rosellas	5
Pee Wee	1
Pheasant Coucal	1
Pigeons	5
Plovers	1
Rainbow Lorikeets	14
Scaly Breasted Lorikeets	11
Swallows	5
Tawny Frogmouths	24
Turtle Doves	11
	180
Assortment of birds March	27
Assortment of birds April	16
Assortment of birds May	19
	242

Possums

Brushtails	137
Ringtails	115
Gliders	7
Bobucks	3
	262

Koala	1
Echidnas	2
Phascogales	1
Bandicoots	6

Macropods

Rock Wallaby	1
Rednecks	20
Swampies	1
Eastern Greys	12
	34

Flying Fox- es

Greys	9
Black	35
	44

Insect Bats

	3
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Reptiles

Snakes	4
Blue Tongues	12
Bearded Dragons	9
Turtles	3

RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFIT CARD PROGRAM

Ritchies Community Benefit Card Program

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- Your card will be scanned at the register, which will automatically allocate 0.5% of the money you spend to your nominated organisation on your behalf.
- There are also hundreds of weekly specials that have extra discounts for Ritchies Community Benefit Cardholders. These 'CB' specials are clearly marked with red shelf tickets bearing the Community Benefit logo.
- Ritchies also have CB Mobile/Multimedia for even more special offers! You must be 18 years or over to receive the mobile offers. The cashier will link your mobile phone number to your Community Benefit Card number and you instantly become registered to receive an MMS/SMS message detailing exclusive CB Mobile offers on groceries and liquor. Or you might prefer to receive an email. You'll save or be rewarded on all items that feature the CB Mobile/Multimedia logo.

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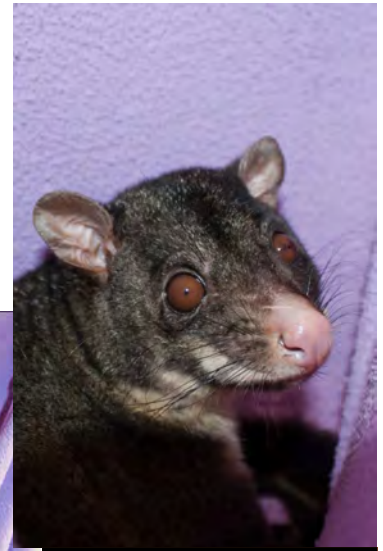
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ONARR is now a registered member of this Community Benefit Card Program. When you go to the store, inform them that you are a member of the wildlife group ONARR. Every member can have their own card, with ONARR as the beneficiary.

Best Possum Trap Ever Invented

It seems these bobucks just never get over having their pouches taken away from them

Kerry Johnston washes her roo pouches and hangs them on the line to dry overnight. However, she often has a visitor during the night, taking up residence in the pouches. Bobuck females are really quite large, and can weigh in at around 5 kilo, so those pegs have to be mighty strong to hold one of them up.



I'm not a complete idiot . . . Some parts are missing.....

Anne Fowler Workshop—Birds, Possums and Macropods.

The Bribie Island Wildlife Group have arranged for Anne Fowler to run one of her fantastic workshops in December 2011.

The Workshop will held on the 10 and 11th of December, at the Ningi Hall, Ningi. The workshops will run from 9 to 5 each day. The first day will be Husbandry and Diseases of native Birds. The second workshop will be Husbandry and Diseases of Possums and Macropods. Cost of the workshops is \$25 per day. Morning, Afternoon tea and lunch will be provided for that cost, plus handouts. Vegetarians can be catered for.

You will need to contact Sally Arthur to reserve your place. Preferred method of reserving your place is by email to: gsarthur@bigpond.net.au

BATTY BOAT CRUISES

Batty Boat Cruises are on again! These cruises are run by Wildlife Queensland, and have been going since the 1980's.

They depart from Mowbray Park, East Brisbane, late afternoon for a 3-4 hour duration. Bar and

snacks are available on board.

Bookings are essential.

Book and pay online at

www.wildlife.org.au

Book and pay by credit card

phone **32221 0194**

SUNDAY
OCTOBER
16TH

SUNDAY OCTOBER 30TH

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20TH

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH



*Please note that the committee has no issues with carers attending activities and saying they are Onarr carers. However, you cannot state that you **REPRESENT** Onarr without written prior approval from the committee. Wildlife can not be put on display without a permit from the DERM.*

Bat Register Report by Dee Smith

Hi everyone,

The media should hang their heads in shame for their relentless persecution of the bats and "scaremongering" in relation to Hendra virus. They have done a lot of damage with regard to how members of the public view bats. This has been a stressful time for bat carers and more so for the bats who have been harassed at their camps, beaten, shot with a nail gun and left to die on barbed wire.

Hendra virus cannot be contracted by humans from bats. Humans contract Hendra from Horses.

There have been 4 Hendra human deaths in 17 years. Each week 400 people die of heart disease, 200 of stroke and 23 on the roads.

It is estimated that only 3% of bats have the Hendra virus. Scientists believe the bats are giving Hendra to the horses although they still haven't found the direct transmission to horses. Until they absolutely prove it is the bats, horse owners should take precautions by:

*Placing horse feed and water containers under cover, not under trees, particularly if they are Flying-Fox food trees.

*If possible, remove the horses from the paddocks while the trees are flowering - return once flowering has stopped.

*Good hygiene & biosecurity practice should be in place regardless of whether bats are present or not.

19 horses have died of Hendra virus. 85 horses have died of Kunjin virus, a virus similar to Hendra and borne by mosquitos who get it from water birds.

No outcry about that!

A horse vaccine for Hendra is not far off being developed (the sooner the better).

Many people are confusing Lyssavirus with Hendra virus. Lyssavirus is a rabies like virus and was discovered in 1996. Two people have died from Lyssavirus by a bite from an infected bat. One death was from a Yellow Bellied Sheathtail Micro Bat while the other from a Flying-Fox. With the right

measures in place this should never happen again. Members of the public are advised not to touch or pick up live bats. Only rabies vaccinated persons are permitted to. We, as vaccinated Carers have our Titre level checks every year and if they are below the guidelines, a booster is recommended.

Please be sympathetic towards the bats when speaking to M.O.P.'s.

Flying-Foxes are the best pollinators and seed dispersers - better than birds and bees because they travel large distances.

Little Red Flying-Foxes have been described as at 'the forefront in the genetic preservation of many bioregional ecosystems' (Van Dyck & Strahan 2008) because they primarily feed on nectar.

Flying-Foxes are the Rainforest and Timber Industries best friend.

There have been calls for Flying-Fox camps to be dispersed and sadly, culling. These are not the solutions to Hendra and in fact, could increase it. Just as we, as humans, get sick when we are stressed, bats are more likely to get viruses when they are stressed.

At present most of the females in the camps are either pregnant or have given birth and it is imperative they are left alone.

On the rescue side, there have been quite a few pregnant Greys caught in fruit tree netting and on barbed wire (both disgusting man-made traps). Most of these have aborted their babies from the stress of the incident.

Grey Headed Flying-Foxes are listed Federally as Vulnerable, which means they are on the decline.

Please attend the workshops coming up, the Microbat one with PowerPoint Presentation by a Guest Speaker will be a treat, not to be missed.

Dee.



Bird Register Report by Beverley Clarke

I just want to reiterate that it is important to register your birds so that we can match them up. A bird with one of its own species is raised speaking bird instead of human, and has a better chance when released.

Did you know that birds lay from 1 to 20 eggs at a time.? They are all about the same shape, but vary in size and colour. Nearly all parent birds keep their eggs warm until they hatch. Small birds eggs

usually hatch in about ten days. Large birds typically lay large eggs, which can take more than a month to hatch. Cuckoos can lay eggs to match the eggs



in the nest they are trying to deposit their off-spring in. Cuckoo hatchlings then throw out the host babies or remaining eggs.

First photo: Tiny koala being fed with syringe ... So tiny!!! Followed by a pictorial chronology of their growth.....

KOALA TWINS RAISED TO MATURITY - It is photos like these that give you hope.



How absolutely amazing and delightful is the survival of these tiny twins.



I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.

Key Rings for Sale \$5 each!

Take a look at these absolutely delightful key rings—Kathrine has been able to source these lovely little items for us to sell on to members of the public (and to wildlife carers of course!) At \$5 they are a bargain. These key rings will be available for purchase at the display at Queens Park in Ipswich, and also at the Supersavers Pet Store Display at Murrumba Downs. They will make great gifts for those hard to buy for work-



mates and friends—and remind them of what you do! They will



also make

great gifts for inside bonbons, for those of you who like to make themselves (I do!)



Each little figurine comes with a chain and ring attached. Poor Kathrine was nearly mugged when she pulled them out at the committee meeting we had on Sunday!

The little guys look very realistic and are pleasant to handle, not too heavy to hang on a key chain or hand bag or whatever takes your fancy.

The Possum and the Echidna were my favourites, although I ended up with a Wombat. go figure that one out!

Please contact Kathrine regarding purchasing any of these lovely little items.

I think I may just need another one, or two. . . . And the teacher aides need one as well



RAFFLE

At this moment in time the Committee and Register Heads are working towards getting together a raffle. It will be full of interesting things for both wildlife carers or members of the public. So far we have had donated:

A variety of kitchen utensils, a photo shoot, jigsaw puzzle a lovely little clock, some lovely perfume.

Are you interested in helping us to gather items for this raffle? Is the company you work for able to donate one small item towards it? Are you the kind of person who is able to approach your local shopkeepers and ask them if they would like to help us gather funds to support our wildlife and carers? If you have answered yes, then please contact a committee member, who will discuss with you how you can go about helping ONARR. The committee will supply a letter asking for a donation, but you will need to present it to the store manager. Anyone who donates will be offered free advertising in our newsletter and on our web-site.

Once we have gathered everything together, we will mail out to each member some raffle tickets. Tickets will be sold at \$1 each. Keep tuned for more information



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

You may have heard of Operation Christmas Child. A shoebox is filled with items for a child: something to love (a teddy or doll), something educational (pencils and workbooks) something to play with (a ball or skipping rope), something to wear (hat, thongs, socks, undies) and an item of personal hygiene (soap, face washer, toothbrush, comb). Once these items are packed, they are sent overseas to children in impoverished countries. I have been involved in putting together these boxes for several years, buying a single item every time I go shopping, and storing it until Christmas. My local community also becomes involved, helping me to achieve one more box than I did the year beforeThis year my goal is 98 boxes. Several committee members know that this is an “operation” close to my heart, and at the meeting on Sunday, Linda proposed that ONARR donate \$50 towards the cost of filling some boxes. For this price I will be able to fill another 5 boxes with gifts for a child who has very little.

I would like to thank the committee and carers of ONARR for helping me to support this worthwhile cause. Beverley



Being 'over the hill' is much better than being under it!

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We're on the web!
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**Orphan Native Animal Rear And
Release Assoc.**

We have two displays coming up, and we would love to have you come along and give a hand at either one.

The first one is being held at Queens Park in Ipswich on the 22nd of October from the 10 until 3.

The second day is being held at Pets Superstore in Murrumba Downs on the 5/6 of November. We are not sure if we are doing both days or just one at this point. If you can help ring and speak to Katherine or Linda for more information.

It is a very scary thing receiving cash in the mail for membership. If you prefer not to send a Cheque because you don't have one, you are able to pay directly into the account. Ask any committee member for the banking details and we will gladly supply them. That way, everyone is safe!

Possum Register Report by Beverley Clarke

There is a new milk available for use with pinkie babies. It is called Digestelact, and is made by the same company we get our Divet from. This formula is actually made for people babies, but does a great job on pinkie babies too. Linda, Kerry and I have all tried this milk out, and I would recommend that you stock a tin. It only comes in tins, and costs \$20 a tin (subsidized by ONARR), and can be kept in the fridge or freezer. It does not last as long as the divet when it is made up, only lasts a scant 24 hours, so it works out to be a little more expensive if you only have one little one on it. I have found it to be very good.

Linda and I both have stocks of Digestelact on hand.

The Divetelact is also still available at \$16 a kilo or \$8 a half kilo. Susan, Linda and I all have stocks of that available.

Thorpy and Sheldon, the two bobucks washed down the river in the floods of January, have now both been released back into the wild. They went out to the release site at Pine Mountain, along with a hand raised girl, Black Betty.

Remember to let a Register Head know if you have space available for a little or big one. That way we know who to call.