



# O.N.A.R.R.

Orphan Native Animal Rear & Release Association Inc.  
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## Welcome to O.N.A.R.R.

So, now you have joined up, what is the next step?

O.N.A.R.R. has a membership data base, which is given to all of our Register Heads, therefore we all know you are now out there! All new carers are required to attend either a group workshop or a private workshop with a register head or an approved experienced carer. Approval must be received from a register head or committee member for a private workshop. Then, when a suitable animal comes into care for you, you will be contacted.

O.N.A.R.R. members choose which animals they prefer to raise. There are six separate Registers: Insectivorous Bats and Flying Foxes, Gliders, Possums, Macropods (kangaroos and wallabies), Birds and Reptiles, however we also cater to the odd or different species that come in, like bandicoots. Each register has one or more Register Heads. The Register Heads are the people who will usually contact you to collect an animal. They will give instructions on how to raise it and are there to answer your request for help and advice. They will also assign you a mentor, who is a carer with experience in the raising of the animal now in your care. However, it is *YOUR* responsibility to notify them by phone or email of *ALL* animals that come into your care by any source other than a Register Head. Failure to do this will compromise your membership as these animals would not be covered by our permit and could be removed from your care. You also contact the Register Head whenever you release an animal or are ready for another.

Before volunteering yourself to raise any creature ensure that you have the necessary equipment. When a Register Head calls you, you will be asked if you are ready to start caring ~ have you attended a workshop and have you got some of the basic items necessary to look after the creature coming into your care. Our 'shopping' list is included in your welcome package, so please take the time to peruse it and start looking around for the items you will need. It is not necessary to purchase every item straight away, but it helps to be prepared.

As soon as you have an animal in care, start to think further down the track. Plan for the larger accommodation it will require, the best foraging areas you need to use for its natural food, and where and when you expect to release it. Find the preferred method and time of release. There is a lot more to raising and releasing wildlife than most people take into consideration. O.N.A.R.R. does have some carers who are release sites, and when your baby is of a suitable size, your register head will be able to advise you on who you can call if you are not releasing from your own place.

During the year we have workshops which are advertised on the website [www.onarr.org.au](http://www.onarr.org.au) and in the quarterly newsletter. Remember that no one person has enough knowledge to stop learning. Our "Introduction to Caring for Possums and Macropods" DVD is also available for purchase by mail at a cost of \$12 including postage. Please send a cheque or money order to Beverley Clarke, Wild Magic, 11-17 Islandview St., Barellan Point, 4306.

*The Committee of O.N.A.R.R. meet approximately every 6 – 8 weeks. All members are welcome to attend Committee meetings if they so wish. The A.G.M. is usually held around August. It is preferable for all carers to attend the A.G.M. Remember, this is a VOLUNTEER group, and you have just joined us as a volunteer, so help out when you can. After all, we all get paid the same!*