



O.N.A.R.R Newsletter

WE ARE WHAT WE PROTECT: THIS IS WHAT DEFINES US.

January 20 cutoff date

History sheets due

History sheets are due by the 20th October. Send them as soon as possible to Susan please.

Nil reports can be rung in by leaving a message on Susan's mobile. If you have not yet read the Power Point on Caring Records and History Sheets, please do it now and confirm by email.

Please try hard not to be late with your sheet.

RAFFLE 2023

We are looking to start gathering donations for our Christmas in July 2023 raffle. Donations can be handed to any of the committee or to a register head.

We will send tickets to sell in March, with return by the beginning of June. The raffle will be drawn in July.

We are happy to accept any donations, and suggestions of where we may ask for goods.

IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL GRANT

Ipswich City Council have yet again supported our group with a grant to cover the purchase of food for macros, a book binding machine and equipment, and teats for the wildlife.

They have supported Randy & Judy with a new indoor cage and Liz & James with an aviary.

Ipswich City Council - your support is much appreciated!

Presidents Report - Xmas - December 2022

Hello everybody,

We all certainly have benefited this year from all the grants O.N.A.R.R. has received. Bev has done an outstanding job for all of us. Thanks to an Ipswich Council grant we purchased a book binder and also asked all the local councilors to do photocopying of our caring records. We are now putting together Caring Record Books for members - ask at the next workshop for yours.

We were able to purchase some food stuffs like Wombaroo milk for macros, which has been handed out to the carers who have macros. All carers who have been caring for animals have received something, be it food or other goods, which is greatly appreciated.

The Website has now been updated but of course this is always an ongoing job...

It was pretty slow through winter, but it has ramped up with lots of babies coming, in not only possums but lots of birds.

We had our A.G.M. online this year as well and it was a good outcome with quite a few responding. **O.N.A.R.R. is running a raffle this year - anything you can donate would be helpful.** All items need to be taken to the secretary by March.

Also, anybody who wishes to attend any meeting throughout the year are more than welcome.

I wish to thank the committee for all their help through the year, especially Bev who has surpassed herself with all the grants

I wish all the members a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Yours in Caring
Linda D'Arcy

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My Mission is to save lives. My dream is that one day I won't have to...

Numbers and species for the last Quarter

Possums	Birds	Flying Foxes	Reptiles	Other Fauna	Macropods
Brushtail possums 33	8 Crested Pigeons 4 Magpies 1 Fantail Cuckoo 34 Rainbow Lorikeet	7 Black FF 5 Grey FF		6 Bush rats 6 Northern Brown Bandicoots	3 Red necked wallabies 1 Whiptail wallaby
Ringtail possums 44	25 P.B. ducklings 7 Butcher Birds 16 Tawny Frog. Mth			4 long nosed Bandicoots	2 Eastern Grey Kangaroos
Mountain Brushtail Possums 3	3 Mud Larks 2 Cockatoos 3 Wood ducklings 1 Masked Lapwings 2 Galahs			5 Phascogales	
Sugar/Squirrel Gliders 3	4 Scaley Br. Ioris 14 Noisy Miners 5 Pale headed Ros. 1 Welcome Swallow			2 Yellow Footed Antechinus	
Feathertail gliders	4 B.F. Cuckoo Shr. 2 Orioles 2 Pheasant Coucals 3 Torresian Crows 3 kookaburras 4 Fig Birds 2 Blue Faced H. E. 2 Little Friarbirds 1 Noisy Friar Bird 2 Bush Stone Curlews				



Operation Christmas Child

ONARR donated \$50 towards the cost of putting together boxes for Operation Christmas Child. It costs around \$15 to put a box together. One of our members also donated \$100 towards this worthy cause.

Each box contains:

Something to wear
 Something to love
 Something to play with
 Something educational
 Something for personal hygiene
 Something special



FEEDING THE NEXT GENERATION

Bev, just thought I'd write this little story for you.

I remember you telling me that Noisy Miner babies are fed by the group, not just mum and dad. The attached image shows this very well.

The bird at the back is Squeaky who was rehabilitated and released 18/08/2022.

He is a regular visitor and comes down to me whenever I am out in the yard.

One of his favourite things to

do is to sit on top of the cage housing the newer Miners.

Just recently he began to come up during feed times with a bug or spider he had caught. Initially, I thought he was showing me how clever he is. One time he just sat on top of the cage looking at all the little Miners with a spider in his mouth.

I decided to put him in the cage and as soon as I did, he fed the spider to the baby Miner.

In the photo he is feeding a piece of heart to one of the babies. It's not a really good photo, but I'll try to get a better one.

He did this on four occasions this morning. I intend to allow him to continue to feed the others as often as he wants to.

Cheers

Randy

MACROPODS

KANGAROO ATTACKS

The subject of our last Macropod workshop was about mature male kangaroos threatening the public.

Only this year, a 77 yr. old man was killed by a western grey kangaroo that was hand reared by him. Below is a quote from "The Guardian" about the tragedy:

"Behavioral ecologist says 77-year-old Western Australian owner was probably seen by the hand-reared animal as a fellow marsupial"

Kangaroos are often considered friend, not foe. But the marsupial's reputation took a hit last week when a 77-year-old Western Australian man was killed by the pet western grey he hand-reared from a joey.

As Peter Eades lay dying on his Redmond farm, 398km south of Perth, police were forced to shoot the three-year-old male kangaroo, which was preventing an ambulance crew from reaching the injured man.

WA police spokesperson Ryan Langley says family members discovered a seriously injured Eades at about 5pm last Sunday.

"It is believed the man had been attacked by the kangaroo earlier in the day."

It is only the second death in 100 years caused by a kangaroo in Australia. The last was in 1936, when a 38-year-old New South Wales man, William Cruickshank, reportedly died from head injuries after trying to save his dogs from a kangaroo.

A University of Melbourne behavioural ecologist, Graeme Coulson, says this week's attack was unexpected but unsurprising.

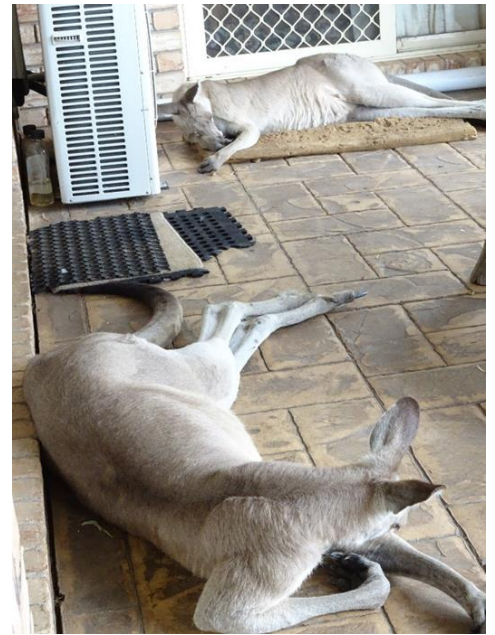
Pet kangaroos are driven by the same instincts as their wild counterparts. At this age, when they are not feeding or resting, they fight, associate professor Coulson says.

"In this case, probably the owner was seen as another kangaroo and presumably the kangaroo was trying to play-fight or perhaps [engage in] more serious dominance fighting with him," Coulson says.

Coulson says male kangaroos are strong and use their sharp nails and powerful kick to fight for mating rights."

I myself have recently experienced a large male who comes into my yard and threatens me. There is the possibility he is a joey of one I reared. These released joeys often come back into my yard as adults and stay on my 75-acre property. This male hung around for several months, I assume after does in heat. I also assume he sees me as a threat to his does.

I investigated several ideas as to how I could discourage him from entering the yard but to no avail.





Fortunately, I haven't seen him in months. My greatest fear is coming across him in the paddock and risking attack. I also worry that this male may threaten my neighbours and their children. (No photo of him as I was too busy watching my back to take a photo!)

I would like to point out that I have hand raised several male joeys and released them. They would often come back and although they fought amongst themselves (see photo) they never threatened me.

What are your thoughts about raising male eastern greys??

Happy Christmas and a peaceful break... Anita

Sea Turtles in Danger - Linda D'Arcy

What are some of the dangers for sea turtles? Pollution, plastics, fishing gear, petroleum by products, boat strikes, crab pots, and light from artificial means when babies are hatching leading them away from the sea.

Five of the six species of the sea turtles found in Australia are now listed as endangered or vulnerable.

The death rate is huge. We had a friend come over who works for M.B.R.C. He oversees Bribie Island, and he was telling us every day they pick up dead turtles on the beaches, over a couple a hundred a week, all different sizes - for the last couple of months - because of breeding season.

Only one of the things I did not consider of their destruction was crab pots. People put them out in the bay using a rope and a float then along comes a turtle with its flippers out, catches the rope with its flippers, result is a tangled mess. They can drag it around for weeks until it drowns.



Hatchlings at Mon Repos - S. Doel

I was very disappointed about that fact, so I hope everybody out there is mindful of this happening, it is a pity they don't have a law out there preventing the use of crab pots in egg laying/hatching season.

FLYING-FOX report - Dee Smith

Here's hoping everyone had an enjoyable Christmas. I would like to welcome Nicole B. as a bat carer.

The Flying-fox pup season had some problems, with camps being hit with hailstones at one stage during storms. Unfortunately, there were fatalities with pups and adults. Also, when we had unusually cold nights some camps had pups come down, either dead or very cold. These pups were not quite thermoregulating yet as they were too young, and the mums had left them in the camp during the night while she foraged for food.

Pictured is Lulu a black pup who lost her mum and was all alone about 10 metres up in a tree. She was constantly harassed by birds, the sound of which alerted the homeowner. She came into care, but we asked the homeowner to check if an adult bat came back that night looking for her baby. Sadly, she didn't, and I suspect something happened to the mum because Lulu had a terrible smell on her, much like rotten flesh. She also had mites so had to be treated for those. Lulu is a bright, energetic, beautiful bat well on the way to being released back into the environment.





Birds, Other Fauna, and all the other small creatures....Beverley Clarke

It has been a very busy three months in our house. There have been 8 N.B. bandicoots, 4 L.N. bandicoots, 5 phascogales, 6 bush rats, 2 squirrel gliders, 7 sugar gliders, 2 antechinus, 2 swamp rats, 2 red necked wallabies and 60 birds of various species...so it has been a large learning curve as well. All in all, 9 pages of History Sheets to complete - sorry Susan!

The Northern Brown Bandicoots came from Russell Island as 45/50 gram babies, eyes still closed. At one point I suspected I wouldn't be able to pull the runt through, but I did and now they have all gone back to Russell Island for release. Two of the long-nosed bandicoots didn't make it, but the other two have gone for release as well. The Swamp rats went back to Morwincha where they came from, unfortunately the bush rats didn't make it, the

phascogales went out to a release site at the back of Tivoli and have been caught on camera there.

One antechinus has pulled through, one wallaby went for release -the other was tiny and mother was a car hit so didn't make it. Most of the gliders have gone for release, one remains here as he is still only 53 grams, and the majority of the birds have been released - I won't say they have left home as most of my releases hang around for a while before finally leaving. There are still 2 kookaburras, 4 tawny frogmouths, a galah, a lorikeet, and a mixture of other little birds still in the aviaries, plus 2 bush stone curlews and 2 plovers.



The bandicoots were all raised using Wombaroo 0.7

kangaroo milk,

which they thrived on. The antechinus is on that as well, although she only takes .03 ml 4 times a day, along with a meal worm at each feed. The swamp rats were also raised on the 0.7. The littlest glider, Hooch, is on Divet, which I find much better for the possums and gliders, and the majority of the birds are using Lorikeet and Honey eater mix, both wet and dry, or they are meat or fruit eaters. It will be nice when my numbers drop below 20 again. RSPCA call me regularly, so if you need something, please let me know.



Brisbane City Council have supported O.N.A.R.R. with a grant to cover some of our purchases over the last year. Keep your receipts because even if you don't live in BCC you can apply for a grant if you spend over \$500 on disposable items. This includes food stuffs, but only carers living in BCC can apply for aviaries and cages. Keep wildlife purchases separate to other items.

For more information contact Beverley.