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Keeping carers
informed



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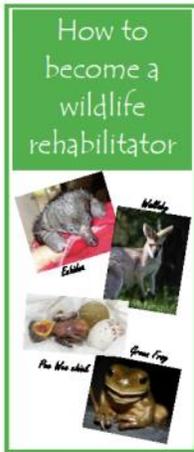
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- ◆ Kids
- ◆ Never touch a bat
- ◆ Bats are Important
- ◆ Australian Bat Lyssavirus is preventable
- ◆ Mum and dad
- ◆ Hendra
- ◆ Fruit tree netting
- ◆ Barbed wire



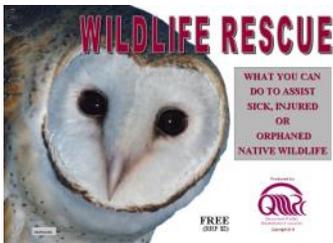
- ◆ Don't cats control rats and mice?
- ◆ Don't cats control snakes?
- ◆ Cats threaten the future survival of most wildlife
- ◆ Are you a responsible cat owner?
- ◆ Do cats harm wildlife?
- ◆ How can I protect cats and wildlife?



- ◆ So, you want to care for wildlife...
- ◆ Do you have enough time?
- ◆ Do you have the financial backing?
- ◆ Are you tough enough?
- ◆ Other ways to help wildlife...



- ◆ Chasing wildlife
- ◆ Walking dogs in bushland
- ◆ Keep dogs and wildlife apart
- ◆ Barking at wildlife
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QWRC's Best Practice Guidelines for wildlife rehabilitators are available in the member's section of our website www.qwrc.org.au. Please let us know if you can suggest further titles to add to this list:

- Euthanasia of Native Wildlife in Queensland
- Wildlife Autopsy by Rehabilitators in Queensland
- Hygiene Practices
- What happens to animals that can't be released?
- Understanding your duty of care

- Release of wildlife
- Zoonosis
- Aviary and cage hygiene
- Display of wildlife
- Care of Flying fox orphans outside their geographical range
- Wildlife in the workplace

From the Chair..

Welcome to QWRC's RnR Newsletter. QLD groups and independent carers also had the opportunity for the 1st time ever to apply for a grant from the Department of Environment and Science to assist with wildlife currently being rehabilitated.

What a memorable year 2020 is proving to be, for all the wrong reasons. The devastating bushfires around the country, the continuing drought in many regions and now COVID-19. Unfortunately the first two events in particular are continuing to have a devastating effect on our beloved wildlife.

If you need help with any supplies The Rescue Collective, Animal Rescue Collective and WIRES are all offering grants or direct assistance so reach out.

On a positive note the plight of our native wildlife and the thousands of struggling volunteer wildlife carers around Australia suddenly became centre stage during the fires. At first it was the wildlife affected directly by the fires but then the general public began to realise ongoing wildlife issues happening in every region.

As everyone is aware there were some major changes within the committee at the last AGM and while this has brought new ideas, it has also meant some teething problems as we all adjust to our new roles. There is always room for more active QWRC members so if you want to contribute please make contact.

Thousands of people from around the world have come together to raise funds for food, supplements, enclosure and other much needed equipment. Crafters have created much needed items like pouches, bat wraps and bird nests to help carers care for the animals being rehabilitated throughout the country.

QWRC welcomes two new district representatives, Jen Cox for district 5 and Connie Kerr for district 2. Currently we have representatives for nine out of eleven districts; it would be great to have representatives for districts 8 and 9 eventually as well.

We are also looking for someone who might have some journalism or editorial experience to take on the editor's

From the Chair *continued.*

role for the RnR Newsletter, if you think this could be you please send an email expressing your interest to secretary@qwrc.org.au

We have also implemented a QWRC membership resource subsidy for 2020. If you purchase any suitable educational books, attend suitable workshops or courses we are offering up to \$50 rebate to help keep carers up to date with current caring practices.

All you have to do is fill out the relevant form and send it to the secretary with any receipts. We have also put together a list of recommended reading that we feel provides essential information for many various species in care. This list can found on the NEW website.

QWRC's Wildlife Rescue booklets have been distributed all around the QLD and we hope to be able to con-

tinue to provide these free of charge with successful grant applications. They are proving to be a great resource for travellers in regional areas, especially with the grey nomads.

Leaving them at information centres, council offices, major tourist centres etc has all helped wildlife in need reach carers promptly. We are hoping to adapt the printed booklet into an App very soon so stay tuned for more information on that or if you are able to assist in anyway please contact QWRC. Don't forget QWRC also has various educational brochures for you to access.

We hope you have all managed to stay safe and well during these uncertain times, don't forget to reach out if you need to talk to someone.

Kim Palmer



QWRC Disaster Fund

This fund was set up to assist carers affected by any natural disaster. There is an application form on our website (how can I help?) with the maximum per claim being \$1000.

Editorial..

Well 2020 will certainly be remembered for its huge fires and of course Covid-19. We hope you are all coping ok and receiving help you are entitled to. If you are currently feeling overwhelmed by all these events please see page 22 for more information on WildTalk, a counselling service for carers.

Position Vacant.

Judy Elliott, who has always done a marvellous job as editor for QWRC's RnR magazine, is taking a well earned break. We would like to thank Judy for all the years she has put in to this wonderful edition. Thank you Judy.

Unfortunately the lady we had lined up to take over this role is now no longer able to help. So I (Jacqui), am filling in this role temporarily until we find a new RnR editor.

Currently these editions are done in publisher but we are happy to let whoever takes on this role use whatever program they are comfortable with.

The RnR is put out twice a year, with our flyer, QWRC Quotes being sent out in between to keep members up to date with QWRC related business.

The editors role is to produce an educational and well informed newsletter for all QWRC members. This includes sourcing stories and photos from car-

ers as well as ensuring communication from the council is shared with members.

You will also need to keep in contact with our advertisers to ensure their information is kept up to date.

If you are interested in taking on the Editor's role, please drop us a line via the contact details below.

Please send us your stories/photos for the September 2020 issue.

Deadline: 14 July 2020.

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Carer Profile

Meet..... **Connie Kerr**



I live in the Daintree and have been working with Wildlife for 20 years, starting out originally in Mid North Coast NSW with Wires.

I predominantly work with Bats and Flying-foxes, including presenting Bat Training throughout Australia.

I am also trained and experienced with Birds and Small Mammals (mainly Bandicoots and Melomys) and have some limited experience with Possums.

I have previously been both President and Vice President in various Wildlife Groups.

In my spare time, my partner and I run a business called Daintree Life and in the last 18 months have begun rainforest revegetation work in the Daintree. To date we have planted

over 7,000 trees - expanding wildlife habitat. For all carers one of the hardest things about getting animals into care is being able to release them with the knowledge that they can be returned to the wild with sufficient habitat to sustain them. I am also an avid photographer, with a strong interest in Wildlife and Nature photography.

I hope as the District Rep for Far North Qld, to be able to be a conduit for QWRC Wildlife members/Carers in this area and would like to encourage all members from the area to feel free to contact me for help.



Grey-headed Flying Fox by Connie Kerr

Some useful Bat Links:

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The Importance of Wild Foods in Rehabilitation

One of our aims and responsibilities of caring for wildlife is to ensure we are rehabilitating and releasing healthy, balanced individuals into the wild. Rearing wild animals and sourcing the correct foods for them can be challenging. Red-tailed Black Cockatoos do not always take readily to commercial bird seeds, but much prefer Casuarina seeds and beach almonds and you may not always be able to find the nice rainforest creepers that Proserpine Rock Wallabies like to eat or berries for your fruit eating doves. It is really important to know what to feed animals in care so you are providing a nutritious healthy diet for them and so they do recognize their natural food source once they are released back into their natural habitat.

Research is needed to work out what are the natural food sources for wildlife and the feeding habits of these animals. So much is available these days on the internet and sites such as Birdlife Australia <https://birdlife.org.au/> and Backyard Buddies <https://www.backyardbuddies.org.au/> can be most helpful. Also, books like The Complete Book of Australian Birds by Readers Digest. Observing animals in their natural environment will also show us their food sources.

I have found over the years that it is really helpful to grow a lot of food sources on your own property if you can or encourage friends, neighbours and local councils to grow the correct

local species so it is easier for you to forage for natural food for your critters.in care. For a list of local plant species contact your local Landcare Nursery.

Providing food with adequate vitamins and minerals is very important. Many of us have seen the poor baby magpies brought in to care with calcium deficiencies due to well meaning members of the public feeding the parents lots of meats, which has no calcium and vitamin D or the fruit eating birds that fail to thrive and/or grow with feather abnormalities due to the lack of protein as they are only fed fruit and sometimes fruit with low calcium levels.

If you have trouble sourcing those figs for your figbirds, ensure you are using good quality fruits such as paw-paw, blackberries, raspberries and strawberries with a little bit of added protein in the way of mince or egg and insectivore mix. Make sure you also encourage them to feed in between leaves and branches so they know that food doesn't always come out of a bowl. Provide lots of leaf litter and insects for insect eating birds and devise ways to encourage your birds of prey to hunt. Your joeys should always have fresh browse available to them, even at a young age and echidnas dirt to dig in and termites to hunt. Our tree dwelling mammals too should always have fresh browse including flowers for the possums and some gliders.

Lorikeet Paralysis Syndrome

Lorikeet Paralysis Syndrome. Information for veterinarians and wildlife carers - 4 March 2020



Photo by Julia Odd

Lorikeet paralysis syndrome (LPS) is a seasonal syndrome that has been occurring in eastern Australia for a number of years during the summer months. This summer there has been a particularly high number of cases in northern NSW and southern Qld. The syndrome primarily affects rainbow lorikeets (*Trichoglossus haematodus*) but has also been reported in scaly-breasted lorikeets (*Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus*). Affected birds are unable to fly, with varying degrees of paralysis of the hind limbs and wings. The birds do not usually present with clenched claws as previously reported in the literature; this is most often associated with trauma. In more severe cases the paralysis may affect the whole body

and the bird may be unable to blink or swallow.

The syndrome can be characterized into 4 categories, depending on the severity of clinical signs. All the birds usually have a typical altered squeaky voice and cannot fly.

Category 1: the most severely affected birds that are unable to move their entire body (wings, legs, and head), are unable to right themselves when placed on their back, are unable to blink and unable to swallow.

Category 2: birds can stand but are severely ataxic (lack of coordination) when trying to hop and are unable to blink.

Category 3: birds can stand, are severely ataxic when trying to hop but are able to blink.

Category 4: less severely affected birds that can hop around and can blink.

Most birds, except category 1, will recover with veterinary supportive treatment consisting of rehydration with subcutaneous fluids (100ml/kg the first day and 50 ml/kg the next 2 days), pain relief (Metacam® 1 mg/kg IM or PO BID for 3 days), and cage rest with easy access to food and water.

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Category 1 and 2 require eye drops in their eyes twice a day until blinking and crop-feeding three times a day until able to self-feed. Once the birds start flapping their wings and are able to get a bit of lift off the floor (this usually requires at least 3-4 weeks), they should be moved to an aviary until they have regained their full abilities, which can take up to 2-4 months. Euthanasia is usually recommended for category 1 when they are moribund and completely unable to move. Euthanasia is also recommended if any bird presents already emaciated (thin).

Wildlife disease experts have been investigating this syndrome and a wide range of tests have been performed. The current investigation has found no evidence of an infectious disease as the cause of this syndrome. The cause of LPS is not known, but all the evidence points to it being caused by a toxin. Possible causes, including botulism toxins, environmental toxins and plant toxins are being investigated. One of the missing pieces to the puzzle to LPS is what the lorikeets are eating that might result in their exposure to environmental toxins. Observations about plants that lorikeets are feeding on during times of the outbreak are needed.

If you see any other unusual signs of disease or deaths in wildlife you can report it to:

- Your local [State/Territory WHA Coordinator](#)
- The 24 hour **Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline** on free call 1800 675 888
- The Department of Primary Industries or Agriculture in the State/Territory in which the event is occurring/occurred
- If you are a carer: your local veterinarian

Dr David Phalen, The University of Sydney:

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Lorikeets recovering from LPS.

Photo by Jacqui Webb

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Please see the colour pictures on the inside front cover of this issue.

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These are currently:

- Dogs and Wildlife
- Bats
- Protect your Cat Protect our Wildlife
- How to become a Wildlife Rehabilitator
- QWRC - representing all wildlife rehabilitators

Brochure allocation to members:

Limit of 100 total free per year with a 500gm Post Pak satchel provided by the member. Once we receive the Post Pak satchel with their address on it we can do the mailout. If more than 100 are requested in any calendar year they will be sold at half price (5cents each) still with the required Post Pak satchel provided. All brochures can be ordered by any non-member for 10cents each plus postage.

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- ◆ Access to professional advice, information and data.
- ◆ Access to Best Practice Guidelines.
- ◆ RnR newsletter twice a year (March and September).
- ◆ QWRC Quotes member's update (January and June).
- ◆ Eligibility to nominate for a position as a QWRC District representative.
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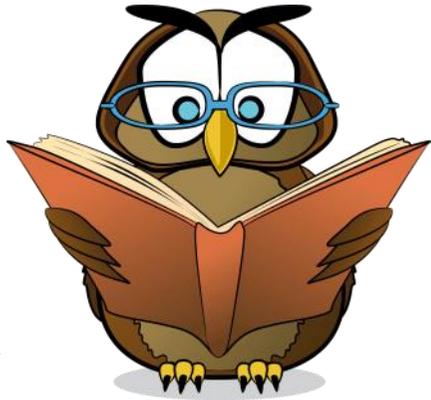
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Statement, 9th April 2020 :

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ble way however due to the current economic situation under these exceptional circumstances we cannot guarantee that the companies running our excursions will be able to remain in business, or be able to offer the same excursions in the future. As a precaution, we will be cancelling and refunding all excursion and conference dinner tickets over the course of the following weeks. We again thank you for your patience in this unique situation and look forward to seeing you all in 2021. “

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Tips on becoming Incorporated

Last issue we looked at the requirements set down by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) for the incorporation of a not for profit organisation. In this issue we will look at the roles of those persons elected by the members of a group to run that group. It must be remembered that a group has legal obligations even if they do not complete the incorporation process.

The general responsibilities of the association include nominating and maintaining a physical address in Queensland for serving documents (this cannot be a post office box) making sure the association's full name appears on all official documents

The committee must manage financial affairs by registering the association's land or interests in land. Annually make sure that the financial statements are audited or verified while controlling the business dealings and operations. The committee must keep up to date with public liability insurance (if needed) and keep proper records of all transactions and the financial position of the association.

The committee must uphold their responsibilities to their members by making a copy of the association's rules available to all members. These rules must be followed for calling and holding general meetings and the AGM every year (within 6 months of the end of the association's financial year). It must ensure a secretary is elected or

appointed at the AGM at which all the financial statements (audited or verified) are presented to the members. Keeping minutes of all committee and general meetings is essential.

The committee must lodge an annual report to the OFT notifying them about any changes of office bearers (president, treasurer or secretary), the association's postal address, the secretary's residential address while making sure that these reports don't contain or omit anything to make them false or misleading.

The committee members should always act in the association best interests acting in good faith using reasonable care and skill while doing their duties. They must tell the committee if they have a possible conflict of interest (such as if a proposed action will financially benefit them) while not making false or misleading statements to the association's members. The committee must know the secretary's duties and make sure they are properly carried out by bringing any relevant letters, emails or other association documents to the committee's attention.

The association rules might set out extra responsibilities or impose specific restrictions on the committee. All committee members should be familiar with these rules.

As stated earlier when a group is formed it must elect an executive committee that

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must have at least a president, secretary and treasurer (two different people must hold the president and treasurer positions). Let's now look at the tasks each of those office bearers might have to fulfil.

To be eligible for the committee all members of the management committee (except for the secretary) must be 18 years of age or older and be a member of the association. The secretary must be a resident of Queensland or live within 65km of the Queensland border. No such requirement exists for other committee members.

A person cannot sit on your committee if they have been convicted on indictment, are currently or have recently been in prison (other than for payment of a fine) or are bankrupt.

President and /or Vice-president

- To chair monthly and executive meetings.
- To maintain order and conduct of meetings in a proper and orderly manner.
- To ensure that the motions carried at the meetings are acted upon.
- To represent the organisation at official engagements.
- To welcome new members into the council.
- To encourage all members to participate.

Secretary (this position could be combined with that of treasurer)

- Carry out all the tasks listed below for a Minute secretary.
- To maintain an up to date register list of all financial members including full details for each member – name, address, contact details etc. (note that for ease of function this task could be undertaken by the Treasurer).
- To ensure that all enquiries are answered and the appropriate literature is sent out.
- To liaise with the Treasurer for receipts as required.
- To file all membership forms/ volunteer agreements.
- To ensure that a record is kept of all inward and outward correspondence.
- To ensure that all correspondence is kept up to date.
- To keep on file/index the original copies of all literature that the group has produced.

Minute secretary

(this position is optional but works well if the Secretary/Treasurer position is combined)

- To prepare the agenda for each meeting.
- Take the minutes/attendance records of past six months minutes to all meetings.
- Read minutes and list items for general business.
- Record minutes of all meetings. Delegate this duty where not attending.
- Record all motions and amendments.
- Assist chairperson in counting votes by show of hands or by secret ballot as applicable.
- To ensure that all expenditure is approved or ratified at a monthly or executive meeting
- To ensure that within 90 days of the end of the financial year a statement is prepared containing particulars of:
 - a.the income and expenditure for the financial year just ended
 - b.the assets and liabilities of all mortgages, charges and securities affecting the property of the association at the close of that financial year.
- To ensure that all details of the association's financial affairs are presented to the nominated auditor for examination annually.
- To ensure that the secretary receives a report from the auditor prior to holding of the A.G.M next, following the financial year in respect of which such audit was made.

Treasurer /assistant treasurer

- To maintain proper books and accounts correctly showing the financial affairs of the association and the particulars usually shown in books of a like nature.
 - To ensure that all monies are banked as soon as possible after receipt thereof.
 - To ensure that all accounts of the association are paid by a cheque signed by any two of the approved signatories and are crossed not negotiable .
- Next issue we will look at the general running of an association – general meetings, management meetings and annual general meetings.
- For further information about incorporation and access to all the paperwork required visit the OFT at www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au/associations-nonprofits.htm

Koala Mapping Project

Over the last few years Fauna Rescue Whitsundays (FRW) have seen a marked increase in koalas coming into care for several different reasons including increased traffic on the Peak Downs Highway.

In a study carried out by the Dept of Environment and Heritage Protection in South East Queensland, koala populations are in dire straits with 80% of the population decimated. As the human population continues to grow in SEQ, koala numbers continue to decline at an alarming rate, with the real possibility that they will become (and already are in some areas) functionally extinct.

FRW has been working in partnership with Ipswich Koala Protection Society who has 22 years of experience, expertise and first-hand knowledge of the impacts affecting koalas in SEQ and how WE can contribute to conservation and protection of koala habitat to ensure that our northern koala population does not suffer the same fate. We have also been working with Central Qld University and Main Roads,

to identify hot spots and collect data. You can help FRW identify koala populations, habitat, corridors and the impacts that progress, development and population growth is having on our koala population in **Central and North Qld.**

Our koala mapping and statistics are showing that this part of Queensland has quite a diverse range of koalas and koala habitat yet many of them are unmapped. FRW has been actively working towards identifying koala habitat, developing up to date mapping and collating data for use by not only us but also Local, State and Federal Government agencies and representatives

July to December is breeding time for koalas - and they will be on the move. Please report sightings to **frwsecretary@gmail.com**

Everyone can make a difference to the conservation of this unique species. Remember - by protecting koala habitat, we are also ensuring a safer future for all wildlife.



This is the ‘Registered Charity Tick’ logo available to eligible charities registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission.

It is not compulsory to use it but is intended to help the public recognise charities that are registered with ACNC.

For information on how to apply for your charity tick refer to www.acnc.gov.au.

Just a reminder to all groups that to maintain charity status each group must remember to report their activities to the ACNC [Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission] annually and will need to update data about elected persons or contact persons for the group after each AGM; if this reporting is not done then groups could well lose charity status.



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Public Liability insurance is available to groups when **ALL** their members are also members of QWRC. A request for insurance must be sent to QWRC together with a copy of all membership forms and a total membership list so that an insurance certificate can be issued .

WILDLIFE RESCUE BOOKLETS/BROCHURES

QWRC continue to seek funding for further printing of their very popular Wildlife Rescue booklets. Groups are therefore invited to have them or the brochures (refer inside front cover) printed with their own contact details. These can only be printed through QWRC. Classic Design and Print have kindly provided the following quotes, as an indication of cost; remember that to get them to you will be extra:

- 2,500 Rescue books \$3,140.00 inc GST
- 5,000 Rescue books \$5,400.00 inc GST

DL Brochures Dogs/Cats/Bats/Wildlife Rehabilitator:

- 2,000 \$365.00 inc gst
- 5,000 \$472.00 inc gst

Latest News

The new **QWRC website** is now up and running, thanks to Lana Field and her computer extraordinaire Ross McCauley, Serenity Computer Services.

If there is anything you would like to see on our new site please email us at secretary@qwrc

Dr Anne Fowler has launched her new website, Fauna Oz Education. You can order training manuals and access information about Dr Anne's training courses at this site: www.faunaozeducation.com.au

Training Rebate

QWRC members can claim a \$50 rebate for purchase of training manuals and costs towards training workshops for 2020.

Please contact

secretary@qwrc.org.au for list of books, training manuals and application details.

Positions Vacant

District 8—South West

District 9—Toowoomba

WILDTALK—Help for carers

WildTalk is Australia's first counselling service dedicated to wildlife carers started by Frances Carleton. Those of you who attended the AWRC conference in Sydney, may remember the presentation she gave there.

Many of us have not only been dealing with the everyday life in a wildlife carers day, but also this year we have seen heat stress events, fires, drought, floods and now another stress to us all in Covid-19.

If you are feeling overwhelmed with life as a carer at the moment please make contact with WildTalk by calling 1300 307 111.

Any therapists wanting to help email wildtalkenquiries@outlook.com

For more information go to

<https://wildtalk.com.au/>

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QWRC Website

This is very user friendly with lots of new information so please check it out at www.qwrc.org.au. The members section requires a password that is sent to you when you join.

Permits - Permits - Permits

Please note that the Queensland Wildlife Rehabilitation Council is **NOT** a wildlife carer group and **DOES NOT ISSUE PERMITS** to wildlife carers so being a member does not entitle you to care for wildlife. Permits are available either from the Qld Department of Environment and Heritage Protection or wildlife rehabilitation groups if they hold a group permit. Please ensure that you have a piece of paper that says you have a permit. It will be dated, list the species and number of animals you are permitted to care for.

For more information please internet search for 'qld wildlife rehabilitation permit'.



Administration Request

Sadly some members are not receiving all the information that is being sent to them either by snailmail or email. We do get some 'return to senders' some of which is due to their application forms being scribbled which results in information being incorrectly recorded on our database. Incomplete forms also cause problems and is time consuming to sort out. Please take care when completing your forms and make sure all sections are fully completed before sending them either to your group or to us

Disclaimer

QWRC accepts no responsibility for any comments made in articles and any queries should be referred to the relevant author.

Our grants officer Judy has been busy looking for grants and came across this one.

Community Road Safety grant from Main Roads/Transport department. It's for a maximum of \$20,000 and opens at the end of this month and closes 31 July.

She then got to thinking what could you apply for, did some further research and found Wildlife Safety Solutions Virtual Fencing Technology (VRT).

As we all know, there are certain hotspots in our areas where we see countless numbers of wildlife, laying helplessly on the side of the road after an altercation with a vehicle, some with joeys in pouches or nearby.

Well, VRT is an active electronic protection system that deterw animals from crossing roads when a vehicle approaches and has been extremely effective in preventing wildlife and vehicle collisions in Australian and worldwide.

The VRT devices need to be placed at 25 metre intervals on the side of the road, forming a “virtual fence”. The VRT is activated by oncoming headlights, which causes the device to emit a sound and light alert.

The Save the Devil Program have tested the VF technology in the North-West of Tasmania (Arthur River) since 2014 and has proven effective at reducing road kill by 50% on commonly affected species.

For more information contact
Wildlife Safety Devices
Jack Swanepoel
Phone +6145 307 981
info@wildlifesafetysolutions.com



Attention all Old Wildlife Carer Groups

QWRC has a list of groups on their website but it is likely that some of the information is no longer valid or needs updating. Please check these groups on www.qwrc.org.au and email: secretary@qwrc.org.au if any need updating, deleting or details of any that are not listed.

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