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Tawny frogmouth



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Bobbie Westerland



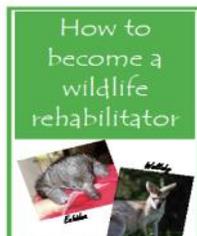
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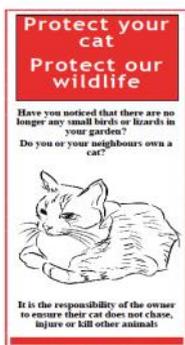
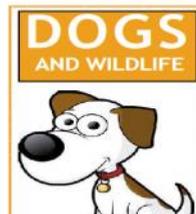
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QWRC continues to seek funding for further printing of our very popular wildlife rescue booklets. Groups are therefore invited to have them or the brochure's printed with their own contacts details. These can only be printed through QWRC. Classic Design and Print have kindly provided the following, as an indication of cost; postage will be extra.

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Please contact secretary@qwrc.org.au if your group is interested.

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Complete the vest application form found in the members section of the qwrc website and transfer amount for processing.

Presidents Report



Dear Members,

Welcome to the 1st edition of the RnR for 2021!

Our editor has done an amazing job gathering various stories to keep you interested. Don't forget if you have an interesting rehabilitation story, the editor would love to hear from you.

I hope 2021 has started off well for you all but I understand in reality this time of year is usually the most hectic with an increase in wildlife needing care as well as family commitments.

This obviously puts carers under a lot of stress emotionally, physically and financially. Fortunately now, there is support available.

If you need to talk to someone who understands what we deal with please reach out to these organisations -

<https://twogreenthreads.org/>

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

Most of you would all be aware that the Australian Wildlife Conference which was to be held in Darwin has now been changed to a completely online version due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions.

Understandably many are disappointed with this decision as the face to face interaction and meeting of peers is all part of the experience but under the circumstances it is a fantastic option and I hope an online version is available at future conferences.

Personally I could never attend a conference with the constant amount of animals in care so this decision has definitely opened it up to many more carers in similar situations. The organisers are still making plans and hope to make it as interactive as possible so please stay positive and supportive, its a learning curve for us all.



Photo courtesy of Kim Palmer

Presidents Report



QWRC has decided to continue into 2021 with the up to \$50 rebate for training and educational purchases. We encourage all carers to stay up to date with best standards of care so we are very keen to assist carers with these purchases. Unfortunately 2020 saw hardly any training taking place but hopefully that will change in the not too distant future with online training modules becoming available to all members. QWRC does have a list of recommended reading on our website—

<https://qwrc.org.au/recommended-reading/>

QWRC has also decided this will be the last edition of the RnR available in hard copy due to the committee wanting to reduce our environmental footprint. Please make sure we have your most current email address so you continue to receive the RnR digitally when it comes out. For the same reason, the carcass tags will no longer be sent out. If you have any concerns please feel free to email the secretary at -

secretary@qwrc.org.au

Our new committee is working well but there are still 3 districts without councillors. It would be amazing to have these positions filled as the more people working together with a common goal the better the outcomes for carers and our precious wildlife. The districts without a representative are 1, 3 and 8, please see a break up of the state and current committee members here -

<https://qwrc.org.au/council-executives/>

Finally, do you have any concerns about the current DES Code of Practice, the way permits are currently issued or rehabilitation concerns in general? We would love to hear from you so we can collaborate and present a cohesive letter to the environment minister. Again, please contact the secretary with any concerns or information.

Here's hoping 2021 is an improvement on 2020.

Until next time,

Kim

QWRC Chair.

From the Editor...

Just to note

On page 10 of the last RnR (issue38) we provided a great link to opportunities of volunteering locations or for while holidaying through out Qld.

If you took advantage of one of those opportunities or are planning on doing so please share with us your experience. Send us the name of the volunteer program you attended, a review and picture. Your review will be published in the RnR to inspire others.

QWRC does not benefit from these programs. We are always looking for inexpensive / free training or volunteering experiences for carers. If you know of more out there let us know so we can share with others.

Remember you can also have your rehabilitation, rescue and or release stories published in the RnR. Send a short 300 word story, attach a few pictures in pdf format and email or post it to us.

If you're an avid photographer and have caught something wonderful, don't keep it in your camera, share it with other QWRC members! Let us share it on your behalf.

Thank you for all you do!

The Editor.

editor@qwrc.org.au

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Photo courtesy of
Judy Elliott

**Squirrel Glider
trapped in barbed wire**

This beautiful Squirrel glider was found trapped in barbed wire by a visitor to a large property. I was contacted for help and advised that a towel should be placed over him for protection from the sun and potential predators whilst awaiting rescue. This also helps to calm any wildlife that are sick, injured or orphaned.

Permission was obtained from the property owner for the wire to be cut. The glider was then rushed to a local vet to disentangle the remaining barbs. There were no holes in the gliding membrane fortunately but the skin was very red and sore so a long acting antibiotic was administered. He was given to a specialist glider carer for ongoing treatment and eventual release.

Sadly there are many animals that get trapped on barbed wire fencing and most are never seen or rescued. They all die a prolonged, terrifying and painful death often from predators. For information on wildlife friendly fencing please refer to www.wildlifefriendlyfencing.com.

Judy Elliott (Bundy Wildlife Rescue)



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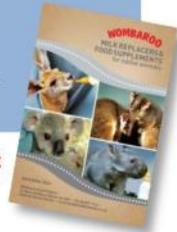
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- **Mammal titles:** microbats.
- **Reptiles:** Husbandry & rehabilitation of reptiles and amphibians.
- **Husbandry and rehabilitation of:** native birds, orphaned birds, raptors and waterbirds.
- **Husbandry & rehabilitation of the others:** bandicoots, dasyurids, rodents.
- **Upcoming titles include:** monotremes, raptors and flying foxes.
- **Limited stock of CSIRO publishing titles** of Australian wildlife that at end of print run.

Email | an.fowler@bigpond.com for a price list | Bulk or group orders welcome.

Prickles the orphaned Echidna

This delightful puggle, as baby Echidnas are known, came into care into October 2020. He/ she was handed into a local vet after being inadvertently dug up. Echidna mums dig a burrow to deposit their baby once prickles start to form and it gets too uncomfortable to hold in their pouch any longer. Mum then returns to the burrow to feed every few days,

Echidnas belong to the Monotreme family (along with the Platypus) and do not have teats like mammals but instead the female exudes milk from mammary patches on her stomach. Prickles suckles milk from the palm of my hand (see photo) really rapidly and with some force once he gets going. I use Wombaroo Echidna milk which has been readily accepted from day one of care. Interestingly Prickles has just started to automatically roll into a ball when picked up to be fed. Solid food will be offered once housed outside.

A large eski, half filled with dirt/mulch, is used for housing with a large iceblock at one end being renewed about three times a day to enable the temperature to be kept below 20C to mimick being outside in a deep burrow. When the puggle gets a bit larger with longer spines he will be placed outside in a 7 x 4 metre aviary with natural ground cover. There is also a large deep bucket that has been buried at an angle and half filled with dirt to replicate a natural burrow. This will be Prickles' home until release.

Prickles gets fed every five days.



Please always check any Echidna found dead or injured on the side of the road in case there is a little puggle onboard.

Always keep a towel in your car which can be used to pick up most sick, injured or orphaned wildlife to then be taken to a vet or wildlife carer as soon as possible.

Judy Elliott (QWRRC Vice President)



Don't forget...



OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
(made on facebook page 04.02.21)

We are officially going **online** for
2021 conference.
August 9th-11th.

Please visit the AWRC website for
more information.

<https://awrcdarwin.weebly.com/>

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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
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Best Practice Guidelines (Located within the members section) The QWRC guidelines for wildlife rehabilitators are designed for members to print and store in a folder as an added guiding resource. Currently there are ten available. Please email your suggestions on what other guidelines you would like QWRC to add.

- Euthanasia of Native Wildlife in Queensland
- Wildlife Autopsy by Rehabilitators in Queensland
- Hygiene Practices
- What happens to animals that can't be released?
- Zoonosis
- Understanding your duty of care
- Release of wildlife
- Aviary and cage hygiene
- Display of wildlife
- Care of Flying fox orphans outside their geographical range



What is it?

Clues...

Omnivorous
Black in colour
Has hens like feet

Hmmm???



Find out on page 26.

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BANK ACCOUNT: BSB 034063 A/C 549477

The Queensland Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (QWRC) is the peak representative organisation for the wildlife rehabilitation industry in Queensland and provides a collective voice for its members. The council consists of councillors from eleven districts across the state of Queensland. The primary function of elected councillors is to represent wildlife rehabilitation permit holders and to provide guidance and direction to all parties in accordance with the QWRC Mission Statement.

~ POSITIONS VACANT ~

- ◆ Representatives for Districts 1, 3 & 8 (volunteer)
- ◆ RnR Editor (volunteer)

Please email your Expression of Interest to secretary@qwrc.org.au

To email a representative please send your email to the secretary and state your district in the subject line. Your email will be forwarded to the representative of that district.

TO: secretary@qwrc.org.au

Subject: District#

QWRC Meeting Dates

- ◆ General—Via Zoom on the 4th Monday of every month.
- ◆ AGM—To be announced. Members will be provided notification by email.

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A new form is required each membership (calendar) year to validate your insurance cover.

Applications received after 1 October each year expire 31 December of following year

Please complete all details

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First Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Residential Address _____

Postcode.....

Postal Address _____

Postcode.....

Shire in which you reside _____

Telephone (Mob) _____

(H) _____ (W) _____

Email _____

Group Name [if applicable] _____

Are you currently (please tick) a Non Carer an Independent Permit Carer
or a Carer within the group stated above

All newsletters and correspondence will be sent to your email address.

I, the above named, understand and agree that my name and contact details will be stored on a member data base by QWRC for its use and may be circulated to all other members of QWRC around the state. I further understand that these details will not be sold for any purpose.

Signed.....Dated.....

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GET READY FOR IT! QWRC has identified your needs!

In 2021 we are working toward bringing our members a few **NEW benefits for members. One will be **Australian native wildlife online training!** More information will be provided to members via their email address and on the QWRC website. If you do not already have an email address please create one and send an email to the secretary@qwrc.org.au with your name, membership number and your new email address.**

STAY TUNED!



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ◆ Membership of the State representative body.
- ◆ A collective voice for rehabilitation.
- ◆ Access to a network of carers across the State.
- ◆ Financial membership offers cover under QWRC's Public Liability (\$20M) and Volunteer Workers Insurance policies.
- ◆ Support with wildlife rehabilitation and welfare.
- ◆ Access to QWRC brochures.
- ◆ Access to professional advice, information and data.
- ◆ Access to Best Practice Guidelines.
- ◆ RnR newsletter twice a year (March and September).
- ◆ Eligibility to nominate for a position as a QWRC District representative.
- ◆ Eligibility to vote at all QWRC elections.
- ◆ ***NEW 2021 BENEFITS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!***

QWRC 2021 Benefits

QWRC is giving you a \$50 rebate!!!!

QWRC is proud to offer, once again, to all 2021 members, the opportunity to claim a *up to \$50 rebate* for items purchased such as educational information or training pertaining to caring for wildlife!

HOW DOES IT WORK? The member purchases a wildlife educational resource, attends a training workshop or webinar and QWRC will reimburse you !

RECEIPT & REBATE FORM + BANK DETAILS ✉ secretary@qwrc.org.au = \$

The member sends in a copy of the receipt that clearly states the company, date , item purchased and amount paid in full along with the members bank details in order for QWRC to reimburse all to the secretary@qwrc.org.au *It's that easy!*

\$50 TO MEMBERS

Please note the rebate is for the amount of up to \$50. If the item purchased is only \$35 the QWRC will reimburse \$35. If the item purchased is \$65 then QWRC will reimburse \$50. Further information please contact secretary@qwrc.org.au

QWRC DISASTER FUND — \$1000 to Members

The Queensland Wildlife Rehabilitation Council understands the financial impact for members that have unfortunately endured a natural disaster.

The fund is to assist carers affected by any natural disaster. To claim - maximum amount of \$1000 — members can request an application form by emailing the secretary@qwrc.org.au

RUOK?



Nickname: Bob

Pets: Amongst JJ the 14 year old Kelpie and Sarah the 19 year old cat, there is a 35cm goldfish, love birds Blueie and Tou, Penny the red hen, Roxy & Maverick the Bantams and Bambi Daisy the ducks.

What is your cheap go to meal: Spaghetti Bolognese.

Member of a group: Gympie Wildlife Rescue

It was the day Bobbie and her husband, Andrew, scooped up a Dusky Moore hen chick with a broken leg from within their drive way that they both knew they had to raise the chick and later apply for a wildlife rehabilitation permit to help others. That was three years ago. The Dusky Moore chick, affectionately known as Bandit, lives wild, though visits daily on the 25 acre property Bobbie and Andrew live on near Gympie.

Lush natural water ways weave through the property. Outside their home a pond with cascading trees providing a canopy and an abundance of surrounding natural habitats on and off the water. A perfect facility for Bobbie as she only rehabilitates and releases birds. Over the years Bobbie has raised many water fowl through to Tawny Frogmouth Nightjars, Magpies and Kookaburras.

It's no wonder with the perfect habitat Bobbie and Andrew have a variety of birds visit for a retreat. Large cranes, Magpie Geese and with the man made island in the middle of the pond many birds take



advantage of the safe house to nest and hatch their babies. A beautiful Black Pacific Duck being one that has returned twice to nest.



Bobbie Westerland

Bobbie is an inspiration to other carers showing that you only need the facilities to what you realistically can care for and what is manageable. Both Bobbie and Andrew suffer from chronic illnesses and they only care for what they have the facilities for to do so. It may be one or two birds at a time, though that is one or two birds, that Bobbie and her husband Andrew have been able to release that may have not had a chance without coming into care.

Bobbie is pretty sure her legacy will be that she was 'The crazy bird lady' and she doesn't mind at all. Birds make Bobbie happy and I think all carers can relate to that.

Recommend a resource? (Book, program, website or training)

"It really depends on what animal you are caring for. The internet is always handy. Books on what animals you care for help. Gut instinct works great too".

Any advice for other carers?

"Caring for animals doesn't always have happy endings, but when they do...it definitely makes up for all the sad times. Don't give up, keep trying!".

Bobbie also has another passion.

Photography. Thank you Bob for the brilliant photos you have been able to capture and allowed us to share in this issue of the RnR!

Tips on being incorporated

It's not a competition. It's a relationship to be embraced.

In the last Issue we looked at the Types of Meetings required. In continuation of looking at Meeting Procedures in this issue ...

'Motions and Special resolutions'

~Motions~

Your association's rules may set out the process for giving notice of a motion.

What's a motion? A motion is a formal proposal put to a group for a decision by vote in a meeting.

The member may need to give notice of the motion to the management committee in order for a matter to be raised as business at the next general meeting. The notice of the motion is usually given to the secretary, who puts it on the agenda for the meeting.

The member must do this before:

- the meeting agenda fills up it's too late to circulate the motion among the members.

~Special resolutions~

The significant points of difference between ordinary resolution and special resolution are discussed as under: **Ordinary Resolution is one wherein simple majority is required to move the resolution at the general meeting. Special Resolution means a resolution in which supermajority is needed to pass the resolution at the general meeting.**

You need a special resolution to **change to your association's legal status**. This might be:

- changing the name
- adding, removing or changing rules
- bringing the association to an end.
- A special resolution must: be presented at a **general meeting** (including the **AGM**) **get 75% of the vote** (from members who are present and entitled to vote).

Law changes

for incorporated associations

Law changes have been introduced to reduce red tape and improve internal governance for the 22,900 incorporated associations in Queensland, including 3,750 that have registered as charities.

Some law changes start on assent, while the remaining will come into effect over the next couple of years. The changes are outlined on the following website page [Law changes for incorporated associations | Your rights, crime and the law | Queensland Government \(www.qld.gov.au\)](#)

- * Law changes that started on assent 22 June 2020
- * Law changes expected by 30 June 2021
- * Law changes expected by 30 June 2022

Changes include;

- Increased maximum penalties
- Not profiting from position
- Secretary must be 18 years or older

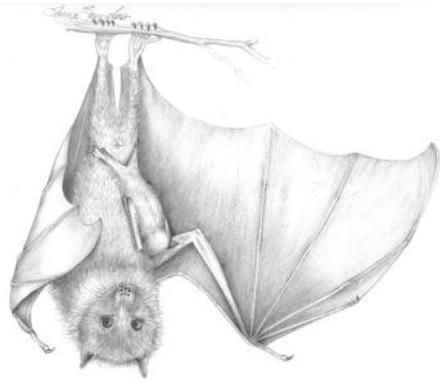
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A nationally integrated wildlife health system for Australia.

Dec 2020/Jan 2021: Sick flying-foxes have been reported since mid-December in a range of locations in northern NSW and South East Qld.



Courtesy of Louise Saunders

Clinical signs include paralysis and paresis (limb weakness), protruding tongues, inability to swallow, and difficulty breathing. A small number of cases with similar signs were reported earlier in 2020 but no cause was identified. Carers, veterinarians and government agencies are working to investigate the cause of this event.

Wildlife Health Australia is collecting information to better understand the geographic range, species and age of animals affected, and range of clinical signs. If you have information on this event, please fill out the [Flying-fox Event Report Form](#) and return it to WHA. If you are working with others, it would be helpful if you could fill out the form together to avoid duplication of information.

Members of the public should not handle flying-foxes due to the risk of exposure to diseases such as Australian bat lyssavirus.

If you find a sick, injured or abandoned flying-fox in Queensland: call the RSPCA on 1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625). See the [Qld DES](#) website for further advice. If you see any unusual signs of disease or deaths in wildlife you can report it to the 24 hour [Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline](#) on 1800 675 888 or your local veterinarian.

To Download: [Flying-fox Event Report Form](#) visit [Wildlife Health Australia > Disease Incidents > Ongoing Incidents](#)

Stay Safe!

DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know that bilbies use their ears like air conditioners pumping blood through their huge floppy ears to regulate their temps

Without help from the Australian public, we risk losing bilbies from the wild forever.

The bilby has disappeared from 80% of its former range. Introduced animals and habitat change have decimated their numbers and drastically reduced their distribution.

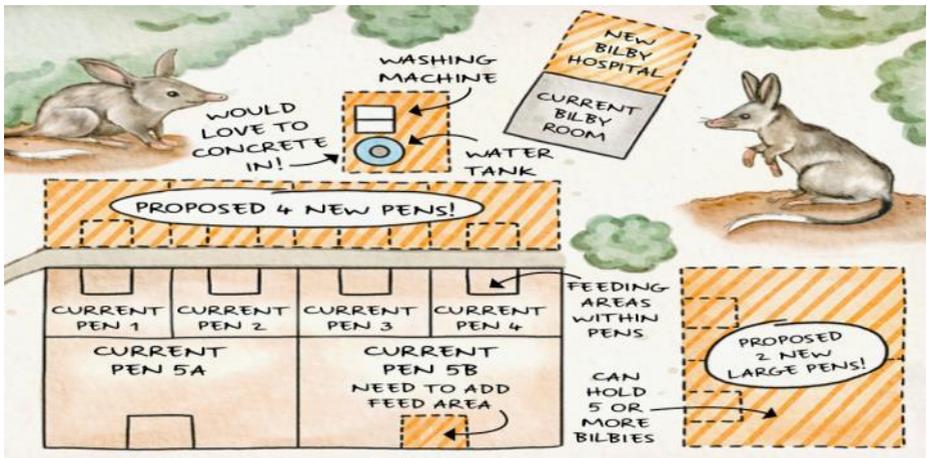
With the resources available to it, Save the Bilby Fund is doing everything in its power to help save this precious marsupial of the Australian outback. The Fund is responsible for co-ordinating the national Recovery Plan for the species. Without this type of informed management of the wild, captive and semi-captive populations, we risk bilbies becoming extinct.

Save the Bilby Fund relies on your support and we have no recurrent funding from any source, including the government.

Save the Bilby Fund will be able to further upgrade our bilby captive breeding facilities, build new crèche-ing pens, and provide an environment that trains the bilbies for release. Now that we have the breeding facility, we can add to the captive bilbies that are being transported from wild-life parks around Australia to Currawinya to be released behind the predator proof



savethebilbyfund.com



Hints & Tips

Got Cannibal Crickets?



While most people will recommend cricket keeper for housing your crickets, an ice cream container will also work.

Line the container floor with uncooked oatmeal. Next, add fish flakes on top of the oatmeal – it will increase their nutritional value. Every cricket needs to easily access food at all times or they will become cannibals.

Cover 2/3 of the floor With egg carton. The egg carton will give your Crickets a place to hide.

Avoid having a dish with water in their cage. If crickets can find a way to drown themselves, they will. A damp paper towel inside a lid will work. You will need to change the paper towel regularly.

Crickets have a life span of roughly 4½ weeks. When you purchase them they will have about 2 weeks of life left.

Therefore only buy what would be consumed in a week as a general rule.

Also, it helps to buy small/medium size crickets, as they tend to have a longer life span.

www.reptilejourney.com



Another wonderful support network for carers provided by dedicated volunteers.

Craft Guild and Medical Support Request - ARC - Animal Rescue Cooperative (arcsupport.org.au)

<https://arcsupport.org.au/craft/>

Now is the time to stockpile for winter. Whether you ask family and friends for unwanted linen or submit a request for support using the link above currently available to Queensland carers.

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THANKING THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the public (MOP) call upon wildlife carers out of concern, seeking advice or the need to tend to a sick, injured or orphaned species they have located.

Many go to great lengths to travel to a carer and do a fantastic job at keeping the species warm and safe until they reach a wildlife carer. They care just as much as we do.

Send the MOP a text message to update them on the care of the species, thank them for caring in your text. If the species hits a mile stone in rehabilitation, such as perching, flying or injuries mended - send them a picture. It takes a minute out of your day in doing so and is appreciated more than you may realise. The same is recommended with transfers between carers.

You asked about it.....QWRC Insurance

Recently a member made an enquiry regarding their groups insurance coverage.

So here are a few FAQ with QWRC Insurance in a nutshell.

Insurance Provider

Guild Insurance

Making a claim

All claims must be submitted to the QWRC committee as it is QWRC's name on the Policy and not yours.

A personal claim will not be accepted by Guild.

Information needed to make a claim

- Details of the incident (when, where, how)
- Your name and QWRC membership number.
- Details of the injury.

Who is covered?

Voluntary workers who are engaged to perform work without fee, remuneration or reward and who suffer an injury.

Non-carers who are members of your group are required to join QWRC in case they are injured while fundraising, browse harvesting etc.

Capital Benefits

Guild will pay for the death of the voluntary worker or for the loss of their limbs or parts thereof arising from an injury.

The amount paid for any one injury is a percentage of the Capital Benefits Sum Insured.

Weekly Benefits

Guild will cover a voluntary worker where their disablement is a result of an injury sustained by the voluntary worker whilst that voluntary worker is performing voluntary work and where the injury results in either:

- Temporary Total Disablement; or
- Temporary Partial Disablement.

The amount paid is a percentage of the Weekly Benefits Sum Insured.

More questions answered on the next page...

You asked about it.....QWRC Insurance

Group Cover

Only wildlife groups who have all of their members as paid members of QWRC and supply QWRC with a list of current members (updated as required) can use QWRC insurance cover for fundraising. Individuals fundraising are not covered.

A copy of the Certificate of Currency with the QWRC logo on the back must be presented at all fundraising events covered under QWRC Insurance. This is provided to the group once the Certificate becomes available to QWRC.

Additional Benefits

Guild also cover voluntary workers for the following additional benefits:

- Disappearance
- Exposure to the elements of the weather
- Injury resulting in fractured bones
- Injury resulting in loss of teeth or dentures
- Funeral expenses
- Injury assistance benefits for:
 - o Domestic assistance
 - o Lifestyle modification
 - o Education tutorial expenses
 - o Return to work assistance and
 - o Out of pocket expenses.

Exclusions

Cover is **not** provided for:

- Any disease, illness, sickness or degenerative condition or aggravation of a pre-existing disease, illness, sickness, condition or injury which is known to the voluntary worker at the commencement of cover.
- Suicide
- A voluntary worker:
 - o Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs; or
 - o Engaging in 'high risk' activities.
- Pregnancy or childbirth complications unless arising from injury
- Injury caused by flood or
- Payments considered to be health care insurance business.

***We hope this information has helped answer your questions.
Lana Field (Treasurer)***

If you have any other questions please email them to the secretary@qwrc.org.au

**QWRC PUBLIC LIABILITY
GROUP INSURANCE IS \$20M**

Daintree Life

Planting for the future

We (Dave & Connie) are Daintree Life, and our goal is to plant half a million rainforest trees in the Daintree by 2030 by replacing weedy areas with native trees on both council and private land.

A throwaway line from a good friend in 2018 saw us looking into the feasibility of the project, liaising with stakeholders and seeking permissions from our local Douglas Shire Council. Our funding model allows us to hold regular community plantings and employ some people on a part-time basis.

As wildlife carers, with so much habitat destruction in the world, we see little point in raising and releasing wildlife if they do not have habitat and food resource to utilise. While we cannot affect deforestation in places like Brazil, we can make a huge difference to the area in which we live - the wet tropics of far north Queensland. Planting trees on safe land will help our large iconic wildlife such as Southern Cassowaries, Bennett's tree-kangaroos, and endangered Spectacled flying-foxes. However, the little guys need help too. Our plantings include food trees for the Ulysses blue butterfly, and provide essential habitat and food resource for native bees, mantids, spiders, birds, tree frogs and large and small reptiles.

Prospective areas are mapped, permissions sought, trees ordered, land is prepared, trees are planted and two years of aftercare ensures they get off to a great start. We seek funding at \$10 per tree from grants, social media fundraisers, private and corporate donations and from the rapidly growing Tree-nation platform. The money covers all costs involved, and in our tropical climate we see some knee-high planted saplings reaching over four metres high in just two years.

To date, we have planted 8325 trees in two years, with permissions and funding for another 2000 trees in the next few weeks.



Volunteers planting 1100 trees in Nov2018

Our aim is to change the world for the better - one tree at a time. We have great local support from the community, excellent local council support, and work with our local Kuku Yalanji elders to create better outcomes for country.

We understand that many of you reading this cannot plant trees on a large scale, but every tree counts, and every tree provides more habitat and food resource. We can all make a difference by planting an extra locally native tree or two in our gardens, or contacting our councils to plant native trees on our nature strips. You can also help plant on a larger scale by contacting your local landcare group or looking out for community plantings in your area. Of course, another way you can help plant trees is to simply donate to organisations like us - who can plant on your behalf. Every tree counts.

Planting trees, and then going back to watch them grow is enormously rewarding. It starts with a spider moving in to create a web, birds feeding on the first flush of flowers, spotting a tree frog sheltering under leaves, finding that first birds nest, or (in our case), seeing the first Cassowary checking out a two-year old planting.

You can find out more about us and the work we are doing by visiting our website and facebook page. Links below.

<https://www.facebook.com/DaintreeLife/>
<https://www.daintreelife.com.au>

Photography courtesy of Connie Kerr.

Dave Pinson & Connie Kerr

Daintree life



The same view in Nov2020

Whats out there?

QWRC is always searching for educational and hands on experiences for it's members. Here are a few that are out there available to everyone!



www.exoticvetnursetraining.com

Affordable webinars for everyone (not just vet nurses). Go to the website and see what wildlife webinars are in the upcoming events, sign up to the newsletter or follow on facebook & Instagram.

Following a webinar you are emailed the access to the recording of the webinar in case you missed it and receive a certificate of attendance.

www.eventbrite.com.au

eventbrite is an event platform. There are thousands of events which you can buy tickets to or by using the filters—find **free events** and webinars in relation to wildlife, conservation or any topic you search for.



<https://apps.des.qld.gov.au/park-volunteers/>

Know any high school student looking for a career in Conservation? There are currently 58 volunteer options across QLD (see pic—left) the website for individuals, groups, industry placements, org partnerships and for those students looking for work experience placements.



<https://qwrc.org.au/recommended-reading/>

Can't find that book you have been looking for? Go to the qwrc website—in the tabs up top go to Resources—then in the drop down—recommended reading. Here you will find not just books but a great listing of items, their format, title, author, last known price and the website you can find it at.



Don't forget! - If you are a 2021 QWRC member and you purchase educational material such as books, tickets to a webinar or to attend a workshop — claim a 'up to \$50 rebate' from QWRC!

Out and about



Courtesy of Qld Environment Department

Back in December the **Queensland Environment Department** shared a story of a lovely loggerhead lady who has been known to researchers at [#Mon-Repos](#) since February 1977 – making her nearly 44 years old (<http://ow.ly/WZGh50Dlpsd>).

“When she was released, we fitted her with a satellite tag, to provide us

with some insights into her foraging behaviour. Since her release, we have successfully tracked her off shore while she was making two clutches of eggs and have now tracked her on her migration back to Moreton Bay where she has returned to the same area where we recorded her growing to maturity back in 1997-2001! How amazing! Go to the Queensland Environment Department Facebook page to check out the great pics that show her inter-nesting habitat, post-nesting migration and home foraging area.”

Birdlife Australia -

<https://birdlife.org.au/who-we-are/branches-and-locations/queensalnd>

Birdlife Australia has six branches and special interest groups in Queensland. They include Bundaberg, Townsville, Capricornia, Mackay, North Qld and Sth Qld. Join a group today!

Go to the birdlife website for more information.



Courtesy of illustrator Louise Saunders

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<https://invasives.com.au>

Or

each tool at
Pestsmart.org.au

Feralscan.org.au

Weeds.org.au

Buff Banded Rail

Gallirallus philippensis



The Buff-banded Rail is a medium-sized stout rail with short legs. It has a distinctive grey eyebrow and an orange-brown band on its streaked breast. The lores, cheek and hindneck are rich chestnut. The chin and throat are grey, the upperparts streaked brown and the underparts barred black and white. The eye is red. Young birds are much paler to white underneath, with indistinct bars and only a faint orange-brown tint on the breast.

Downy chicks are fluffy black. This rail walks slowly, with tail raised and flicking constantly. The buff-banded rail is an omnivorous scavenger which feeds on a range of terrestrial invertebrates and small vertebrates, seeds, fallen fruit and other vegetable matter, as well as carrion and refuse. Its nest is usually situated in dense grassy or reedy vegetation close to water, with a clutch size of 3. (birdlife.org.au)



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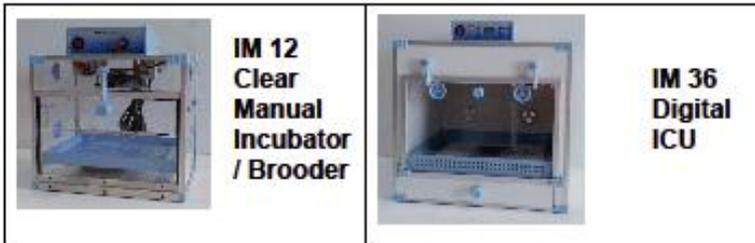
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Tawny Frogmouth



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We feature Amber Dahlberg and her dream NQ facility coming to fruition

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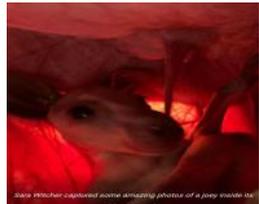


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Carer Linda Karlsen gives us a look into her journey as a wildlife carer

Sara Witcher gives us an inside view with her photography



Sara Witcher captured some amazing photos of a tree shrew tail