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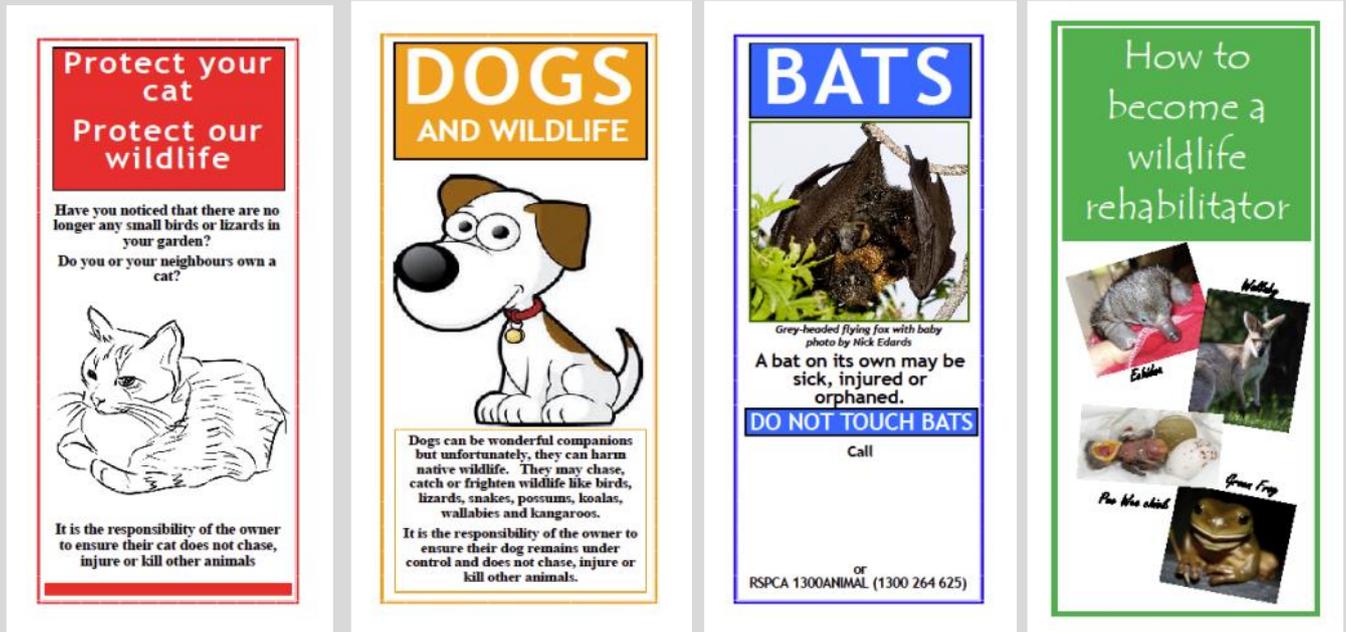
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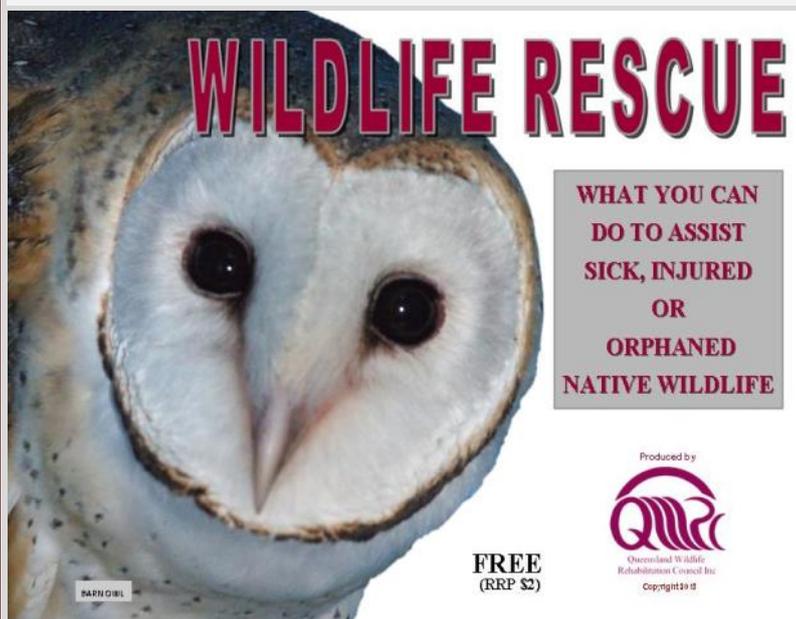
Order Brochures and Booklets to help promote your group

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.



Presidents Report



Hello QWRC Members,

This year has turned out to be another hectic year for so many wildlife rehabilitators and the QWRC committee hopes you are all managing ok. If you need any sort of support we are always happy to help or point you in the right direction.

Earlier this year we were lucky enough to receive funding from IFAW for wildlife food which has been distributed to those that applied via email. QWRC are constantly looking for grants to help with food and enclosures, basic caring equipment, to help ease the financial and mental stress of rehabilitation, if you have any suggestions we would love to hear them.

IFAW are also looking at expanding their rescue app into QLD, the app has been used in NSW for a number of years now. It is designed to put members of the public in contact with their nearest carer when they find an animal requiring assistance. If you would like to add your details to the data base please send an email to secretary@qwrc.org.au

Unfortunately due to Covid there is not a lot of in person training opportunities happening but quite a few online courses are popping up plus the Australian Wildlife Conference went ahead online last month. I hope the conference will be offered both online and in person in the following years. Don't forget QWRC's Education Rebate of up to \$50 a year for any training/courses or manuals/books required to further your knowledge in caring for our wildlife.

QWRC have created a Facebook group for current QWRC members to help encourage interaction, communication and input from its members, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/758574748430723> We hope to see you all over there very soon.

The QWRC Committee often receive requests for references from its members when applying for DES Rehabilitation Permits, unfortunately without knowing the persons capabilities or if they have the correct facilities, we are unable to supply references. At the moment the DES have QWRC listed as an organisation who can supply references so we are working to having this removed from the permit application.

The end of 2021 is fast approaching which means the QWRC AGM is just around the corner, if you wish to attend via zoom or even nominate to represent your district please send an email to secretary@qwrc.org.au

Regards,

Kim Palmer.



Photo courtesy of Kim Palmer

From the Editor...

Spring is here!

Thank you to everyone for ensuring you have an email address to receive your RnR magazine. This is our first 'online only' issue. If you are planning to print the RnR from online, please choose the greyscale option to reduce colour in printing.

It's been my pleasure editing the RnR for the last three issues. I have decided to step back from the Editor role but will continue searching for information to keep you informed as a content provider.

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 or mobile phone, share it with other QWRC members! Let us share it on your behalf.

Thank you for all you do!

The Editor, Terise Hungerford.

editor@qwrc.org.au



Photo courtesy of Terise Hungerford

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We are disappointed we were not able to bring you Sara Witchers photography of the kangaroo joey in the mothers pouch though we are sure you will agree the 'two special orphans' article and photography by Connie Kerr is equally impressive.

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PRICKLES UPDATE

Last issue rehabilitator Judy Elliott shared a wonderful story about the orphan Echidna Puggle that was in her care.

Prickles eventually moved from his make shift eski to an outdoor enclosure. Prickles found the wallaby hanging pouch in his enclosure and decided to climb in and absolutely loved sleeping in it even though there was a burrow and a hollow log available.

He was a delightful crazy puggle to raise and was released into the forest in June.



Please look out for Echidnas on the roads as it is breeding season and the boys are out looking for the girls. Dogs may bark at Echidnas in your yard, just confine your dog overnight and the Echidna should move on. Never relocate an Echidna in case it's a mum with a puggle hidden in a burrow somewhere.

Echidnas belong to the Monotreme (egg-laying mammal) family like Platypus and lay a single grape-sized soft-shelled egg which are incubated for 10 days in the female's pouch. Always check any bodies in case there is an egg or a tiny puggle on board.

Thank you for the update Judy!

Photos courtesy of Judy Elliott.



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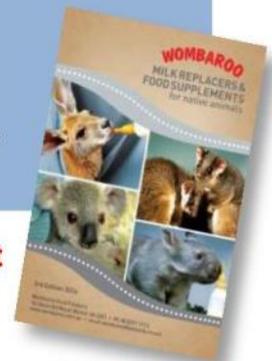
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chlamydia treatment and has received a negative chlamydia result - this is a huge achievement as most koalas with very poor body condition are not considered viable for treatment so are euthanised.

Lainey continues to improve everyday, her stubborn and sassy personality makes her a real fighter and the specialists care from KLAWS will ensure she will make a full recovery and be returned to the wild.

Lainey is just one example of why KLAWS is so important for the koalas on the Darling Downs. The koala's in the region have lived through 8 years of drought and the leaf species and quality is very different. Our purpose built koala rehab facility provides the facilities that the koala's require for successful rehabilitation and is an invaluable and essential asset to their final pre- release care.

Koala, Land and Wildlife Support Inc is seeking funding to secure this rehab facility. The 30 acre property situated 25 kms north of Toowoomba was the legacy of the late Clare Gover of Return to the Wild koala rescue and care. The property has since passed to her caring daughter, who has generously given KLAWS permission to use it. It is very well equipped with veterinary standard hospital facilities, meshed and secure undercover rehab (kindy) area and 3 very large outdoor and predator-proof enclosures with large climbing trees for koalas in care. The property also has its own koala food plantation for future use. We wish to secure this property to enable these wonderful facilities to be utilised for their intended purpose of helping to care for our local koalas and to save Clare's legacy.

If you would like to find out more about KLAWS you can like them on facebook or visit their website www.klaws.org.au

Thank you to Sandra for sending in and sharing Lainey's story and to all the KLAWS volunteers for all that you do for wildlife!

Photos courtesy of KLAWS



Lainey was found on the ground suffering bilateral conjunctivitis and was extremely emaciated and dehydrated. She was in such poor condition, she was too weak to even walk as she had no muscle mass.

Most koalas in this condition are already deceased or dying so it was incredible that Lainey was still alive. If she was going to survive she needed specialised treatment immediately.

Our vet nurse conducted hematology and biochemistry blood tests which indicated that Lainey was also close to multiple organ failure. She was placed on IV fluids and medication to prevent gastrointestinal tract issues.

Lainey was fed blended leaf, paste and hand fed leaf around the clock because she was too weak to grab the branches herself. Although we had high hopes, we knew the odds were against her.

There were many set backs but equally many achievements from being able to grab leaf by herself and now Lainey has also survived her



Don't forget...



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.

Containers for Change
The rescue collective help so many of us, lets give back where we can.

Donate 10c from every eligible container by simply using the TRC Scheme ID : **C10237497**



Screenshot this on your phone so you have it with you and send the TRC Scheme ID to family & friends !



Did you attend the AWRC Conference online? Claim the \$50 ticket fee through the QWRC educational reimbursement!

IFAW Funding

Please show your appreciation to IFAW by forwarding us a *Thank you!* with a picture of your wildlife and produce purchased. QWRC will be collating them to send altogether. Send to secretary@qwrc.org.au



Two Green Threads
Supporting Wildlife Carers

To keep saving our native wildlife, we need to save a bit of ourselves!

Our wildlife are acknowledged and supported every day through the efforts of many wildlife volunteers. We know our natural environments are changing and the wildlife it sustains will continue to need our support.

Two Green Threads has launched an initiative called '**Refill Your Bucket**', which is a call to action for wildlife volunteers to prioritise individual AND wildlife well-being, so we can stay healthy and keep supporting the wildlife that need us.

This initiative was developed to nudge a journey of awareness – that you have a bucket of energy and there needs to be conscious moments of refill.

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QWRC approached IFAW this year on behalf of it's members on two projects for assistance; Funding Assistance and a Wildlife Rescue app for QLD based on the existing Wildlife Rescue app being used in NSW. We need your help to launch the QLD IFAW Wildlife Rescue App.

<https://www.ifaw.org/au/resources/wildlife-rescue-app>

This helpful App identifies the closest licensed wildlife rescue group to where your phone is situated and, at the touch of a button, the public will be connected to someone for assistance if they have found a sick, injured and/or orphaned animal.



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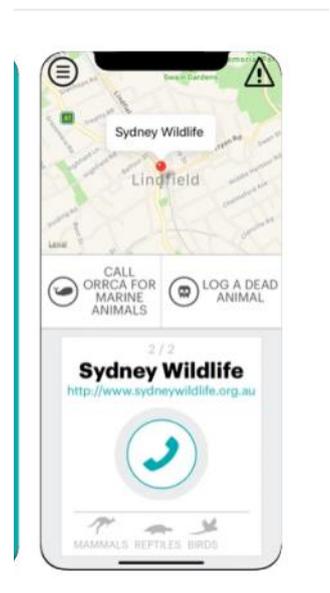
The QLD IFAW Wildlife Rescue App is still in development, is in testing status and is not 'live' and available for the public to use. IFAW have requested QWRC members to submit their details so it can be tested with our carers being across Qld. How can you join and be a part of the testing of this App?

Send the below details to the secretary@qwrc.org.au with IFAW App details in the subject line.

- Name
- Address (not a PO Box)
- Email address
- Telephone/ Hotline or mobile number
- The GPS location of your facility
- Tell us whether you can care for Mammals, Birds or Reptiles

The IFAW Wildlife Rescue App developer will then send you an invite via email to test the app by following the simple instructions in the email. Please note this is available to QWRC members only. There is no expense, the download of the app is free and the use of the app is free. The app will remain free to members and the public once it has been launched.

Lets help get wildlife into care sooner with this great app! Send your details in today!



QWRC Online

Wildlife Rehabilitation Groups (Located under the Resources section) There are two separate contact lists. QWRC Affiliated Groups are Wildlife Care groups that hold QWRC group insurance status. (Every member of the group must be a QWRC member to obtain a Certificate of Currency). Wildlife care groups are groups that have asked to be added to the QWRC website for the public to access contact information. It is up to the Groups to notify QWRC any change in contact details that is published on the website. Contact the secretary@qwrc.org.au for more information.

Recommended Reading Here you will find lists of books, papers and other resources you may be looking for but don't know where to find it. QWRC has included the last known price and website for you to find it directly. QWRC does not financially benefit from promoting any of the resources listed.

Become a rehabilitator– (Located under the Help Us section) 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 Science 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.

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 eleven available. Please email your suggestions on what other guidelines you would like QWRC to add.

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



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TELEPHONE : Refer to the local representatives list below.

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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.

~ POSITION VACANT ~

- ◆ Volunteer Representatives for Districts 1,3 & 8.
- ◆ Volunteer RnR Editor

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. Where a district currently has no representative your email will be forwarded to the President.

~ QWRC Meeting Dates ~

- ◆ General—Via zoom on the 4th Monday of every month.
- ◆ AGM—September 27th at 7.30pm. Members will also receive an email notification.

DISTRICT 1

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Cape York/Dry Tropics/Gulf
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Mackay/Whitsunday
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Linda Karlens
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Glendell Appleford
Sunshine Coast/Southern Marine
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DISTRICT 2

Connie Kerr (secretary)
Wet Tropics/Cairns Marine
Phone: 07 4098 9056

DISTRICT 5

Judy Elliott (Vice President)
Capricorn/Gladstone
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DISTRICT 8

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South West
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Membership Application / **Membership # _____ Renewal Form**

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 (ONLY ONE PERSON PER APPLICATION - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

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Group Name [if applicable]

Are you currently a registered independent permit holder (please circle) YES or NO

Are you currently an active member of the group mentioned above rehabilitating under the groups permit (please circle) YES or NO.

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

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- ◆ **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.**
- ◆ **Access to QWRC website resources with Members only log on.**
- ◆ **Access to QWRC members only social media groups.**
- ◆ **Opportunities for members only for training, funding and grants.**
- ◆ **RnR magazine twice a year (March and September).**
- ◆ **Eligibility to nominate for a position as a QWR District representative.**
- ◆ **Eligibility to vote at all QWRC elections.**
- ◆ **Help to build a strong council to advocate on your behalf.**

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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!

What can you claim on? Examples—A ticket to AWRC online conference, educational resources, books, dvd's, manuals or training workshops.

HOW DOES IT WORK? You send in a completed educational reimbursement form which you would have received in your membership documents or you can find in the members section of the QWRC website, a copy of the receipt that clearly states the company, date, the item purchased and amount paid in full along with your bank details. Email it to the secretary@qwrc.org.au or mail it all to the Secretary PO Box 488 Archerfield Q 4108.

It's that easy!

QWRC DISASTER FUND — \$1000 to Members

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

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Law changes expected in 2021-22

Please note **the below law changes have not commenced**. These changes are subject to proclamation by government and are expected to commence in 2021-22.

Using a common seal

It will be optional for incorporated associations to use a common seal when executing contracts and documents, rather than a regulation. However, if they wish to continue using a common seal they can. They will need to amend their rules to specify they will not use a common seal.

Secretary must be 18 or older

The secretary of an association will have to be 18 or older to help improve the internal governance standards for associations. This will help align the requirements of the secretary with those of other management committee members.

Reduction in duplicated annual reporting

Associations also registered as a charity with the **Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission** (ACNC) for the purpose of obtaining tax concessions, will no longer need to lodge their annual summary of financial affairs with OFT or pay the annual lodgement fee. Likewise, duplicated reporting requirements for community purpose organisations will be removed.

If the association is not on the ACNC charities register, the reporting obligations will not change. All annual reporting will still need to be lodged with OFT and the lodgement fee paid.

Clarifying duty of care and diligence

The expected standard of care and diligence that management committees are expected to apply will be better clarified to help management committee members and officers meet their duties and exercise their powers.

They will have to carry out their functions in the best interests of the association, and with due care and diligence. Penalty units will apply for breaches of these duties.

Not profiting from position

A committee member or officer of an incorporated association will not be able to use their position, or information obtained from their position, to:

- gain a benefit or material advantage for themselves or another person
 - cause detriment to the association.
- Penalties apply for breaching this provision.

Duty to prevent insolvent trading

If the incorporated association is insolvent at the time a debt was incurred, or becomes insolvent by incurring the debt, members of the management committee have a duty to prevent the association from trading while insolvent. Otherwise it will be an offence for a person who took part in the management committee unless they:

- can prove that the debt was incurred without their authority or consent
- can prove they did not take part in the management of the association when the debt was incurred because of illness or some other good reason had reasonable grounds to expect that the association was solvent when the debt was incurred and would remain solvent.

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Illustrations courtesy of Louise Saunders

Continued...Law changes expected in 2021-22

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Disclosure of personal interests

Management committee members will have to disclose when they have material personal interests in a matter. This will help improve internal governance and give members greater transparency.

Disclosure of remuneration

At the association's annual general meeting, management committee members will have to disclose remuneration or other benefits given to them, to senior staff and to their relatives. The details of what must be disclosed, and how, will be introduced by regulation.

Disclosure of material personal interest

If a committee member has a personal interest in a matter being considered at a management committee meeting, the member will not be able to be present at the meeting or vote on the matter unless permitted to do so by the management committee. Penalties will apply for a breach.

Extend powers of OFT inspectors

The [Fair Trading Inspectors Act 2014](#) (FTIA) has been amended to include investigations under the [Associations Incorporation Act 1981](#). The application of the FTIA will result in our inspectors having entry and seizure powers, including the power to enter a place where an incorporated association carries out its activities, holds its meetings or keeps its records.

Some powers are not available to inspectors if they are deemed unnecessary to investigations of not-for-profit incorporated associations. For example, inspectors will not have the power to stop and move vehicles, or the power to obtain criminal history reports.

Internal grievance procedure in place

An incorporated association will have to have an internal grievance procedure or dispute resolution process in place by 22 June 2022, and this may be outlined in your rules. This may eliminate the need for members to apply to the Supreme Court of Queensland to resolve a matter and may result in significantly less cost.

Under the grievance procedure a member may appoint any person to act on their behalf and each party involved will be given an opportunity to be heard. The grievance procedure must also provide for unbiased mediation if the dispute cannot be initially resolved amongst parties.

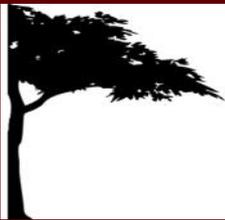
If an incorporated association wants to use their own customised dispute resolution process, they will need to include it in their rules by passing a special resolution.

If the association doesn't have a grievance procedure in place by 22 June 2022, it will need to observe the grievance procedure contained in the model rules. These will be developed by OFT as part of a consultation process with industry bodies and will be made available before this law change starts. This will give incorporated associations time to determine whether they want to adopt the grievance procedure outlined in the model rules or adopt their own.

If you would like to be part of the consultation process, you can register your interest by emailing us at nfpconsultation@justice.qld.gov.au.

**For more information please visit the
website**

<https://www.qld.gov.au/law/laws-regulated-industries-and-accountability/queensland-laws-and-regulations/associations-charities-and-non-for-profits/incorporated-associations/new-laws>



Society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they know they shall never sit (Greek Proverb)

Nickname: Snakelady

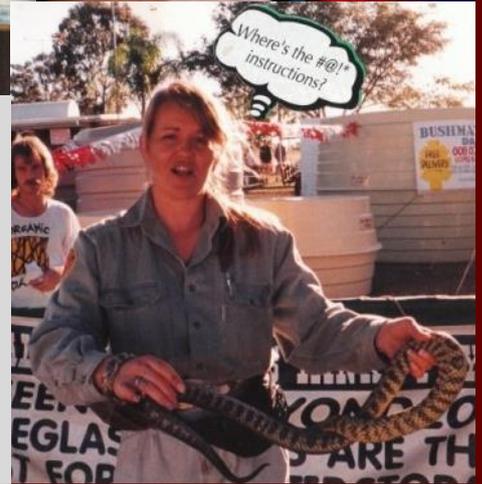
Pets? A tabby named Tiger.
An indoor only cat who loved his walks on a leash.

Describe yourself in five words: Tenacious, intelligent, inquisitive, patient and hopeful.

What species of Wildlife are you drawn to? I love so many but Flying Foxes, Possums and any of the Dasyurids.

Linda is able to throw together Pasta Carbonara in about twelve minutes as she was once a Chef of two Italian restaurants!

Thank you for sharing Linda!



CARERS PROFILE

Linda Karlsen

Photos courtesy of Linda Karlsen

With an interest and a passion Linda started a wildlife conservation club at her primary school in 1975 and was also a member of Gould League. Linda continued and started rescuing in 1988 after joining Wires Blue Mountains. A few years later Linda relocated and joined FAWNA in Port Macquarie. Linda served on the committee and performed the role as Reptile Coordinator for both groups. Linda completed courses and rescued everything she was able to gain experience in. After working for a private company displaying and educating the public with Reptiles and Crocodiles, Linda went on to study and obtain a Degree in Environmental Management with a major in Wildlife Tourism.

In 2018 Linda relocated to the Avoca Qld district and began rescuing wildlife once again. In 2020 Linda and a small group of carers launched a Wildlife Rehabilitation Group—Bundy Wildlife Rescue (BWR) Currently Linda is the President of BWR with over thirty members for this financial year.
<https://www.facebook.com/BundyWildlifeRescueInc>

Linda became a Queensland Wildlife Rehabilitation Council Committee member in 2021 and is the representative for District 7 Wide Bay Burnett / Great Sandy.

I asked Linda what she feels is the essence of what she does in all her roles ***“Right now in my life is each animal that comes into care. Seeing to individual needs. As we get more rescuers trained and out there helping out, I am hoping to be able to concentrate on just a few species and turn my role more towards public education. I firmly believe education is the key to what we do. Unless we get the public on side and helping us with release sites and planting native vegetation the animals will soon have no where to go”***

Linda hopes her legacy will be that she has made people think. Think about the impact on nature and what we can do to minimise it.

Frog Mortality Event Notification

Although we're fortunate to have at least 242 native frog species in Australia, 35 are considered threatened with extinction. At least four are considered extinct: the southern and northern gastric-brooding frogs (*Rheobatrachus silus* and *Rheobatrachus vitellinus*), the sharp-snouted day frog (*Taudactylus acutirostris*) and the southern day frog (*Taudactylus diurnus*).



A truly unusual outbreak

In most circumstances, it's rare to see a dead frog. Most frogs are secretive in nature and, when they die, they decompose rapidly. So the growing reports of dead and dying frogs from across eastern Australia over the last few months are surprising, to say the least.

While the first cold snap of each year can be accompanied by a few localised frog deaths, this outbreak has affected more animals over a greater range than previously encountered.

This is truly an unusual amphibian mass mortality event.

In this outbreak, frogs appear to be either darker or lighter than normal, slow, out in the daytime (they're usually nocturnal), and are thin. Some frogs have red bellies, red feet, and excessive sloughed skin.

To date, the Australian Registry of Wildlife Health has confirmed the presence of the amphibian chytrid fungus in a very small number of sick frogs they've examined from the recent outbreak. However, other diseases — such as ranavirus, myxosporean parasites and trypanosome parasites — have also been responsible for native frog mass mortality events in Australia.

It's also possible a novel or exotic pathogen could be behind this. So the Australian Registry of Wildlife Health is working with the Australian Museum, government biosecurity and environment agencies as part of the investigation.

Here's how you can help

While we suspect a combination of the amphibian chytrid fungus and the chilly temperatures, we simply don't know what factors may be contributing to the outbreak.

We also aren't sure how widespread it is, what impact it will have on our frog populations, or how long it will last.

While the temperatures stay low, we suspect our frogs will continue to succumb. If we don't investigate quickly, we will lose the opportunity to achieve a diagnosis and understand what has transpired.

We need your help to solve this mystery.

Please send any reports of sick or dead frogs (and if possible, photos) to us, via the national citizen science project [FrogID](#), or email calls@frogid.net.au

To learn more visit: [Wildlife Health Australia > Disease Incidents > Ongoing Incidents](#)

August 2021: Over the last few weeks there have been a large number of reports of sick and dead frogs across NSW, Queensland and eastern Victoria. An article was published about this event in [The Conversation](#) (29 July 2021). [Dead, shrivelled frogs are unexpectedly turning up across eastern Australia. We need your help to find out why \(theconversation.com\)](#)

Hints & Tips



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/>

ARC now have a drop off/ pick up hub also in Toowoomba—request for support using the link above currently available to Queensland carers.

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What can't you do without?

I asked our Committee what the one item in wildlife caring you can't do without? Here are a few of their answers;

- 250ml measuring jug
- Baby bottle warmer
- Electric baby bottle steriliser
- Narrow neck funnel
- Rectangle skinny glass feeding bottles

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Interested to know what other carers moisturise their furless pinkies with?

- * Sorbolene
- * 'Invite E' cream
- * Eucerin wool ointment rubbed on the pouch liner, not the pinkie
- * Pure wool fat
- * Jojoba oil
- * Vitamin E Natural oil

Note: - Ointments seal the skin and can cause over heating. Seek veterinary advice before using.

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Swap n Sell

Either in your group or network of carers that live close by; hold a Swap n Sell of caring supplies and equipment you have excess of or no longer need. Help each other to minimise costs involved. Gather for a day to catch up and present it just like a garage sale where you all get together.

Spring is here!



Understanding what birds eat and the overall diet they prefer is essential to know what to feed birds. Every bird has different dietary preferences, and if you know what their different types of diets are, you can use those preferences to your advantage when birding.

Here are the most common bird diet types to know.

- **Avivorous.** An avivorous bird eats other birds. ...
- **Carnivorous.** Carnivorous birds eat meat, including rodents, mammals, fish, amphibians, and reptiles. All birds of prey are carnivorous, as are many other birds including different shorebirds, corvids, and wading birds.
- **Frugivorous.** Frugivorous birds, or frugivores, are fruit-eating specialists.
- **Granivorous.** A granivore eats grains or seeds primarily. Many birds are granivorous, including many sparrows and finches.
- **Insectivorous.** Insectivorous birds are specialized carnivores that feed on insects, from gnats to mosquitoes to dragonflies.

www.thespruce.com

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The Rescue Collective

Request supplies, equipment and or funding [Contact Us – The Rescue Collective](#) or email Nicole@therescuecollective.org.au



You asked about it.....

QWRC Group Insurance—how can a group get it?

A group's members must all be QWRC members.

The group's secretary must provide QWRC an updated list of all their members details every time a new member has joined or left their group.

The group is provided a Certificate of Currency once all of their members are QWRC members.

QWRC Brochures & Booklet

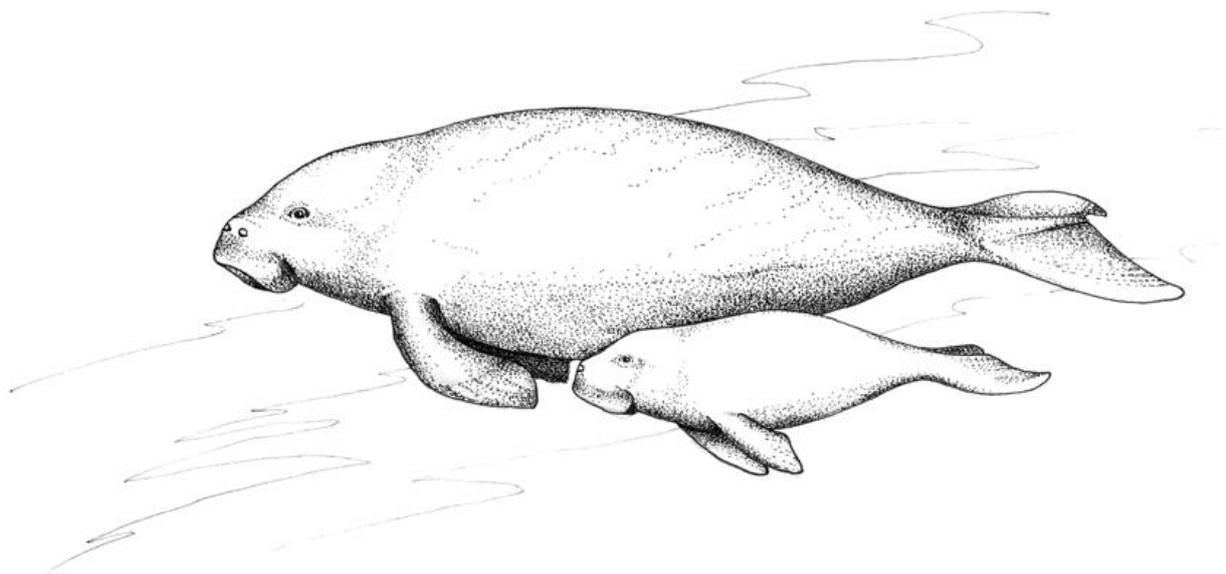
Individual members are able to request 100 brochures and 100 booklets free every year of their membership. QWRC requests a fee for the postage and handling. The fee varies due to the post code it is being mailed to and the weight of the package.

Groups are able to request to receive, on behalf of all their members, 100 brochures and 100 booklets for every member of their group. QWRC requests a fee for the postage and handling. The fee varies due to the postcode it is being mailed to and the weight of the package.

QWRC is currently awaiting the printing of Brochures. Groups are welcome to order Brochures and Booklets as stated on Page 2 of the QWRC Products. Please see the price guide for groups.

What is the difference between Affiliated groups and Wildlife Rehabilitation Groups listed in the Resources section of the QWRC website?

Affiliated groups have group insurance. Wildlife Rehabilitation groups are groups that are not supported with QWRC group insurance. Both lists are accessible to the public on the website. It is the responsibility of the groups to notify QWRC changes in contact details to be updated on the website.



Illustrations courtesy of Louise Saunders

Two special orphans

During this last baby bat season, I was privileged to have the pleasure of raising 2 orphan Eastern Tube-nosed bat babies.

Although Eastern Tube-nosed bats are a common species on the east coast of Australia ranging from the Northern Rivers region of NSW, and north, all the way to Cape York, and beyond across the Torres Strait islands to New Guinea, they are fairly rare coming into care even as adults. They are even rarer coming into care as babies. To the best of my knowledge only around 6 orphans have ever been raised.

Baby Warru meaning “little boy” in our local indigenous (Kuku Yalanji) language, came into care after being found clinging to his mother’s wing – nothing else of his mother was found, just the wing from a suspected cat attack, from a residential area of Cairns. Two weeks later, Jabaju meaning “little brother” came into care still clinging to his dead mum following a barbed wire entanglement.

With so few of these babies coming into care and with very little data regarding size at birth, we are unsure on their actual age, but Warru arrived with his eyes closed, weighing a mere 10 grams and smaller than my whole thumb.



Warru

Two days into care. With some noticeable puncture wounds and scratches from suspected cat attack.

Two special orphans



With so few of this species having been raised, a lot of the care has been based on raising Flying-foxes. We use Biolac Flying-fox milk replacer formula for them, they are housed in a hot box like Flying-foxes, and I use a small possum teat. Warru opened his eyes on the 8th day in care.

Their development is very similar to Flying-foxes as far as fur growth, first flights, and introduction of fruit. However, the fruit is not served up as a fine chopped fruit salad, but instead hanging chunks of fruit (starting with $\frac{1}{4}$ of an apple) from "S hooks", where they hold on to the fruit and "basket it" tearing off chunks. I have found that Tube-nosed bats can be somewhat frustrating (in the nicest way) in care as far as their fruits. They will have runs of days where they want to eat certain fruits and then simply refuse those particular fruits and demolish other fruits, and then just as randomly change their mind on those fruits. I have also found that with both babies and adults no two bats have the same preference of fruits, so the key is to offer a variety of fruits every day and let them choose.



Two special orphans

When babies, they don't have the yellow spots that are seen on adults, and the spots started to appear at around 4 weeks in care.

First flight attempts (well flutter) was at around 8 weeks in care.

I gather as much native fruit for them as I can, to teach them the flavours they will eat once released. For housing once at a stage that they no longer need thermal support, I have found that an adapted Food Drying mesh cage (with the shelves removed) works superbly. Like the photo to the right.

Once consuming fruit they can eat between their body weight and double their body weight per night in fruit. As an adult they average between 43 and 59 grams.

Both Warru and Jabaju are now adult size, flying strong and ready for release. They will be released once the weather warms up from our home, and there is a good supply of native fruits in the area. They will also be support fed until they no longer return for additional food.



Two special orphans author Connie Kerr
Photography courtesy of Connie Kerr Images

Whats out there?

QWRC is always searching for educational and hands on experiences for its 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.

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

Know any high school student looking for a career in Conservation? There are currently 59 volunteer options across QLD (see pic—right) the website for individuals, groups, industry placements, org partnerships and for those students looking for work experience placements.



<https://arcsupport.org.au/wildlife101/>

Arc currently have a few videos (in conjunction with Currumbin Wildlife Hospital and WIRES) that would be great for volunteers of your group to watch for free on their website shown on the above link. The episodes include Basic Wildlife Rescue and Helping Native Birds.



<https://wildlifetraining.org.au/training/wires-rescue101>

There is a free training episode 'Introduction to Australian Wildlife' and then a fee to complete further training available. Although they are in NSW they are happy to accommodate training for Qlders. They have special courses to suit individual or groups needs. Go look at the website or email them at membershiptrain-



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



Olive-backed Sunbird – also known as the Yellow-bellied sunbird (*Nectarinia jugularis*) male feeding chick.

Photography courtesy of Connie Kerr Images

In order for Connie to get this photo she used a remote operation of the camera and full zoom of lens to ensure that no disturbance occurred. Connie was personally about 10 meters from the nest and well hidden from view.