

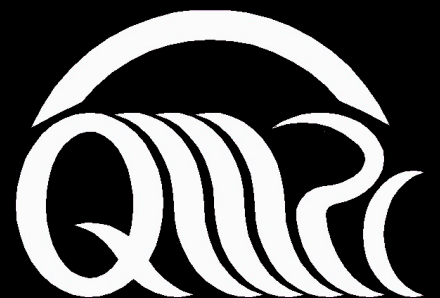
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Cover image: Yellow bellied Sunbird, courtesy Connie Pinson

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear QWRC Members,

It has been a very wet 2022 with many regions receiving mass flooding, some multiple times. Unfortunately this has had a devastating effect on our wildlife and an increase in trauma cases. We hope all our members are remembering to take care of themselves during these difficult times, reaching out to someone even just to have a chat, is a huge but helpful step. QWRC could possibly assist you with support or disaster relief or even guide you in the right direction for what you need. While the rain has been destructive, it has eased the equally devastating 10 + year long drought in most regions out west. The wet conditions have also meant some of the most amazing sunsets and sunrises have been witnessed and most regions flourishing with vegetation and wildlife.

QWRC has been working with IFAW to get the IFAW Rescue App up and running in QLD. This app has been a huge success in NSW and we are hoping by implementing it in QLD will help members of the public make contact with the closest carer to the location of injured and orphaned wildlife. As we all know, the quicker an animal comes into care, the better its chances of survival and successful rehabilitation are. We would love to have every QWRC member listed on this app so please check your email for details about how groups and individually permitted rehabilitators can be added.

Did you know QWRC now has a [Facebook](#) group for members only where we can keep members notified and involved in QWRC activities but also use as a support, education and sharing platform.

We have continued with the educational and training rebate this year as we believe regularly updating our knowledge base is vital to providing the best care possible. We also are in discussion about adding to the yearly rebate so watch this space!

Andrea Branch from District 4 has taken on the Grant Officer position and has hit the ground running with multiple applications already submitted and more in the pipeline.

We do have the AGM coming up on 28 August, where all positions are declared vacant. It would be fantastic to see members attend and put their hands up to be involved in the running of QWRC. Due to taking on other QWRC roles and projects our Treasurer and Membership Secretary extraordinaires have both sent in their resignations from these roles owing to time restraints so if you have the skills and time to perform these positions please enquire for role information. Official invitations and nomination forms will be sent out soon.

With the potential threat of Foot and Mouth Disease on our doorstep I thought this was essential to get to the wildlife community. Although the majority of this information is quite old, it is all we have to work with regarding the effects on native wildlife, luckily it's good news for our wildlife. It is my understanding that some zoos have already limited access to their kangaroos and other exotic species as a precaution so rehabilitators may need to think about implementing precautions too. [Foot and Mouth Disease Factsheet – Wildlife Health Australia](#)

Hopefully we see some of you at the AGM.

Bye for now.  
Kim Palmer

# FROM THE EDITOR

Don't miss the wildlife health alerts on page 23

Roana O'Neill

editor@qwrc.org.au

This edition includes some wonderful images of wildlife from our members including this beautiful sunbird below sent in by Sharon Trindorfer, while our Secretary and photographer extraordinaire Connie, shares a pictorial timeline of the development of a sunbird nest right on her verandah, not to be missed on pages 9 to 12.

Our District 7 Rep Linda Karlsen shares a rescue story on page 6 with a happy ending, Vice President Terise outlines new habitat mapping and what this means for our koalas and there are wildlife health alerts to bring yourself up to speed with.

We share a letter reflecting on the selfless role you all undertake as carers for our wildlife, and with Carers Week coming up from 16 – 22 October it's a timely reminder to ensure you take time out for yourself, re-energise, acknowledge the great work you do and share how you are travelling with a trusted friend or family member. Happy reading!



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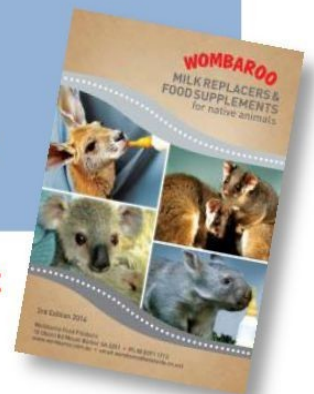


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# WOMBAROO

# Proud “parents” re-home 19 baby snakes



Jake Stinson, from *Jakes Reptiles Relocations* in Bundaberg was called to a property to remove a carpet python found sitting on top of her eggs inside a large pile of grass. As snake catchers can only hold a snake for 24 hours, what was to become of the eggs? Linda Karlsen, President, Bundy Wildlife Rescue Inc picks up the story...

“Snakes take great care picking the right location to lay their eggs as it must have the right temperature and humidity. In the case of pythons, they wrap themselves around the eggs and ‘shiver’ to assist with maintaining the correct temperature for the eggs to develop and hatch.

After Jake packed the mother snake and the eggs carefully into a large container he contacted Bundy Wildlife Rescue to see if we could assist in caring for the babies.

I rang Kav of Kavs Wildlife Services, another amazing local snake catcher as I knew he had an incubator. I then contacted the Department of Environment and Science (DES) as Kav did not have the required permits to hold the eggs and we needed to work fast as the eggs were now exposed and needing heat as soon as possible.

I hold a rehabilitation permit for wildlife and luckily for all of us the eggs fell into that category. We obtained permission for Kav to hold the eggs under my permit and the eggs were delivered to him that evening. The mother snake was taken back to close to where she had been picked up and released.

Continued over page...

# “The 19 eggs were now safe. We then waited...”

“Early in the evening of Sunday the 30 January 2022 Kav rang me to tell me the eggs were starting to hatch. He then brought the clutch to me and I placed them into one of my humidicribs. Over the next 36 hours I watched as all of the eggs successfully hatched. 100% success rate!

On the afternoon of the 1 February Jake and I drove the clutch to a lovely area of dense bushland, quite close to where the mother had laid the eggs and we had the immense pleasure of releasing 19 baby carpet pythons into the bush.

Jake and I were ecstatic to see them all go off to start their lives as wild pythons. The success of this situation would not have happened if it wasn't for the two snake catchers working together with Bundy Wildlife Rescue.” Linda Karlsen

**For more snake photos sent in by one our Committee members go to pages 29 and 30.**



Images courtesy Linda Karlsen



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National Carers Week offers us a pause to acknowledge that we are all individuals and each of our journeys as we undertake this service to wildlife is different. Not everyone may experience the same depth of moments that give and moments that take.

Normalising the mix of joy, delight, draw and pressure that our wildlife volunteer role may have on us is an important step in being able to move forward with awareness and strength.” **Two Green Threads**

**Find out more about  
National Carers Week  
16 – 22 Oct**

Image: Ripe fruit of the Red Beech tree,  
Connie Pinson



# A PICTORIAL DIARY OF A SUNBIRD FAMILY

Connie Pinson, QWRC's Secretary had the fortune to watch the development of a sunbird nest right through to the hatching of the chicks.

Connie shares the stages of construction in this beautiful pictorial display.

**Day 1, 24 Oct 2021 nest building begins**



“Living in Far North Queensland in the Daintree we are surrounded by many wonders of nature. I would like to share a pictorial journey of an Olive-backed – or Yellow-bellied Sunbird (*Nectarina jugularis*) family that I have the privilege of sharing our environment with.

All the photos were captured from the comfort of our deck. I used my camera placed about 4 metres from the nest with full zoom extension and it was remotely operated. I was very conscious at all times of ensuring that my presence was not hindering the activities of the birds especially once raising chicks.

For a number of days before the first photos were taken we observed a lot of continual activity of a pair of sunbirds checking out and chattering about a piece of string that was suspended from the eave on our deck.



**Day 1, 3pm, more bark, seed heads and cobwebs had been added**

Continual flights back and forth by the female with pieces of bark, dried grass seed heads and cobwebs, the beginning of a nest began.

Nest construction starts up again around 7.30am

Day 2



By 3.26pm on Day 2 the female had really started getting into the cavity and shaping the internal area with her body.

A lot more work was needed to thicken the walls.

On Day 3 the activity of carrying materials became a lot more frantic by the end of the day, and there was a lot more time spent sitting in the nest.

Day 3



## Day 5

Mum spent most of the time in the nest

By the 28 October, mum was sitting continuously on the nest other than very brief forays to feed herself.

All during this time, the male was mainly absent, other than an occasional checking of the building progress.





Once the chicks had hatched there was frantic and demanding feeding of at least 2 little mouths.

Only now has the father become actively involved in helping to raise the chicks.

And then - before you know it - the activity in the nest, the constant feeding is all finished and there is nothing left except for an empty nest around 15 days later.

With a very mild climate year round, and both short incubation and chick raising time frames, we get to observe a number of hatchings every year, with the main nesting season between October and February when insect populations are also at their peak.

End note: I cannot stress enough that all these photos were captured in a very ethical manner. I would never risk the nest, eggs or chicks being abandoned."

# WHAT'S OUT THERE?

## Educational books



Grey-headed flying-foxes are found only in Australia. They are a type of megabat, which means large bat.

Like us, they are mammals with hair and warm blood.



**\$19.95**  
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Do you do wildlife talks to kindies or primary schools or know a young person with a love of wildlife? This beautiful book has 8 pages of stunning photos and text perfect for younger audiences. Grey-heads are Australia's largest bat and are under threat. Learn about diet, distance flown, role as pollen spreaders and dangers of netting.



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A great Christmas present!

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The weather in the region is generally subtropical, with warm, wet summers and cool, dry winters. Summer has a long-term temperature average high of 23.9-24.3°C, with a minimum of 13.9°C, and 1728-268.8mm average rainfall. The average wettest month is March, with 215.1mm of rain. The winter temperature ranges from an average low of 4.4°C in July to an average high of 16.1°C in August, and average rainfall of 55.3-127.7mm, with most rain falling in June. If undertaking any of the longer walks, take adequate food, water and clothing to allow for weather extremes (see Safety and Emergencies, p. 28, for more information on staying safe while tarding in Australia). Snakes can also be encountered on some of the walking trails in the park during the warmer months, and extreme care is required when walking at these times. Sections of the park and the visitor centre may be closed during extreme weather events or high fire-danger periods, and campfires and solid fuel stoves are prohibited at all times. All national parks in NSW are designated non-smoking areas.

#### Further Information

Contact Dorrigo Rainforest Centre, Web: [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/visit-us-centre/dorrigo-rainforest-centre](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/visit-us-centre/dorrigo-rainforest-centre)  
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54 Australian Bush-turkey



**Green Catbird**  
*Ailuroedus crassirostris*

The Green Catbird is a robust bird (29-34cm) with bright green wings and tail, a pale white bill and a red iris. Both sexes have distinct white spots on the otherwise green underparts, and a dusky crown, nape and face. The lack of blackish ear-coverts and the uniform bright green plumage of the larger Green Catbird distinguish it from the Spotted Catbird. It has strong legs, which it uses to bound up branches in search of food, or during courtship display. It is generally inconspicuous, more frequently heard uttering its characteristic cat-like wailing song than seen among the similarly coloured foliage of its rainforest home.



**Paradise Riflebird**  
*Loophortia paradiseus*

Riflebirds are unlike any other Australian birds. Both sexes have long, slender, decurved bills and short tails. The adult male is velvet black above and olive green below; the crown, throat, breast and central tail feathers are iridescent. The female is brown and lacks iridescence, but the white eyelove, reddish wings and arrow-like scalloping on the underparts are distinctive. A loud, explosive yooah, sometimes given twice, is a characteristic sound in the bird's rainforest habitat. In flight, the male's wings sound like rustling silk. Victoria's Riflebird, which replaces it in the north-east, is similar (see p. 233).

#### Accommodation

Travelers Motor Lodge and bar. The three-star motel has air-conditioned rooms with a seating area, private bathroom and free WiFi. All guest rooms are equipped with a flat-screen TV and kettle, and some rooms have a kitchenette with a microwave oven, toaster and fridge. The resort is close to rainforest walks and a five-minute drive to Dorrigo Rainforest Centre. Tel: (+61) 02 6657 5111.  
Linnagrey Cottage has luxury four-star, self-contained accommodation, situated on 168 acres of working cattle farm featuring patches of remnant rainforest, and bordering the Bellinger River National Park. It is a charming, comfortable cottage perfect for couples, with a fireplace, complimentary pool and chandelier, and gourmet breakfast hampers supplied for self-catering. It is in a quiet and relaxing setting, allowing visitors to relax in the wildlife and panoramic views over the plateau from the private deck. It is about a 15-minute drive to Dorrigo Rainforest Centre. Tel: (+61) 02 6657 2536, or Mob: (+61) 0428 228 160.  
Dorrigo Mountain Resort is located on Waterloo Way, an easy distance to the Rainforest Centre. This caravan park offers a range of accommodation options for those on a budget seeking simple yet well-maintained, grassy sites and cabins in a convenient location. Tel: (+61) 02 6657 2564.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of country, the Gumbaynggirr people. We extend our gratitude and thank them for allowing us to work on their country.

# WHAT'S OUT THERE?

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COURSE

Thinking about studying? The University of Southern Queensland (USQ) offers a Diploma of Science (Wildlife Management) which you can complete on campus or online (though you will need to attend residential school in Toowoomba).

You'll learn about biosecurity, conservation, animal welfare, vertebrate pests, survey techniques, how to record and analyse data, animal identification, handling and trapping, safety, bush survival skills, 4WD training and camera trapping.

Once you've completed the Diploma you then have the option to study for the Bachelor of Science (Wildlife Management).

Image: Sulphur-crested cockatoo, Connie Pinson



To find out the entry requirements, career outcomes and fees head to the USQ website.

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# NEW HABITAT MAPPING PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE IN KOALA PROTECTION



'Morgan' the Koala was found on the ground due to land clearing and was taken into the care of wildlife carer Terise.

Terise explains; "Morgan was emaciated - starved to a point no medical treatment at the wildlife hospital was able to save her.

What was even more disappointing to learn was that all other testing showed that Morgan had been a healthy Koala prior to starvation."

Article continued overleaf.

Article and image (this page) supplied by Terise Hungerford, QWRC District 9, Toowoomba.

## Too late for Morgan

To look at the interactive mapping of Queensland please visit  
[Queensland Globe information.qld.gov.au](http://QueenslandGlobe.information.qld.gov.au)

Please note the mapping is best accessed via a device other than a mobile phone





## HABITAT DEFINITIONS

The new habitat mapping will play an important part in protecting our koalas. The mapping uses best practice habitat modelling combined with world-leading regional ecosystem and high value regrowth mapping. This allows us to focus conservation efforts where we will have the biggest impact.

- Koala priority areas are large, connected areas that focus habitat protection, habitat restoration and threat mitigation to areas that have the highest likelihood of safeguarding koala populations in SEQ. Clearing of core and locally refined koala habitat areas within koala priority areas is prohibited, subject to certain exemptions.
- Core koala habitat areas represent the best quality koala habitat areas, based on modelling of biophysical measures including climate, suitable vegetation for both food and shelter, and koala sighting records.
- Locally refined koala habitat areas include areas of mature vegetation that might not meet the Queensland Government's criteria for core koala habitat areas (see Spatial modelling for koalas in SEQ). However, these areas may contain locally important vegetation for koalas, including some areas previously protected under local government planning schemes.
- Koala habitat restoration areas identify land that could be restored and established as koala habitat areas. These areas feature low threats or constraints, and high conservation opportunities.

Image: Koala, Connie Pinson

## ACCESSING THE MAPS

Property-scale maps, including new koala habitat areas and koala priority areas, can be accessed by downloading a free vegetation management report on the Queensland Government website.

Koala habitat mapping is also available via the Queensland Globe, an interactive map where users can view a range of spatial layers. To view the new koala habitat mapping:

1. Zoom in to the area of interest on the map, or use the search function.
2. On the left-hand side of the screen, click Layers. An All Layers panel will appear.
3. At the top of the panel, click Add layers.
4. Click the down arrow next to Environment to expand that layer.
5. Select Koala plan.
6. Select the map/s that you want to display (note: select both koala habitat area (core) and koala habitat area (locally refined) to see the areas of koala habitat protected in your area).

GIS-software users can download the relevant data via QSpatial.

For more information please visit - [Koala mapping | Environment | Department of Environment and Science, Queensland](#) [des.qld.gov.au](http://des.qld.gov.au)

# New wildlife rescue app

found injured wildlife?  
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Download now!

# Sooty the Blackstripe Wallaby

lost his mum last September when she was hit by a car.

The impact broke his leg and he was put into a splint (pictured).

After coming into care, Sooty somehow broke his arm and was in a cast for 3 weeks.

After being confined indoors for 2 weeks, Sooty is now back out in his enclosure and doing well under the care of our District 5 Representative Judy Elliott.

After 11 months of care Sooty is almost ready for release. We wish him all the best!

Image courtesy Judy Elliott



# The Great Cane Toad Bust Event



Cane toad numbers in Australia are now believed to be over 2 billion!

This national event removes fertile adults from the environment before they have a chance to breed.

Between 24 – 30 January 2022, 50,726 toads were collected across Australia!

Want to help? Information on how to set up your own group, access identification resources including the Frog ID App, posters, online course and a 'how to toad bust' video as well as how to humanely euthanise toads are all available on the Watergum website.

Search the online map to find an event near you or start your own.

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# To Love a Rescuer

To love a rescuer you must love all of her. You must love the scars covering her body from panicked and hurt animals she was trying to help. You must love her fractured heart, that has been broken so many times she no longer even takes the time to mend the pieces.

To love a rescuer you must embrace her grit and determination, and know that although she fights a war she can never win, she can and does win a few battles. You must love the tears she will shed over those she lost. You must give her comfort that she refuses to accept, as she blames herself for things she could have never foreseen.

To love a rescuer you must acknowledge the rage she feels towards the world at times, and know that anger is driven by a love of life too few have. You must give her space and room to cry and mourn for the losses that others have caused out of carelessness or cruelty.

To love a rescuer you must understand her passion to heal and save is a calling, not a choice. You must accept that to save animals is part of her soul and without that she could never be happy.

To love a rescuer you must be patient. You must accept her work comes first. She will forgo sleep, forgo food, forgo her life for animals in need. She will work tirelessly until her body and mind fail her completely and she cannot go on.

To love a rescuer you must be strong. You must not be threatened by her focus and love of animals. You must accept that the things you love about her, the strength and convictions and loyalty are also what drives her sense of duty to animals in need; you cannot have one without the other.

To love a rescuer you must never ask her to choose, because she will, and it will not be you.

Author unknown

Images top to bottom: Boyd's Forest Dragon, Diadem leaf-nosed bat, young bush stone curlew, Connie Pinson



# Educational resources

Individual members can request 100 brochures and 100 booklets free every year of their membership. QWRC requests a fee to cover the postage and handling. The fee varies due to the postcode it is being mailed to and the weight of the package. Postage and handling costs apply as per above.

Order your QWRC booklets and brochures today and have the name and contact details of your wildlife care group printed on them. Please email the secretary@qwrc.org.au for more information and to place an order. Please note groups will need to cover the costs of printing and postage of their order.

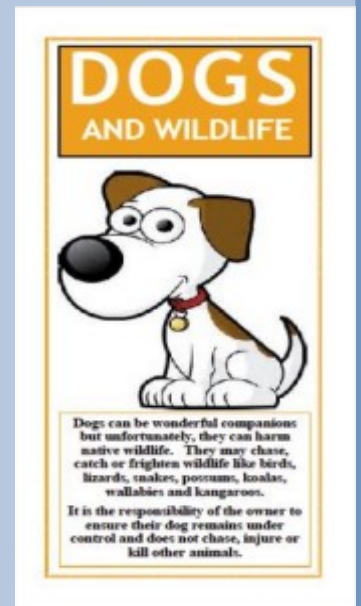
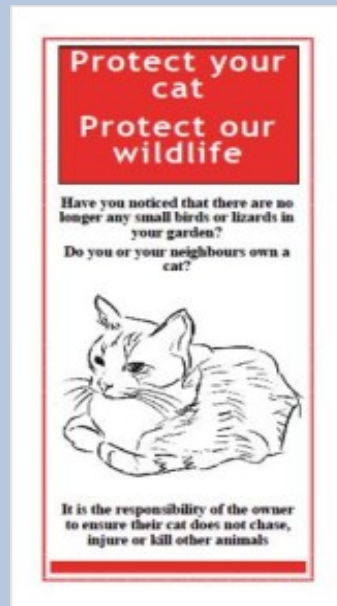
Classic Design and Print have kindly provided the following information as an indication of cost.

## Cat, dogs, bats and wildlife rehabilitator brochures

\$365 inc gst for 2000 brochures  
 \$472 inc gst for 5000 brochures  
 Costs are indicative only.

## Wildlife Rescue Booklets

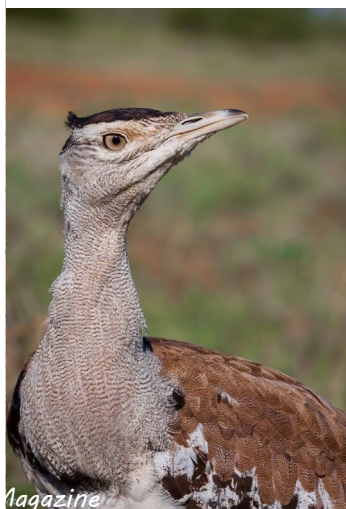
\$3,140 inc gst for 2,500 booklets  
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 Costs are indicative only.



# Unusual birds in care



With broken wings, multiple breaks on each wing, an open fracture and bone damage this young brolga was suspected to have been caught on barbed wire fence for at least two days before it was rescued. Rescuer and QWRC member Amy Tilley was hoping for a miracle but unfortunately this beautiful bird had to be put to sleep. Hopefully one day we will see all landholders use alternatives or apply modifications to barbed wire fencing. Editor. Images courtesy Amy Tilley, Vice President, Bundy Wildlife Rescue Inc.



As with the brolga above, this large species of bird doesn't come into care very often either. This is an Australian Bustard Bird chick, AKA Plains Turkey. I had the privilege to raise one back in 2016 but found there was little information about raising them however they have a very similar diet to emu's so it turned out he was easy to raise. Then a couple weeks ago I was asked to babysit this little guy for one of the national park rangers in far western QLD. Not many people ever see one as the young chick usually hides in vegetation and doesn't come out unless called by the parent which is unfortunate if the parent is killed by a vehicle. This little one was calling which alerted his rescuer to his presence. Always ask people to check road side vegetation if they hit an animal, you never know what you will find.

Kim Palmer, President QWRC.

Images courtesy Kim Palmer **21**

# Who is Wildlife Health Australia and why are they important to you?



The wildlife that we care for are susceptible to a range of diseases.

If a new disease came into Australia, or an existing disease developed within our native wildlife this could have a huge impact on our biodiversity. So who's keeping an eye out for this, and how can we keep on top of this?

That's where **Wildlife Health Australia (WHA)** comes in. They are the peak body for wildlife health in Australia operating a national wildlife health surveillance program to manage the adverse effects of wildlife diseases. In turn this helps protect our natural environments, community health, agriculture, food and tourism industries.



## How do they do this?

They can't do it alone. WHA have a network of over 600 members including vets, zoos, universities, government agencies and wildlife carers and care groups.

**Need visuals?** Grab a cuppa and watch their three-minute video explaining their role.

## And how does all this affect you?

WHA relies on people like you to gather and share wildlife intelligence information. If you suspect an emergency disease outbreak, see unusual deaths in multiple animals you must report it to the WHA on freecall 1800 675 888 or to your local vet or complete the wildlife incident submission form on their website

**\*\* Breaking \*\***  
**see next page for**  
**current health alerts**

Examples of previous mortalities in Australia include mass deaths of macropods in NSW and Victoria following floods, mass die-offs of purple crowned lorikeets due to lead intoxication in WA, and declines in Queensland frog populations due to Chytrid fungus.

You can find out more about Wildlife Health Australia on their website.

# WILDLIFE HEALTH Alerts

## FROGS

In July 2022 a recurrence of sick and dead frogs in eastern Australia, similar to those seen in 2021 was reported.

The Australian Registry of Wildlife Health, the Australian Museum, Wildlife Health Australia and state government environment and biosecurity agencies are working together to investigate the event and determine the likely cause.

To better understand how widespread this event is, and the level of impact on frog populations, please send any reports of sick or dead frogs (and if possible, photos) to the national citizen science project FrogID, or email [calls@frogid.net.au](mailto:calls@frogid.net.au). Information on dead frogs in Queensland can be reported directly to the Queensland Frog Society.

## SEA TURTLES

There has been an increase in strandings of large, mature green sea turtles on the south-east and central coast of Queensland since late 2021.

Some of the turtles are presenting with ulcerative skin disease affecting the carapace (shell) and flippers, and enteritis has also been observed in some turtles.

A number of agencies are working together to investigate the event and determine the likely cause, including the Queensland Government environment and biosecurity authorities, wildlife hospitals, universities and Wildlife Health Australia.

If you see a stranded marine turtle in Queensland, report it to: DES Marine Animal Strandings  
Hotline: 1300 130 372

This information is sourced from Wildlife Health Australia



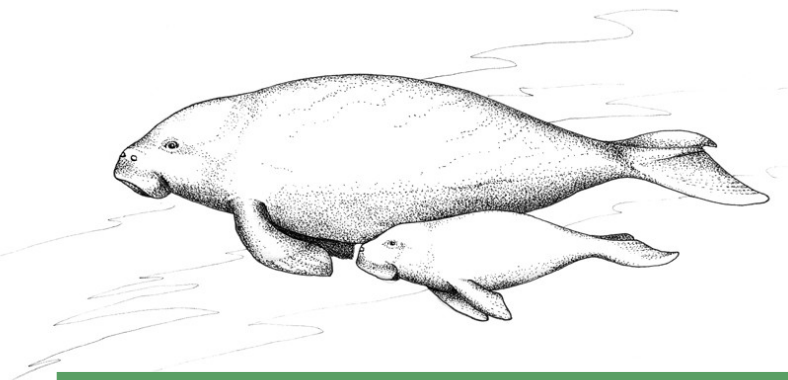
## ALERT FOR BEEKEEPERS

VARROA MITE - MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER - Biosecurity QLD

Queensland Wildlife Rehabilitation Council—RnR Magazine

Varroa mite (*Varroa destructor*) has been detected in NSW. A Biosecurity QLD Movement Control Order is in place in Queensland restricting the movement of bees and bee hives from NSW into QLD. For the latest info visit [DAFF](https://www.daff.qld.gov.au/). Image: DAFF

# TIPS ON BEING INCORPORATED



Did you know that all associations must have a written set of rules (or constitution) to govern how they run? These rules take effect as soon as your association is incorporated.

The rules must set out:

- How the association operates
- The rights available to members
- How the management committee works
- How meetings will run

You can choose to either use the model rules or write your own. The model rules are a standard set of rules that your association can choose to adopt. You can read more about these rules [here](#).

If you choose to write your own rules they must include certain items such as your association's name and objectives, details about membership, including fees and termination and provisions about taking the minutes of meetings. Read the full list [here](#).

Any member of an association should be able to access a copy of the rules. The secretary must provide a copy of the rules if asked.

Your association can apply at any time to register any changes to its rules.

Image: Dugong with calf, Louise Saunders



Download the free FeralScan App and start recording pest animal activity in your area.

Your data will help Councils, biosecurity and pest control professionals focus their efforts.

For more info head to the website



Image: Feral cat with galah, mounted specimen at the Central Australian Museum, Alice Springs, Mark Marathon



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## **MEMBERS ONLY!**

### **QWRC REBATE UP TO \$50**

QWRC is proud to offer all members the opportunity to claim up to \$50 rebate for educational information or training relating to caring for wildlife, for example, an online conference, educational books, DVDs, manuals or training workshops.

#### **How do I request a claim?**

- 1. Complete** a 'QWRC Training Expense Claim Form'. Refer to your membership documents or request a copy from the Secretary.
- 2. Attach** a copy of the receipt that shows the company, date, item purchased and amount.
- 3. Include** your bank details.
- 4. Email** it all to the [secretary@qwrc.org.au](mailto:secretary@qwrc.org.au) or mail it to the Secretary P.O. Box 488 Archerfield Qld 4108.
- 5.** Your claim will be assessed by QWRC and you will be advised of the outcome.

## **QWRC Disaster Fund**

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

The **QWRC Disaster Fund** is to assist carers affected by any natural disaster.

To claim up to a maximum amount of \$1000, members need to email the Secretary to request the 'QWRC Disaster Relief Application Form' or enquire for more information.

For more information email [secretary@qwrc.org.au](mailto:secretary@qwrc.org.au)

Image: Kookaburra, Connie Pinson

# WHO IS QWRC?

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.

The QWRC Patron is Dr Jim Pollock OAM and the Trustees are Glendell Appleford and Nikki Dawson.

## CONTACTING QWRC

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**PHONE**  
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**BANK ACCOUNT**  
BSB: 034063 / Account No: 549477

District	Representative's name	Area	Phone
1	Amber Dahlberg	Cape York/Dry Tropics/Gulf	0421 553 214
2	Connie Kerr (Secretary)	Wet Tropics/Cairns Marine	07 4098 9056
3	Margaret Neihoff	Savannah/Townsville Marine	0418 750 428
4	Andrea Branch (Grants Officer)	Mackay/Whitsunday	0479 010 239
5	Judy Elliott	Capricorn/Gladstone	0428 980 814
6	Kim Palmer (President)	Longreach	07 4658 7216
7	Linda Karlsen	Wide Bay Burnett/Great Sandy	0412 665 424
8	Lea Macken (Minute taker)	South West	0428 437 984 or 4665 4088
9	Terise Hungerford (Vice President)	Toowoomba	0448 814 882
10	Glendell Appleford	Sunshine Coast/Southern Marine	0413 453 722
11	Lana Field (Treasurer)	South East/Moreton Bay	0412 036 655

To email a representative email the Secretary and state your district in the subject line. Your email will be forwarded to the representative. Where no rep exists, your email will be forwarded to the President.

The QWRC Committee meet via Zoom on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. To express interest in becoming a representative please email the Secretary at secretary@qwrc.org.au

The AGM is scheduled for Sunday 28 August 2022.

To join QWRC or renew your membership complete the membership form online on the QWRC website, available both in the public and members section. As of 1 October 2022 QWRC will not be accepting cheques, cash or money orders in payment of the membership fee/s. See page 28 for more details.

# Membership benefits



Image: Eastern tube nosed bat, Connie Pinson

## ACCESS AND SUPPORT

A collective voice for rehabilitation  
Support with wildlife rehabilitation and welfare  
Access to a network of carers across the State  
Opportunities for members only training, funding and grants

## ADVOCACY

Help to build a strong council to advocate on your behalf  
Membership of the State Representative Body  
Eligibility to vote at all QWRC elections  
Eligibility to nominate for a position as a Rep

## PUBLIC LIABILITY & INSURANCE

Financial membership offers cover under QWRC's Public Liability (\$20M) and Volunteer Workers Insurance policies

## RESOURCES

QWRC Brochures  
Professional advice, information and data  
Best Practice Guidelines  
Members only area on QWRC website  
Members only social media groups

# Join QWRC on Facebook

## Public Facebook page

Stay up to date with animal events, projects and the latest news by liking us on Facebook and sharing with your friends.



## Members Facebook page

Join our members only discussion group to meet other carers, ask questions and share information.



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# QWRC Membership online

The QWRC membership application form is now available to submit [online](#).

You can also access a [printable](#) version of the membership form which you can then scan and email to [secretary@qwrc.org.au](mailto:secretary@qwrc.org.au)

Please ensure you complete the membership fee transaction by direct debit to QWRC prior to submitting your membership application.

As of July the 1st 2022 QWRC no longer accepts Cheque, money order or cash.

Please use your surname as the reference on both the bank transaction and form. If your group has paid your QWRC fee on your behalf then please ask your group for the reference used in the fee transaction that directly corresponds with the payment they made on your behalf. Once you have the reference please note it in the space provided on the bottom of the form. It is our aim to have every membership fee correspond with every fee paid. Membership applications will not be processed until both form and fee have been received.

# Can you ID these snakes?



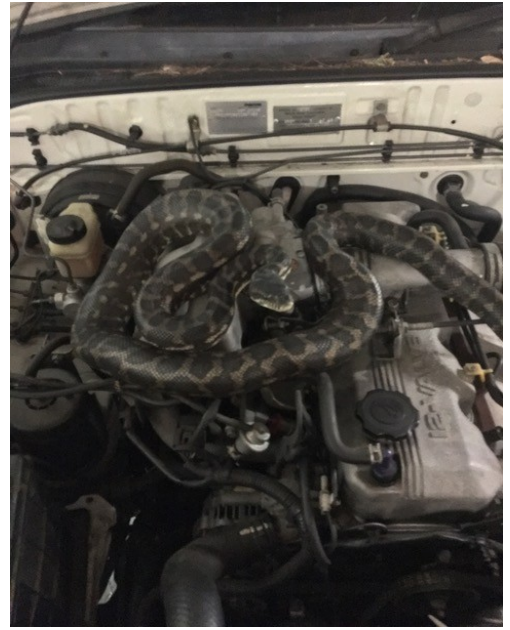
**All of these snakes were either located in homes and businesses, and were re-located by our QWRC Treasurer Lana Field.**

Thank you to Lana for sending in these images.

Top left: Common tree snake, *Dendrelaphus punctulatus* eating a Green tree frog

Bottom left: juvenile Eastern brown snake, *Pseudonaja textilis*

Right: Coastal Carpet Python, *Morelia spilota sub sp mcdowelli* with eggs. Once the eggs hatched mum was given a good feed and they were all released.



# Snakes and their many resting spots

Lana Field

