



Newsletter – July 2016

July Message

Dear Members.

Winter is officially here and wildlife rescues have quietened somewhat which is terrific. Mind you despite the supposed quiet time, Suz had an interesting new addition with a pinkie woylie.....into our hotbox it went and it will be good to hear of and see its progress. Timely to remind rehabilitators of the need to notify the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) when an endangered species such as a woylie comes in.

A reminder too to please also keep informing Cherie at DPaW Busselton of where possums have been seen including road trauma victims.

It is pleasing to report that we recently held a get together of some of our sub-committees and we were able to use the facilities of the Men's shed which was greatly appreciated. Our fundraising, community education and fire response groups all made progress but all need wider membership involvement. If you or anyone you know could help even in a small way, please let our newsletter editor Jenny know and she will pass on the information. Jenny has been doing a fabulous and much appreciated job for us.

Ali, Linda and Jenny have been working on our membership database and it will be terrific when peoples' relevant strengths, skills or interests can eventually be tapped into in a more efficient way. In the past we have tended to rely on only a few people to respond to all needs but we do have a wealth of skills and experience amongst the wider membership. If you would be able to assist in any way, either in caring or in providing the background support which is so crucial for all organisations to operate efficiently, our hope is that this will greatly assist to reduce individual workloads all round, to allow us to respond more quickly to challenges and to be more effective in using technology.

Currently we need people to collect and spread woodchips around the shed and de-weed our area, we need new sewing people to make large capture bags and slings /stretchers for roo rescue, people to finish putting shade cloth around our duckling cages, people to put together roo frames and possum boxes, and more. In addition, as well as needing more sub-committees members, we need someone to apply to the lotteries commission or elsewhere for a couple of hot boxes and half a dozen heat pads (to be on loan for carers). We are also looking for a new Membership Secretary to replace Ali who, very sadly for us, is no longer able to fulfil this role. A huge thank you to Ali for the amazing work and commitment she has put into FAWNA.

Linda and I are off on a few weeks break and in my absence, Suz will be taking the emergency calls and indeed the responsibility for decisions etc. Peter and Amanda are the go-to people during this time for Facebook and we remind everyone to use the website to find the animal specialist and committee members if you need them.

All the best for now,

Jeff Falconer, President

For Emergency Help and Advice:

Emergencies – 0438 526 660 or your local depot
(<http://www.fawna.com.au/wildlife-caring/depots.html>)

Special thanks go to 4 Paws.....

We are very lucky in that, with the help of our great new sponsor "4 Paws", we have been able to put in place holding yards for pre-release roos.

These yards can be moved from site to site so that they can be in situ at the release site once the roos are ready to go. Marg has an especially difficult roo from the fires (large and wild) which may need tranquilising before being moved and this new facility should help enormously. If you have a need to borrow the yard(s) for this purpose, please contact Marg who will be coordinating their use.

4 Paws have also assisted greatly with our fire rescue planning and capability by providing backpacks containing first aid kits, communications equipment and PPE (personal protective equipment). Without help from such wonderful organisations we would not be able to become as professional and therefore as effective a group as we are.

.....and as always to the Men's Shed.....

Not only have we been fortunate enough to be able to use the Men's Shed and its facilities for our meetings, but Trevor the coordinator there has also been very helpful in many other ways. As mentioned in April, one such effort was the making of possum boxes for us (to which the city of Busselton also contributed by the supplying of materials).

These excellent boxes are now ready for use and available from our shed when rehabilitators need them for raising and subsequent release of injured or orphaned possums.

.....and finally to Cristal Mining again

Our work with Cristal Mining also continues and the land rehabilitation processes they are using are second to none. Recently Ann and Jeff gave talks to Cristal's staff on the work that FAWNA does and in particular regarding the WRP. Greg from Cristal in particular has been very supportive and led them on a tour of the company's fantastic land rehabilitation efforts in close proximity to Busselton. We acknowledge with thanks that Cristal has contributed significantly to our efforts.



Lorellyn, Tiani and Jeff also recently carried out educational support talks with some classes at Busselton Senior High School not only about the mining aspects of Cristal but also about their rehabilitation works and the making of 80 Western Ringtail Possum dreys from natural fibre door mats. Tracey from Cristal will be supporting the students in constructing the dreys and it is intended that they will be used at various sites and also provided to FAWNA for use in our rehabilitation efforts.

In addition, the following was agreed:

- Possum boxes to be assembled and painted



- Kangaroo joey stands to be assembled



- Duckling cages to be covered with shade cloth



- General repairs to cages to be carried out



Preparation for Fire Season

Jeff, Bec, David and Ian recently met with DFES, DPaW and both the Busselton and Margaret river rangers. We are pleased to let you know that the way forward for our preparations for the next fire season was agreed upon.

To this end, DPaW is making a start on our Memorandum of Understanding. This is necessary to facilitate our permit into the fire areas so that we can do our rescues. It enables us to be ready sooner and to gain full support as part of the larger team. The Emergency Response Van will remain our base but we will also be supported with access to communications and even food, water and power etc at the control base.

We discussed working practices, including such matters as the possibility of our own volunteers being assisted by the other volunteers and staff to bring fire victims to us. DFES is also going to provide AIMS training for our members which will improve our understanding of the whole structure and process so that we can better define our own roles and processes.

Our core team of Tracey, Leeanne, Bec, Helen, Marg and Carol will be working on further developing our guidelines, processes and preparedness and they seek other members to help or be available to help....please contact us if you are willing to take part as part of the team or even in the free training aspect.

During the meeting it was noted that generally the Department of Agriculture and Food WA (DAFWA) is responsible for farm stock, RSPCA for domestic animals and FAWNA for wildlife.

This new level of cooperation with the agencies has brought many opportunities and advantages.

It also means that we jointly have a responsibility to ensure that we and the network of other groups working with us do not go outside of the agreed parameters otherwise it would jeopardise all our efforts.

More decals have now been added to our Emergency Response Van by Nicola and John. They have done a fabulous job and it will now definitely stand out in the field – a big thank you for all the work put in.



Members' Updates

Kookie the adult kookaburra had a lucky escape! He got hit by a car before being taken in by Ali. He was in shock and had a grazed leg but after a few days of TLC, thankfully Ali was able to successfully release him.

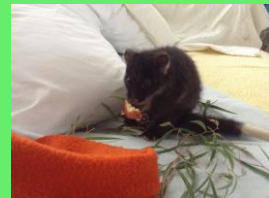
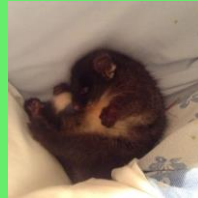


A quick reminder that if you attend to a dead roo on the side of the road, please let other people see that it has already been checked by marking it with spray paint or plastic tape.

They will also know that any surviving joey will have been removed and taken into care.



Julie and Linda have supplied some simply beautiful pictures of possums being cared for and ultimately released, the goal of every rehabilitator. Here is a small selection for your enjoyment.....



As mentioned on page 1, a woylie has been brought in. The baby was found abandoned at the beginning of June outside one of the 'Yelverton Eco Spa and Chalets' which is a Land for Wildlife property and has predator-proof fencing hence the presence of woylies. Apparently there were adult woylies around. Woylies are marsupials but just like wombats have a backward facing pouch.

A call was made and FAWNA Vice President Suzanne collected this dear little creature.



Suitable release sites are becoming more and more difficult to find, especially for males! Thanks to FAWNA member Ann who has contacts, we have been able to release several western ringtails on a beautiful 360acre property.

Woylies (also known as Bettongs) are critically endangered which means DPaW must be notified. We contacted 'Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre' in Lesmurdie for advice as we had never had a woylie in care before. Suzanne has this very special animal in a hospital box to keep her at a regulated temperature of 30 degrees and will keep us updated as to progress. We hope the baby will now have a chance to grow into adulthood (as per the picture below, courtesy of Australian Wildlife Conservancy)



This property has been privately owned since the 1960's and has undergone extensive fox and feral cat baiting. A creek runs through the property and there is great canopy connectivity which is essential so the possums don't have to come to the ground.

Finally, to make you smile, here's a picture submitted by Ali entitled "Possum Washing Day"!



Statistics



It's that time of year again! Now that 2015/2016 has ended, all carers should be getting together their statistics to submit to Julie and Jenny who will be collating the information going forward.

We simply need the species you have taken in and the numbers of each species, dates of collection and release or outcomes and where and why they came into care. Julie and Jenny will be in touch shortly and it is hoped that all statistics can be collected before the end of July



BALINGUP SMALL FARM FIELD DAY

This annual event took place on Saturday 23/04/16 between 9am and 4pm. It is always great to be involved with this event so that we can showcase what we do and generate public interest in helping injured, sick and orphaned wildlife. And on top of that, it's a great day out!

It was beautiful weather this year and the public turned out in force. As well as attracting new members, we raised over \$250 – all in all, it was an extremely successful day.



Thank you so much to all of you who gave such fantastic help and support – Amanda, Ali and Nicky plus their respective hubbies, Marg, Pauline, Trish and Barry, Peter and Carol

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Training

You may be aware that the annual Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference is being held in Melbourne at the beginning of August (please see <http://www.awrc.org.au/> for details).

The conference gives wildlife carers the opportunity to learn from each other and from experts in the field including researchers, carers and veterinarians. Topics have ranged from the latest hands-on treatment for wounds to emergency response, fund-raising and lobbying.

Please advise the committee if you have booked and paid for the wildlife conference and if you would like FAWNA to consider helping cover some of your conference fees (though please note that you are responsible for all other costs including accommodation and travel etc).

Entertainment Book

*****this year, includes many offers you can use in Bali!*****

A quick reminder that FAWNA is fundraising with Entertainment™ this year. Whenever an order for the new 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Books and/or Entertainment™ Digital Memberships is placed through us, 20% of the proceeds will go towards our fundraising! Simply press Ctrl & click on the link below "ORDER FROM US TODAY" – this takes you to the correct page for FAWNA (<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/9r19789>) to ensure that your purchase will help FAWNA to continue its valuable work.

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Alternatively, if you would simply prefer to buy an Entertainment™ Book direct from FAWNA rather than order online, please contact Jenny direct (0448 024412 or jennymorris0718@live.co.uk). Jenny holds a small stock of the Entertainment™ Books and will be happy to assist.

Thank you in advance for your support!

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WILDFLOWER EXHIBITION Established 1925

FAWNA has once more been invited to set up a stand at the annual Wildflower Exhibition which will be held on Thursday 29/09/16 and Friday 30/09/16 between 9am and 6pm.

The Exhibition has been held by the Uniting Church for over 90 years, showcasing some of the many wildflowers growing in the South West corner of Western Australia. This event is a great way to see these very beautiful wildflowers without the need to 'go bush' and with the benefit of botanical information about individual specimens of flowers and orchids, creating interest for both amateurs and experts alike.

In addition to the fabulous display of wildflowers, there are other points of interest along with varied stalls and displays that are in keeping with FAWNA's ethos.

If you would like to be involved in organising FAWNA's stand, please let Jenny know so that she can put your name forward.

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The Current Who's Who of FAWNA

Our new line up, as elected at the AGM on 02/04/16

As an overview, the FAWNA committee has responsibility for:

- Representation of all members
- Central decision making
- Policy development and implementation
- Budget management
- Corporate and community interfaces

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