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# A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new members and a big thank you to all of our existing member's for all the hard work and dedication that you have shown over the busy summer period. Each and every member's contribution, be it large or small, is all combining together to ensure that we are making a difference to the welfare of the wildlife in our local region. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and dedication.

I am very proud that our group has cared for and played a part in the rehabilitation of many different species of birds, possums, gliders and macropods after hundreds of calls from the public for help. We have not only rescued many animals, but we have also provided assistance when we have had animals transferred to the group from the RSPCA and the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital throughout the summer period. It is a great honour to be able to support these wonderful places. I am sure I speak for everyone when I extend my gratitude for the ongoing support of the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital and RSPCA for allowing us access to their amazing team of vets to provide our wildlife with the very best care available. We are so lucky to have these teams on hand and so close to our area.

Thank you to our new carers that have jumped in and assisted with wildlife that has come in over the past couple of months. Please remember to keep in contact with your mentors should you require any assistance or guidance.

The committee have been working hard with fundraising ideas for 2018. Check the group Facebook page for updates on fundraising. I have also applied for many grants so let's hope we get some approved.

I'm very excited that we were successful in being granted a specialist species permit. I look forward to broadening our training and knowledge base to ensure we continue to provide the best care possible to every animal that we look after. Please understand that this does not mean that all members are automatically permitted for these animals, Specialist training must be completed.

Every carer is issued with an endorsed permit with a list of animals and numbers that they are permitted to rehabilitate under the group permit. If you require a permit or yours needs to be updated please contact me as soon as possible.

I'm looking forward to this year! Onwards and Upwards

Kind Regards,

*Byron Cann*

President, BDWR

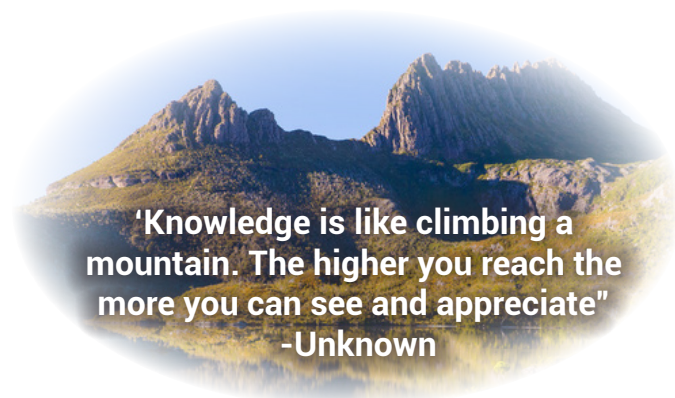


# TRAINING NEWS

On Sunday the 8th of April we held a Bird Workshop which was facilitated by Stefan Hattingh. It was a great workshop, Stefan's knowledge and style of delivery was fantastic. We had members and carers from other groups attend the event. Here are some pictures taken from the workshop.

Thanks Stefan, we appreciate it.

Remember it is a requirement of all carers to maintain up to date knowledge of animals and rehabilitation by attending acknowledged training courses. All carers should attend at least 2 workshops per year to remain current to care for wildlife.



BRIEBIE AND DISTRICTS WILDLIFE RESCUE INC. PRESENTS.....

## POSSUM and GLIDER

REHABILITATION WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY:  
**Dr. Robyn Stenner BVSc.**  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018  
9:00am – 4:00pm

ADDRESS:  
CABOOLTURE REGION  
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE (CREEC)  
150 ROWLEY ROAD, BURPENGARY QLD 4505

Dr Robyn Stenner BVSc (Hons II) MANZCVS (Wildlife Medicine) , having spent the last 7 years working in hospitals dedicated to the treatment of our Australian wildlife. Has always had a strong passion for wildlife in general, and started caring for orphaned possums and injured birds while studying. This background has given her a strong grounding in wildlife rehabilitation from both the veterinary perspective, and that of a wildlife carer/rescuer.

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to learn from Dr Stenners experience and expertise in providing care for our regions spectacular possums and gliders.

The workshop will cover identification, husbandry and rehabilitation management of common possums and gliders.

**Booking Information:**  
Bookings are essential as limited spaces are available. Please call or email to secure your position.

**Cost:** Briebe and Districts Wildlife Rescue Inc. Members **\$15**  
Non-Members **\$30**  
Phone: 0400 836 592 (BDWR Hotline)  
Email: [dianne.millott@ausure.com.au](mailto:dianne.millott@ausure.com.au)



BRIEBIE AND DISTRICTS WILDLIFE RESCUE INC. PRESENTS.....

## REPTILE CARE & REHABILITATION WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY:  
**Dr. Robyn Stenner BVSc.**  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 | 9:00am – 4:00pm

ADDRESS:  
Caboolture Region Environmental Education Centre (CREEC)  
150 Rowley Road, Burpengary QLD 4505

Dr Robyn Stenner BVSc (Hons II) MANZCVS (Wildlife Medicine) , having spent the last 7 years working in hospitals dedicated to the treatment of our Australian wildlife. Has always had a strong passion for wildlife in general, and started caring for orphaned possums and injured birds while studying. This background has given her a strong grounding in wildlife rehabilitation from both the veterinary perspective, and that of a wildlife carer/rescuer.

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to learn from Dr Stenners experience and expertise in providing care for our regions spectacular Reptiles.

The workshop will cover identification, husbandry and rehabilitation management of common reptiles.

**Cost:**  
Briebe and Districts Wildlife Rescue Inc. Members **\$15**  
Non-Members **\$30**

**Booking Information:**  
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# WHAT'S NEW...

## Rehabilitation Permit Changes Now Approved

Over the last 12 months and after much hard work and over 100 emails to and from, we are happy to announce that the group's rehabilitation permit has now been approved for additional specialist species!! This is an extremely exciting time and a big achievement for our group. The additional animals we are now permitted to care for are restricted because it is deemed that these species have requirements outside the normal capacity of most rehabilitators. Additional requirements are placed upon rehabilitators who intend to keep these species to improve the likelihood of their successful rehabilitation and return to the wild. Permits are only granted to people or groups who are assessed as having the appropriate skills and facilities to house and care for them.

Apart from always caring for the more common Native Wildlife, we are now permitted to care for Raptors (birds of prey), Echidnas, Reptiles, Emus, Bats, Specialist Gliders and Koalas. Byron has put a lot of work into making this possible. We of course are still covered to rehabilitate all species listed as least concern in the nature conservation act, however this will give us the opportunity to expand our knowledge base over the coming years and once set up, enable us to cover our carers with specific skill sets, additional knowledge base and infrastructure.

All specialist species will be managed by the groups President Byron Cann. Should you be interested in working towards caring for a specialist species please speak with him directly. Only people who have had the required training and experience and meet all the requirements will be able to care for these animals under our permit.

Our wildlife group is now permitted to care for one of the largest range of species in South East Queensland. This is a great feather in the groups cap and we look forward to the future providing additional and advanced rehabilitation to more animals.



## Grants, Grants & More Grants

Currently we have in excess of \$40,000.00 in grants open and pending approval. We have applied for grants to replace some of our equipment with new equipment. This will include the purchase of some larger aviaries, intensive care units, rescue equipment and koala equipment to support our registered koala carers with rescues etc. This is of course pending approval so let's all keep our fingers crossed. Moving forward we as a group would like to support carers as best we can, if you should need assistance with equipment please contact a member of the committee.



## In the Courier Mail

Great exposure for the group as our Vice president Lorna Mitchell was interviewed about a Joey in care.

# MEMBERS IN ACTION

We have asked Stefan Hattingh to provide us all with some insight into what he has been working on with gliders.

Stefan, is one of our members in action and he talks about a joint project between our group Bribie and District Wildlife Rescue and Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee:

Being a member of BDWR and the Operations Manager for B4C (Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee), I was in a very fortunate position to get the glider release program off the ground. Lorna (Vice President of BDWR) and Angela (Secretary of BDWR) planted the seed in my head about building a large glider release cage that meets the EHP standards. B4C social media officer helped me to set up a GoFundMe page to get money together for the materials for the huge cage. We decided to call it a "Glider Gym" as the main purpose was to get the gliders fit and ready for release.

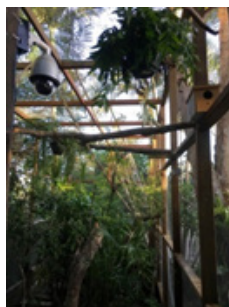
B4C was instrumental in posting the link of the GoFundMe page to all the Brisbane Catchment Groups and other conservation groups. I managed to get the targeted amount of funding in 2 months! B4C volunteers designed, constructed and erected the huge Glider Gym in my back yard.

ABC TV wanted to launch a new program called "ABC Wild OZ – Animals in my back yard". They installed cameras in the gym and nest box and live streamed the gliders for 4 days. They told me that the footage was viewed by more than 70 000 viewers! The Media picked up on the story and the glider story was published in 7 newspapers (that I know off) around Brisbane, Gold Coast and Sydney.

During one of my Glider Nest box installations trips, I met a scientist (David Sharpe) who was trapping gliders in a park to do DNA analysis. This was a contract with Brisbane City Council. After collaboration with David and the geneticist, we decided it best to release the gliders in a new glider habitat (like a glider vacuum). The gliders come from various areas within the greater Moreton Bay area, and releasing them willy-nilly into any glider habitat could cause "genetic pollution". By taking their DNA and then releasing them into a vacuum (with vacuum I refer to a new glider habitat that was revegetated, but glider migration has not occurred due to a break in the glider movement corridor), we can monitor their survival, give them a chance to adapt into the wild without territorial fights with resident gliders and start working in reconnecting the glider corridor. With the DNA of all the released gliders now, it will be possible to determine the rate of gene flow once the corridor is reconnected.

I have released the first small group of gliders at a College near Whites Hill. B4C has rehabilitated the School grounds over 3 years with 12 glider nest boxes. The corridor from White Hill Reserve (which still have a healthy population of gliders) is broken and we have already started the negotiation with Brisbane City Council to reconnect the corridor. The College also has a very active Environment club that will continue to monitor the gliders, plant more food trees and give presentations about the glider project. They have made a big banner that has gone up on the School fence, advertising their glider project! I will keep the BDWR group posted on any new developments and outcome from this project.

Stefan Hattingh.



# SOCIAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



Here is a snap shot of some of the awareness posts that we have been running on our social media pages. If possible, we ask all members to help us spread the word by sharing the posts.

We are also considering running a monthly social media think tank for those in the group who have a good understanding of social media or a passion for getting more awareness out in the public. There will be a post made on our members page regarding this so keep an eye out.

## Fundraising Spotlight

Our president has been extremely busy filling out a huge amount of submissions for grants and we are waiting patiently for the outcome with our fingers crossed. In the mean time we have had a few donations from Members of the Public, other carers and Associations. Donations are not always monetary, they have been in the form of blankets, pillowcases, towels and hand wash. Please contact me if you need any assistance with obtaining any of these products or items.

I would like to say a special thank you to those carers who are in a position to make a small regular donation weekly or fortnightly. There are some who pay a donation as small as \$2 per week. These amounts certainly add up over 10 weeks

Angela, BDWR Secretary

## Bunnings Northlakes Sausage Sizzle

The Sausage Sizzle on the 12th of May at Bunnings Northlakes was a huge success. We are pleased to announce that we raised \$1900, it takes a lot of coordinating, before, during and after such an event and we are very grateful and thankful to everyone.



Byron entertaining everyone in his furry suit



Mothers Day Raffle prizes



Hard at work

## Important AGM Notice

Our AGM is being held on Sunday the 27th of May 2018. It is important that as many members as possible are present. We have a lot to go through and the meeting starts at 10am sharp at CREC.

The following positions will be up for nomination: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer & Membership Officer.

An email was sent to all members with a nomination form. Members are encouraged to nominate others or themselves for the positions in the committee. Nominations must be in before the AGM.

## Membership Renewals

Membership for the year is currently due and payable if you are yet to pay your membership please contact the membership officer or the treasurer as soon as you can. You need to be a full financial member in order to care for any wildlife or to do any rescues.

# SUPPORTING PARTNERS



Lions Morayfield



BIEPA



Moreton Bay Regional Council



RSPCA QLD



Australia Zoo



Sunshine Coast Wildlife Rescue



Katrinas Skinworks



Marguerita's Dynamic Ceramics

Gympie A.N.A.R.R.A.

Wallum Action Group