



Mountain Pygmy Possum
(Burramy Parvis)

ACT Wildlife
Rescue • Rehabilitate • Release



June 2014 Newsletter

EVENTS:

BUNNINGS BBQ -

Friday 4th July

Orientation & First Aid

June 28

Flying Fox Training

July 20

Reptile Training

August 17

Bird training

September 20

If you are interested in any
of the above training
please email
training@actwildlife.net

Any carer going away for a
holiday or even a weekend
please let Sam know so she
can note it for the phone
operators.

Hi,

Lots has been happening since the last newsletter.

We have now been licensed for a whole year (but only caring for 7 months. Our licence has been renewed and our group has consolidated to a large degree.

A few weeks ago we held a meeting of coordinators to discuss how the helping groups might work. It was a fruitful think-tank meeting and now the various groups are getting organised.

The first, the **PHONE** group, is operating and putting together a roster. ACT Wildlife is receiving only a few calls each day. We offer a 24 hour 'hotline' for injured animals and will always welcome new volunteers to help man the phone. Winter is a very quiet time and a good time to ease into answering calls. If anyone would like to join this group, or any others, please call the coordinator, Samantha, 0422 484 815. A list of carers and their availability accompanies the phone and if any carers are going to be away for a weekend or longer please call the phone on 0432 300 033. It is very frustrating calling carers who are away - and time consuming.

Helen is holding the **FOOD** supplies and will be communicating with people who are breeding mealworms and other insects. If you need any Wombaroo products, insects or pinky mice call her on 0449 089 914. Helen lives in Weston and they can be picked up from her home at a mutually arranged time. She also has heat pads and teats. Check out the "Shop" section of WildMan.

We do have a number of assets available for loan - cages, hotboxes, aviaries etc. Check in the WildMan database under



Co-ordinators:**Mammals -**

Erika Guenther
6288 3550

Birds -

Judy Tett
6231 4436;
0417 513 222

Reptiles -

Ingrid Singh
0414 540 925

Overall -

Marg Peachey
0450 961 530

Training/Admin -

Judy Tett
6231 4436

Phone -

Sam Vertucci
0422 484 815

Fundraising -

Heather Peachey
0407 494 680

Education -

Cilla Ballard
6248 8220

Sew-K-nitter -

Petie Mitterfellner
6258-9958

Aviaries/Equip -

Martin Lind
6296 6400 (w)

Food -

Helen Calderwood
0449 089 914

the **Assets** tab and also the **Shop** tab for available items. Martin is the contact for **EQUIPMENT** (6296 6400 w) and other items have contacts beside them in the database.

We are still looking for people to coordinate building aviaries and possum and hotboxes. Please step up



FUNDRAISING has been constant and fairly successful. Heather has been organising the selling of chocolates. Thanks to everyone who sold boxes for us. Heather sold 36 boxes, Kirstie 11 and Deb 8 boxes. Thanks to all our members who have been busy selling and eating chocolates. Thanks also to 4 Bendigo Bank branches that have been selling chocolates for a couple of months and continue to do so. Profit to date is \$2000. Call Heather on 0407 494 680 if you would like to coordinate chocolate selling.

SEWING AND KNITTING: Petie is coordinating members who volunteered to sew and knit pouches. She brought lots of each to the possum training for distribution. If you would like to help with either sewing or knitting please call Petie on 6258 9958.

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All these groups need people to help. If you are not yet helping, and would like to, please contact the relevant coordinator.

ACT Wildlife is coming together really nicely. We are in a quiet time now with very few animals coming in. It is a good



Photo by Peter Hammond

Media

ACT Wildlife has been mentioned in several articles in the Canberra Times. The media has, as usual, not always been able to quote accurately but at least we have had coverage.

Please do not speak to the radio or newspapers on behalf of ACT Wildlife without clearance from a committee member.

The ACT Herpetological Association has granted ACT Wildlife money for developing training material for carers on reptiles and also for production of education materials to take to the public and schools. In return Marg recently spoke to an ACTHA meeting about ACT Wildlife. Below is an article by the ACTHA Editor, Mandy Conway, who is also a member of ACT Wildlife:

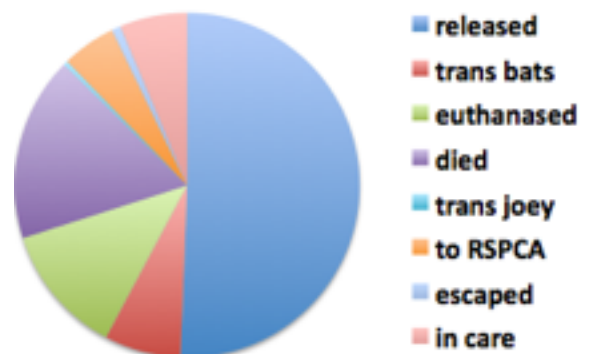
ACT Wildlife Rescue Rehabilitate Release

Marg Peachey was ACTHA's guest speaker at our February 2014 meeting. ACT Wildlife, a relatively new organisation, is now responsible for the rescue, rehabilitation and subsequent release of injured, sick and orphaned native wildlife in Canberra. Reptiles are often amongst the casualties and Marg explained how ACTHA's recent Grant will help provide education materials for public awareness and carer training.

For the full article go [here](#)

STATISTICS Nov2103 -May2014

Released	120
Transferred to NSW	
Bat carers	17
Euthanased	29
Died	41
Transferred to Wildcare	1 EGK joey
Taken to RSPCA	12
Escaped	2
In care	<u>15</u>
total	237



MEMBERSHIP AND TRAINING

We now have 90 members, most of whom have done one or more training sessions.

We encourage people to take advantage of Wildcare Queanbeyan training when it is offered, particularly their macropod course as they have much more experience with macropods.

If you do training with Wildcare please let our training coordinator know as we will, more than likely, recognise that course as part of your training with ACT Wildlife.



Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference

May 2014 in Hobart

Six members of ACT Wildlife attended the conference from 26-30 May.

Next newsletter will have a report.

The conference is held every second year and is a great opportunity to see and hear what is happening with carers and wildlife research. The networking opportunity is enormous and everyone takes advantage of it.

If you are a horse owner it is a good time to have your horse vaccinated for Hendra virus before Spring when Hendra is more active.

As wildlife carers there is no danger of contracting Hendra virus unless you deal with an unvaccinated horse's body fluids.

We are hoping to do another t-shirt order soon. If someone would like to volunteer to coordinate this could you please give Marg a call.



Look what I found at HOT DOLLAR in the Belconnen Shopping Mall. \$16.99

CARRY CAGE

WildMan data base

Carers and Phone team:

Please keep WildMan up to date. It is really important so:

- animals can be allocated to carers with the minimum number of outgoing phone calls,
- for matching species in care,
- to prevent overcrowding in aviaries,
- to spread the load amongst carers, and
- have a record of all incoming calls.

TIPS FOR MEALWORMS BREEDERS IN WINTER

Winter is the time that your mealworms will start to pupate. They do this in Winter and whenever conditions are unfavourable for them such as lack of food, too hot, too cold etc.

This is the time you need to collect the larger worms and put them into a container with bran in the fridge. They will remain as worms for 2-3 months. If it is too long you will start to see some dying and becoming black. That is the time you must use them or start new colonies.

Don't forget to top up the bran in your colonies.

In Spring, when there is a need to have mealworms for feeding to orphans, Helen (food coordinator) will request mealworms for distribution to carers. If you have too many at any time feel free to ring Helen and get them to her for storage.

Sponsors:



Some Committee Contacts:

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Megan Wyllie 6255 7363 or 0413 935 496
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Judy Teet 6231 4436 or 0417 513 222
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