



Bushy Tales

We rescue, care for and procure treatment for sick, injured or orphaned Native Wildlife, with the aim of releasing them back to their natural habitat.



Welcome

I would like to welcome all members to SA Native Animal Rescue (SANAR) as we work together to help our Native Wildlife.

Thank you for being part of our new organization. Please encourage your friends and family to join us.

SANAR has applied for several Grants from Wires, we have so far been accepted into the Wires Native Animal Food Program.

Should any members need cages or animal carriers, please contact Nuria at info@sanar.org.au

To obtain food for wildlife at special prices, please contact Kimberley at info@sanar.org.au

Nuria, Chairperson

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

DEW Wildlife Carer Permits

All Carers are required by the Department of Environment and Water (DEW) to have a Wildlife Carer Permit.

Please forward a copy of your 2023 Wildlife Permit to:

membership@sanar.org.au.

If you don't have a permit and are interested in obtaining one please contact:

permit.advisor@sanar.org.au

or phone DEW Fauna Permits on (08) 8124 4972.

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Police Clearance

A Police clearance or DHS Screening is compulsory for all Carers and Volunteers of SANAR.

A free DHS screening is available to all SANAR members. Please contact membership@sanar.org.au

SANAR can offer Wildlife information

talks/ presentations to schools and community groups, If you know of any groups that would be interested in booking a talk, please advise them to contact info@sanar.org.au. Thank you

From the Editor

If you have any interesting or funny stories for our newsletter, please forward them via email to: newsletter@sanar.org.au

Please ensure that any documents are prepared in Word format (doc or docx) and any photos are resized to small size before sending.

Thank you, Jean



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TRAINING

Members will be put in touch with experienced carers for their chosen species. Our trainers will do 1 on 1 or small group training, providing new carers the opportunity for hands on experience and knowledge that larger workshops don't provide.

All our trainers have years of hands-on experience with their chosen species.

New carers will then be buddied up and mentored by an Area Educational Supervisor or have the choice to stay in touch with the trainer.

Carer mentoring will also provide the experience required to apply for a Wildlife Carer Permit for their chosen species.



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A message from the Adelaide Koala and Wildlife Centre



The Adelaide Koala & Wildlife Centre provides free vet services to injured, sick and orphaned wildlife at our Centre in Plympton. 282 Anzac Hwy, Plympton SA 5038; Phone (08) 8297 2455.



We treat injured or orphaned wildlife with the aim of rehabilitation and release, whilst also participating in a variety of educational programs for students, carers and vet students.

Please find included the **AKAWC CARER FLYER Sept23** - an essential guide concerning veterinary care at AKAWC, especially as we approach our peak season. We've instituted these guidelines to optimize the efficiency of our Centre, ensuring that both you and the animals under your care receive top-notch veterinary services. These practices are effective immediately.



The surprising ways to stop magpie swooping

Written by Dr Chris Brown

Don't even start me with the zip ties, umbrellas or ice cream containers with eyes. Here's the easy way to achieve that seemingly impossible friendship with magpies. You just need to know something fascinating about them...

It's the clacking of the beak for me. In fact, it's often the only warning we get before a magpie swoops down and connects with the top of our head as we run or cycle past. But rather than being anything vindictive or even territorial, that swooping (which is only performed by males!) has a very reasonable explanation. It's just a guy defending his chicks. That's right, protecting a nest from someone they see as a threat accounts for 99% of all swooping.

You see, magpies have a gift for remembering faces. It's thought they can remember over 1000 different people faces and whether they're a 'friendly' or a threat. It's why it's incredibly rare to be swooped in your own backyard.

But here's how to achieve peace in two possible ways. First of all, at a safe distance, stand your ground. Then when you can see the magpie, take off your hat and show them your friendly face - keeping your sunglasses on for safety initially. Let them see you, read your good intentions and then move on. Using umbrellas or lunging at them only inflames the situation and makes them truly believe you're a problem.

The second option is a bit of a cheat but it will work. You can offer a small piece of mince or even a dog biscuit (soaked in some water). This is chequebook diplomacy but considering the challenges many adult magpies face feeding their family, we'll allow it...once. By helping the magpies, you'll be off their swoop list for life.



Please don't Kidnap Juvenile Magpies

Magpie parents teach their fledgling babies to feed themselves from the ground. Sometimes you will see these fledglings screeching on the ground. Before rescuing what you think is a baby in trouble, please take the time to observe the bird to see if the parents are still around and do eventually feed their babies.

Juvenile magpies should only be "rescued" if the parents are nowhere around, if the bird is in danger, or if it is injured. Many juvenile magpies are kidnapped by well-meaning members of the public. Unless these birds can be returned where they came from, they have lost their family. These orphans cannot be released singly but must be raised as a group to form another family before being released in a safe location.



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Roxy and Robbie (Brush-tail possums)

Roxy and Robbie were brought into the Meadows Vet by a member of the public (MOP) on a deceased mum. They advised that they believed them to be twins. At that time, there was a 70g difference in weight. As we didn't have a mum we couldn't check to see if both the teats were being used. This would alert us that they could be siblings.

These two babies were inseparable; and Roxy, the larger one, never wanted to leave Robbie's side. Robbie was a more adventurous little boy and didn't really worry about his big sister stepping all over him. I kept a very close eye on them both because of the size difference and the chance they would back-ride which would stress the possum that is being ridden. You could tell they were very comfortable with each other, so I decided to keep them together.

They have gone to another carer and are doing very well with no issues.

I had another situation like this about 2 years ago in a housing trust area near Marion Shopping Centre. The MOP's told me that there were a lot of possums in the area (there was a small park across the road) and they found quite a lot of deceased possums. At that time, I had another deceased mum with 2 female babies (about the same size difference as Roxy and Robbie). This has happened twice in the 9 years I have been caring for possums.

Written by Dina



Robbie (L) Roxy (R)



Robbie



Mickey 37g and Minnie 38g 22.9.23

Twin Ringtail Possum Rescue

These beautiful twin Ringtail Possums were picked up by a wonderful member of the public from Willunga. She was checking the dead mum when she saw the babies moving in the mother's pouch.

She called us and now they are in care and are doing well and have been gaining 1g/day.

The twins wouldn't have survived without her help.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please check the pouches of any injured or deceased wildlife; this is an example of how important it is.

Written by Jill Caruso



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Echidna Rescue



On Friday 28 July at 2:00 pm the SANAR hotline received a phone call regarding an echidna in the kitchen. The members of public who lived in the house were unable to get the echidna out of the house due to disabilities. By the time I got there it had disappeared.

I searched everywhere, in the house and in the garden. I finally gave up and then realized there is a park across the street which was the Oaklands Reserve. I spotted the lovely, healthy echidna going back to his/her home. It was in good condition.

I noticed it had a pink mark on the top of its spines and I wondered why it was there. Even though it was rescued it found its way back home which was a good outcome.

A week later I heard on the grapevine that this adult echidna has been rescued quite a lot because people didn't think it should be there, but it is the echidna's home, hence the pink mark on its spines. Unfortunately, someone later re-rescued it, no one knows who, and took the echidna to McLaren Vale to release thinking it was a better home for the echidna. I have not heard whether it was found and returned to his/her home.

Hope you have gone back to your home my little one.

Written and observed by Dina DuRuyter

VERY IMPORTANT: Please note that Echidnas should always be returned to their home territory. It is not possible to tell the sex of an echidna without an ultrasound or, if a female, is carrying a baby (puggle) in her pouch. Once 7 weeks old, puggles are left by mum in a burrow. If you relocate an echidna you are giving a death sentence to any puggles in the burrow as they will starve to death.



YOUR SAFETY WHEN DOING RESCUES

We expect all of our rescuers to consider their own safety at all times. Ultimately, you must be the person responsible for your own safety and we absolutely prioritize your safety over the animal or bird.

Some ideas to consider which might help keep you safe ...

- don't enter a house if you are not comfortable – get them to bring the animal to you outside if possible
- take someone with you, or ask us to arrange a 2nd rescuer
- have a family member or friend check in with you 10 minutes after you go in
- can you arrange for a “phone buddy” – a family member or friend, another SANAR person – let them know the address where you are
- consider blocking your phone number before ringing the MOP
- above all, if you feel uncomfortable for any reason, don't enter a house – tell the MOP you have been called away, you will arrange for someone else to come, get SANAR to send someone else, or have someone else meet you there.

We so appreciate those of you who are “on call” for rescues. Stay safe and enjoy



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**SUPPORT FOR WILDLIFE CARERS
AND RESCUERS**

The following two organizations provide mental health assistance to all Wildlife Carers and Rescuers to help them cope with the stress they may need to deal with in caring for our native wildlife.

Please contact them if you need assistance.



Two Green Threads
Supporting Wildlife Carers

Two Green Threads is on a mission to inspire, support and rejuvenate the many individuals who invest so much of themselves helping native wildlife. We acknowledge that the role of a wildlife volunteer can be a journey of extremes – reward and fulfilment, alongside relentless effort and possibly grief – moments that give, and moments that take. Each day and week will vary, and our non-wildlife moments also contribute to our volunteering energy, outlook, nervous systems and over all wellbeing. The experiences, occasions and intensity which fills or empties our buckets are unique to each of us.

Let’s recognize that we have a bucket and that there must be a conscious effort to refill.

The ‘Refill Your Bucket’ campaign is an initiative by Two Green Threads, a registered national charity created to energize and inspire the service of our wildlife volunteers, enabling a supported and resilient tribe of individuals and wildlife groups looking after our native wildlife.

Learn more about Two Green Threads at [Two Green Threads – Supporting Wildlife Carers](https://www.twogreenthreads.org)
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WILDTALK
CARING FOR THE WILDLIFE CARERS

If you need support, we are here for you.

WildTalk—1300 307 111

Email - info@wildtalk.org.au

WildTalk has been set up to help people working with Australian wildlife in a volunteer or paid capacity.

It is designed to provide an assistance program to all rescuers, carers, veterinary professionals and researchers through times of illness, injury or crisis that have an impact on mental health.

Established in 2019, WildTalk recognizes a need to support the wildlife rescue and rehabilitation workers in unique ways. As such, our service is provided independently of any wildlife organization, giving our clients the confidence to be open and candid.

Working with wildlife is a rewarding path in life. WildTalk recognizes that caring about wildlife comes with a variety of unique challenges and we are here to help.



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Some might say—Controversial Issues!



Kangaroo Forever Homes

Did you know that in South Australian Orphaned, hand raised Kangaroos cannot be released into the wild?

All of our rescued Kangaroos must live out their lives on private properties or in sanctuaries.

If you live on a property and would like to build you own little sanctuary and give these precious Kangaroos a forever home, please contact SANAR at kangaroo@sanar.org.au for information and guidelines.

The red kangaroo is the unofficial mammal emblem for the entirety of Australia. It is the officially chosen mammal for the Northern Territory as well. So we must do all we can to stop the hunting and culling of our National emblem.

Save the Dingoes on Fraser Island!

An incident occurred on Fraser Island (K'gari) where a 24-year-old woman was attacked by four dingoes (wongari) whilst jogging alone. The authorities have advised against solo jogging or running on the island. Instead, they recommend walking in groups to remain vigilant and avoid potential dingo activity. After this incident, it has been widely reported in the media that euthanasia of the offending dingoes is an option being considered.

Adequate warnings are provided by way of signs and other Safety and Information Guides published by Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) relating to safety around dingoes are available.

The K'gari population has a low genetic diversity which is significantly lower than mainland dingoes.

Dingoes are a keystone species maintaining mammal biodiversity on Fraser Island. Public safety should



be focused on understanding their behaviour and ecology to encourage harmonious human interaction. This will help balance human safety and the preservation of invaluable native wildlife species on Fraser Island.

Petitioners, therefore, request that the Premier and the House support options to manage the dingoes that don't involve euthanasia.

Please read more and sign the petition at <https://chnq.it/2zGYXNYCzn>



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We care about our native wildlife, that's why we become rescuers. In fact, most people care about wildlife.

Most, but not all. Some get great pleasure from shooting native ducks with shotguns, which are particularly cruel weapons.

Wounding is inevitable

With each shot of a #4 cartridge, over 200 steel pellets are blasted into the sky, spreading out as they leave the gun. Imagine this cloud of steel aimed at a small, fast-flying duck some distance from the shooter. The chances of the bird being wounded, but not killed, are very high.



This male wood duck was picked up by rescuers in Victoria the day after

shooting. He had 5 pellets in his body and would have died slowly either due to starvation, infection or predation since he couldn't fly. We can only guess at the pain he was suffering.

Many live ducks fall from the sky with a broken wing; since it only takes 1 pellet to break this fragile bone. Shooters are supposed to promptly retrieve such injured birds, who can be seen flapping on the water. They are supposed to "humanely dispatch" the ducks and check that they are dead.

A group of us went to Lake George in the south-east on March 18, the opening day of the SA duck shooting season, and filmed hunters. The cruelty we recorded was sickening.



Australian shelducks, also called mountain ducks, mate for life. When one of these ducks is shot, it not only destroys a magnificent bird, but also a lifelong bond



**Beautiful Ducks
Murder in the Skies...must be banned**

Wounded birds were not killed quickly or humanely but continued to suffer for long periods.

We lodged complaints about the breaches of regulations we observed with DEW, and 6 months later I got a phone call to say that the complaints had now been investigated. However, I still don't know exactly what DEW did and whether the culprits were prosecuted.

Inquiries in Victoria and SA

Thankfully, an inquiry into duck shooting in Victoria has recommended that shooting be banned as of next year – it is already banned in WA, NSW and Qld. We don't yet know whether or not the Victorian government will accept this recommendation.

In SA, our inquiry is still ongoing, but should report before the end of the year. Many people made written submissions, and some of us have done oral presentations to the Committee, including showing them the footage from Lake George.

We need your help to stop this cruelty.

I hope we can call on you to sign letters to the Premier and your local MP when the time comes for our government to make a decision about this blood sport. We invest a lot of TLC in raising and releasing wildlife – we don't want a 'yahoo' to kill them.

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The Dickin Medal Award

The Dickin Medal was instituted in 1943 by Maria Dickin to honour the work of animals in World War II. It is awarded to animals that have displayed “conspicuous gallantry or devotion to duty while serving or associated with any branch of the Armed Forces or Civil Defence Units”. The award is commonly referred to as “the animals’ Victoria Cross”.



The medal was awarded 54 times between 1943 and 1949 – to 32 pigeons, 18 dogs, 3 horses, and a ship's cat – to acknowledge actions of gallantry or devotion during the Second World War and subsequent conflicts.

The first recipients of the award, in December 1943, were three pigeons serving with the Royal Air Force who contributed to the recovery of aircrews from ditched aircraft. In 1944 two carrier pigeons, working in the Australian Army Signal Corp were awarded the Dickin Medal for their bravery. The most recent recipient is Kuga, a Belgian Malinois who served with the Australian Special Air Service Regiment in Afghanistan in 2012.

As of October 2018, the Dickin Medal has been awarded 71 times, plus one honorary award made in 2014 to War Horse ‘Warrior’ to honour all the animals that served in the First World War .

Food for Thought—Was this pigeon paying tribute to her brave ancestors?

In November 2019, the 101 anniversary of the ending of WWI, someone or something was pinching poppies from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Australia’s National War Memorial in Canberra. The culprit was a lone pigeon who was using them to build a colourful nest in the lead-up to Remembrance Day.



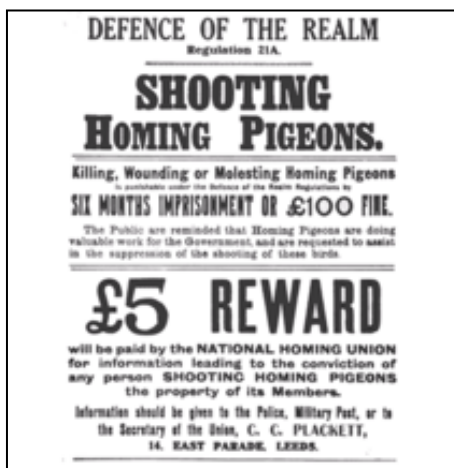
A hero in my eyes

The Rock Dove, also known as rock pigeon, carrier pigeon, homing pigeon or common pigeon is recognised by some as the feral pigeon – **but not in my eyes.**

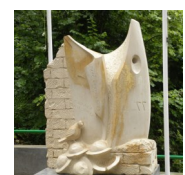
These pigeons carried messages throughout the Great War (WWI) and World War II and saved many thousands of lives. Without them YOU may not even be here!

How soon we forget!. All life is precious and these heroes deserve to be remembered

As we approach the 2023 Remembrance Day on 11 November, Please remember these brave birds and animals. Lest we forget



Cher Ami was one of 100,000 homing pigeons used to carry messages to and from the trenches between 1914 and 1918. This memorial was erected in France to honour the many lives he saved. Where other methods failed, pigeons had a success rate of 95%.





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Bunnings Sausage Sizzle



SANAR applied to Bunnings Edwardstown to be able to participate in their fundraising Sausage Sizzles on a regular basis. Once we had all our documents emailed to their Activities Organiser, we were approved.

Firstly, those of us that were to "run" the Sausage Sizzle attended an induction session at the Bunnings Edwardstown store. This involved going through a list of 'Procedures on Food Handling', 'Safety and General information' which was then signed off. We were given two dates, 30th September and 28th October, the last remaining dates until 2024, with our organisation listed for any cancellations to fill in.



The list of supplies SANAR required looked quite daunting, however, the majority of things we had to purchase were one off items that would set us up for future Sausage Sizzles. We were fortunate to have Bunnings also donate a 65L Esky and a BBQ Mat.

Kimberley Raoux, and Marie & Bernard Raoux sourced all the items, such as drinks, sausages, onions, bread, sauces, napkins, food containers and many other items. SANAR greatly appreciate their time and effort in doing this as, without them, we would not have been able to source many of the items and food.

Kimberley also organised a tap-and-pay facility and kept a running total of all card and cash payments.

Considering it was AFL Grand Final Day, SANAR made enough funds to cover the full initial outlay and one-off items, plus made a generous profit as well. We also received some donations through our strategically placed donation boxes, cash and card payments (keep the change, round-it-up) donations.

As SANAR needed to supply aprons, Charlotte Faulhaber and Jane Darling set about sourcing material, the same colour as our logo and with some help from Aliya Piper, got together to make them. A special thank you to Jane Darling for making the pattern, sewing them up; with a special thankyou to Jane's son-in-law Michael for making the SANAR logo as a transfer on our aprons.

We sent out a general email to all our members advising of the event and asking for volunteers on the day. We had quite a few contact us even before the email request was sent.

It was a long and productive day, starting with setup at 8am, and selling from 9am. We were absolutely amazed by the number of people that came and bought from the Sausage Sizzle.

We had members, family and friends come and support us and it was great to put faces to names and talk about what creatures we had in care and how everyone was coping with the spring influx of animals.

Thank you to our wonderful members and committee members who came and helped with the setup, cooking, plating up, talking to people, and cleaning up at the end of the day. The committee truly appreciated your help.

We cannot wait until our next Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 28th October and look forward to more of these in the future.



Written by Charlotte Faulhaber, Secretary



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Blackwood High School Information Talk at Wellness Week

SANAR was invited to give an information session at Blackwood High School for its Wellness Week, early in September. Caroline, who works at the High School, contacted Nuria and asked if some of our SANAR members would like to participate. We wholeheartedly agreed.

Wellness Week for the High School is about bringing together students and showing them a range of different crafts, activities, and information. The sessions are held during the students lunch break, where they can come and go, check out what is available and participate if they wish.

Nuria, Aliya and Charlotte attended. We had some baby birds and Aliya had brought Cheeky the one-winged Galah with her.

The students were curious about the animals we had and, after some coaxing, they came closer to have a look and chat about the animals. As the word got around, more and more students came to have a look and some loved chatting with us about their own experiences with native animals. We also had some teachers in the background whose curiosity got the better of them and the Deputy Principal also came over.

The school also has many international students and special needs children, who, once they were confident enough, came over and were fascinated by the animals.

We would like to acknowledge and commend the students, they were wonderful, engaged, and respectful. It was an absolute pleasure to be able to chat with them. The teachers, Deputy Principal and all the staff we met were very welcoming.

The three of us each received a Certificate of Appreciation from the school, and we were invited to return when they have their next Wellness Week. Caroline also suggested that she would look at some fundraising by the school, as they choose various charities throughout the year.

Written by Charlotte Faulhaber, Secretary

Drakes Community Dollars

The Community Dollars Program was established as a way for Drakes to regularly give back to local groups which operate in our community. For every \$2 spent at a participating Drakes store in SA, 1c will be accredited to the organisation's fund.

SANAR has been accepted into the SA Community Dollars Program.

The myDrakes app can be downloaded to your mobile phone and customers can select their nominated not-for-profit charity/organisation. Alternatively you can use a barcoded key-tag. Each time you shop at Drakes, you either scan your phone with your preselected charity or your key-tag. To obtain a SANAR coded key-tag, please contact info@sanar.org.au.



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