



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.



A Note from the Chairperson

Winter has finally arrived and with it some cold weather, but not much badly needed rain. I hope you are managing to get some well earned rest now that the busy baby bird season is over. So please make the most of any reprieve as the busy Spring season will be here before we know it. All Members are invited to our first AGM on 28 July from 11am – Venue, Clark Hall, 25 Naldera Street, Glandore. If you intend to join us, it would be helpful if you would email the Secretary at: secretary@sanar.org.au ...so that we don't run out of coffee and biscuits! Please remember that if you wish to Nominate to be a Committee Member, nominations must be received by the Secretary no later than 30 June 2024. <https://Nomination Committee 2024 2025.pdf> Voting for Committee members will only take place if we have more nominations than positions available. If you wish to add Agenda Items for discussion at the AGM, these should be forwarded to the Secretary no later than 1 July 2024. Regards
Nuria
Chairperson



IMPORTANT NOTICES

Eligibility to nominate for Committee:

Nominees must have been a financial member of SA Native Animal Rescue (SANAR) Inc. for a minimum of 12 months prior to the date of the AGM on 28th July 2024.

Eligibility to vote at the AGM:

All members over 18 years who have been a member for a minimum period of 6 months may vote. Each such member shall have one vote only.

2024 SA Environment Awards

We were very excited to be nominated for the Jill Hudson Award for Environmental Protection and even prouder to be selected as one of the four finalists.

The Event took place at the Adelaide Zoo 'Sanctuary'. The work of each finalist was explained with due recognition being given. A representative of each group was presented with a Finalist Certificate. 5 of our members attended to support SANAR.



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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Food for Wildlife at Special Prices

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

Animal Containers

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

Police Clearance

A Police clearance or DHS Screening is compulsory for all Carers and Volunteers of SANAR who have contact with the general public.

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

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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 is on a mission to inspire, support and rejuvenate the many individuals who invest so much of themselves helping native wildlife.

Two Green Threads is 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)
www.twogreenthreads.org



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.



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SANAR CLOTHING

If any members would like to order any SANAR clothing to identify you, either on rescues or at functions etc, you can place an order through our Website, Members Section:

<https://sanativeanimalrescue.org.au/>

Order form link:

<https://form.jotform.com/241281943434860>

Some examples of finished clothing with logo emblem:



Other types of tops are available on the order form and will be embroidered as indicated.

Logo only badges can be ordered to put on your own clothing.

Interesting Facts

New arrivals for a special native species which became extinct on mainland Australia in the 1930s

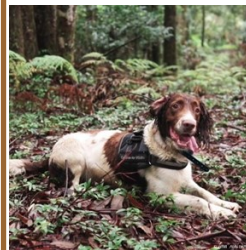


Monarto Safari Park has welcomed **eight native Greater Stick-nest Rat pups**. At first glance a Greater Stick-nest Rat may look like a common domestic rat, but it's their nesting behaviour which makes them so unique.

These rats make a large complex nest out of sticks and inside there will be tunnels with little chambers that they line with straw and other vegetation. The nest can be a couple of feet high and one and a half metres wide, which is impressive considering the rat itself is the size of a guinea pig!

The **two sets of twins and two single pups** are being closely monitored via cameras, spending most of their time under the attentive care of mum.

MEET MAX THE SCAT SPECIALIST



Meet Max, an English Springer Spaniel, the koala detection dog who sniffs out scat to help conservationists better understand koala populations so we can protect their forest habitats, determine how healthy the population is and if the

koalas are carrying chlamydia or other diseases.

WWF-Australia



WIRES is an ongoing supporter of SANAR and has offered members Online Training Courses at very reasonable prices.

If you are interested in attending any of the courses listed, please complete the application form and submit to WIRES.

<https://www.wires.org.au/training/national-training>



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Follow-up from December 2023 Newsletter
THE YELLOW FOOTED ANTECHINUS
- THE RELEASE

Our Yellow Footed Antechinus (also known as the Mardo) were ready for release in mid-December. The carers contacted the owners of the property at Willunga to organise a day for release. It was decided for 27th December 2023 in the early evening.

It was a process to get all 7 into their log and box that they had been using in the vivarium. Making sure that they were all secure and not able to get out during transport.

We met the owners of the property and they kindly loaded up our ladder, other supplies, and ourselves into their 4WD and took us to the location where they were originally found.

There, next to the original tree, which had been taken down as it was just dead wood, was a beautiful tree with a massive hollow down the middle of it. We took the ladder and had a look, it was perfect.



The box went in first and then the log was placed on top inside the tree hollow. Almost immediately, the male antechinus came out of the log to explore.

We were all ecstatic; this was what we were hoping for. We all moved away to see what would happen next.

To our absolute delight, one of the males appeared in the gap of the hollow outside, then another one followed. They ran up and down the long entrance to their new home and explored.

We left a water container at the bottom of the tree and the property owners children offered to come and refill and check on the antechinuses.

With much thanks to the property owners for allowing us to return these gorgeous, inquisitive, vulnerable species back to their home, we headed home.



Written by Charlotte



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Maisy

A baby purple-crowned lorikeet was found on the footpath in front of the McLaren Vale Primary School, with a broken leg.

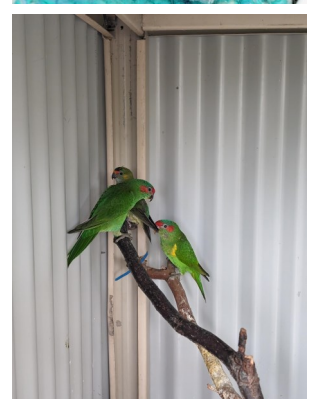
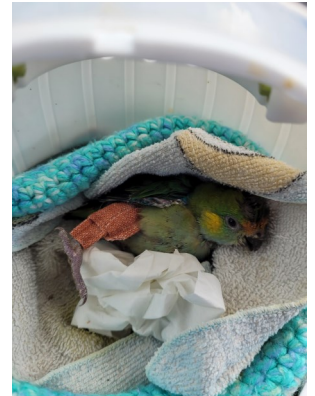
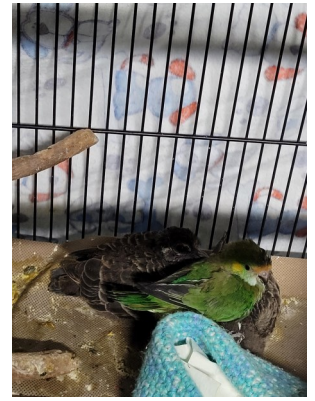
After lots of trips to the vet, two weeks splinted and bandaged and then weeks of physiotherapy to increase the movement and strength of her leg, Maisy was finally able to start socialising with other birds.

The biggest problem we had was finding friends for her, as we didn't have any other purple-crowned lorikeets in care and she was so much smaller than the other lorikeets.

For a while she was with a baby red rump parrot and two baby bronzewing pigeons. When she got older we tried several times with different groups of musk and rainbow lorikeets, but Maisy was often picked on by them so had to be housed in a separate cage nearby or with a single lorikeet. This made release preparation difficult as we prefer to release babies in a creche.

Eventually we were able to pair her up with two young musk lorikeets and once they had all developed good flight strength and aversion to humans they were released in McLaren Vale, close to where Maisy was originally found and where there is a large population of Rainbow, Musk, and Purple-crowned lorikeets.

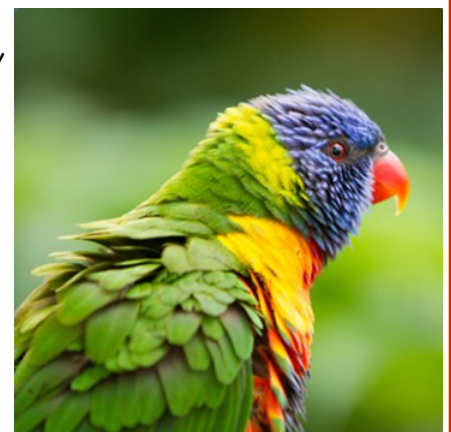
Written by Aliya



Compassionate Care for Birds: Understanding Psittacine Circovirus (PCV)

This article delves into the compassionate care required for birds affected by Psittacine Circovirus (PCV), commonly referred to as Psittacine "beak and feather disease" (PBFD). In my experience of caring for several birds with PCV, here are some key observations:

- These birds are incredibly affectionate and live each day to the fullest, unaware of their condition.
- They engage in typical bird behaviours like playing, bathing, and being vocal throughout the day.
- Despite their illness, they remain beautiful creatures deserving of love and care.



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Compassionate Care for Birds: Understanding PCV (PBFD) *continued*



PCV is a virus that damages feathers, beaks and a bird's immune system. It spreads through infected bird droppings and feather dust, thriving in the environment and resisting many disinfectants. Young birds are particularly vulnerable, especially in regions like Australia where the virus is prevalent. While there is no cure yet, with good care, birds with PCV can live comfortable lives for many years.

One notable case involved a cockatoo at the Bird Vet Clinic in Melbourne, which lived for over 40 years and, despite losing most of its feathers to the virus, it led a comfortable life. However, some birds develop secondary illnesses (or have severe cases) and decisions about euthanasia should be made with careful consideration for the bird's quality of life.

A Compassionate Care Plan:

In my care of Rainbow and Musk Lorikeets with PCV, I've seen significant improvements in their health through a tailored diet rich in vitamins and probiotics. Essential vitamins like D, E, and B7, along with broad-spectrum probiotics, are crucial for birds unable to acquire or produce them naturally. With this regimen, I've witnessed feathers regrow in a matter of months.

Birds with mild PCV, such as those with only feather-related symptoms, deserve a chance at a fulfilling life. While they cannot be released into the wild due to the risk of spreading the virus, they can thrive in a loving home with proper care and a specialized diet.

Key Considerations:

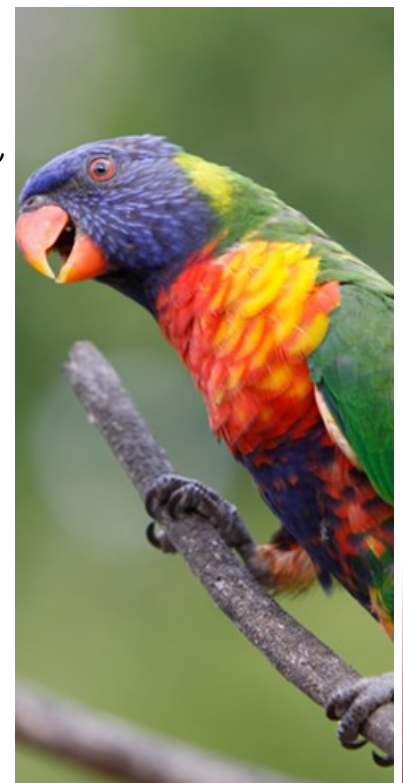
- Infected birds must be kept separate from healthy ones, especially other parrot species.
- Tailored diets are essential for managing PCV symptoms.
- Each case should be evaluated individually, prioritizing the bird's quality of life.

A Call to Action:

I aspire to collaborate with veterinarians and research organizations to improve survival rates and explore proactive measures to combat PCV. If you're interested in joining this initiative or supporting it in any way, please reach out.

Let's work together to provide compassionate care and a brighter future for birds affected by PCV.

Written by Marcus



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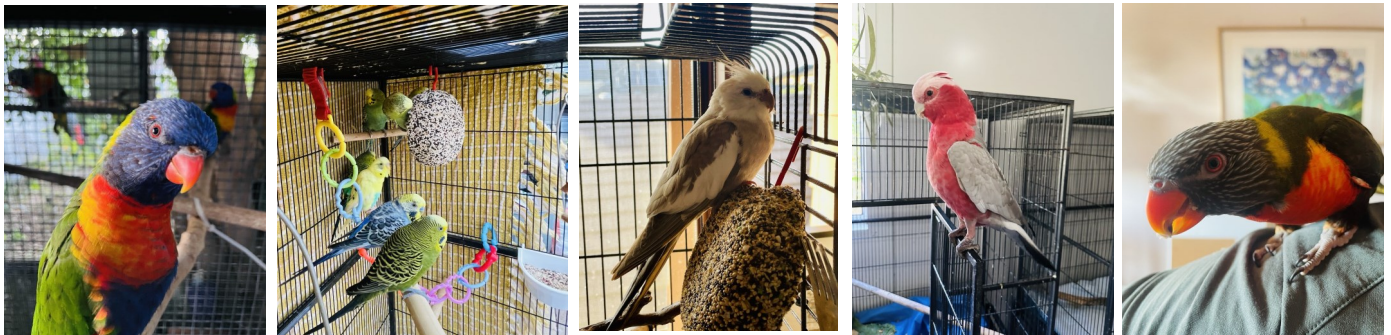
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Welcome to Treehouse Adoptions: Giving Birds a Second Chance!

At Treehouse Adoptions, we collaborate with rescue organisations and carers to find new homes for birds that can't be released back into the wild or returned to their original homes. Our goal is to give these birds a fresh start and a happy life.

Our Philosophy and Commitment

We emphasise the importance of education, offering resources and guidance to help our adopters be well-prepared for their new companions. By educating our community, we aim to promote the wellbeing of birds and ensure happy, lasting relationships between birds and their new families.



Adopting from Treehouse Adoptions means giving a bird a second chance. We stand by our philosophy of "Adopt, Don't Shop," supporting responsible pet ownership and reducing the number of birds in need of homes. Every adoption helps us continue our mission and promotes the ethical treatment of birds

Join Us in Our Mission

We've helped rehome a variety of birds, including lorikeets, budgies, cockatiels, galahs, canaries and more. Each bird has a unique story and personality, and we take care in matching them with the right homes. Seeing a bird thrive in its new environment is incredibly rewarding and motivates us daily.

We invite you to join us in giving these birds the second chance they deserve. Follow us on Facebook at Treehouse Adoptions (www.facebook.com/treehouseadoptions) and share our page with your friends and family. Your support helps us continue our work and raise awareness about bird adoption. By engaging with our content and sharing our posts, you can help us reach more potential adopters and supporters.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of our journey. Your involvement has been crucial in finding homes for these wonderful birds. Together, we can make a difference, one bird at a time.



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Controversial Issues! - Why is the Human Race the cruellest species on the planet?



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FREE AFTERNOON TEA TO HELP THE DUCKS

Everyone is invited to drop in for some free (almost free) afternoon tea.

Where: Payneham Library Complex, 2 Turner St Felixstow

When: Sunday June 30, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

June 30 marks the last day of this year's duck shooting season. We want it to be the last duck shooting **EVER**.

Unfortunately the Labor government is not listening to us. We have been told by a senior Labor figure that a ban on duck shooting is unlikely to happen before the 2026 election because they don't think there are votes in it.

We have to change their minds. That's why we are starting a campaign of individual letter writing. That's the cost of the afternoon tea -- writing a paragraph to your MP (paper provided, help available).

Please drop in any time during the afternoon, bring a friend. Just make sure you let me know that you are coming so that we have enough cake for everyone. Email suzanne.pope@gmail.com



Mountain ducks mate for life. Don't let a shooter come between them.



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Give her a **voice**
in the Supreme
Court.

Support our world-first legal case



Animals Australia are about to walk into the Supreme Court of Victoria to challenge the legality of one of the cruellest methods of slaughtering pigs in the world today.

This is a **global test case** that could have broad-reaching ramifications for millions of animals.

Every day in Australia, more than 12,500 pigs suffocate in gas chambers. As carbon dioxide fills the air, their **eyes and lungs burn**. It can take up to a minute for pigs to lose consciousness - an **excruciating** minute of gasping for breath that never comes.

Gas chamber slaughter is painful and terrifying. And as we will argue before a Supreme Court Judge—it is also illegal.

The people exposing animal cruelty are being suedHow is this being allowed to happen?

The [Farm Transparency Project](#) risk their **freedom and safety** to capture heartbreaking animal cruelty in Australian farms.

During the public hearings for the inquiry in pig welfare, Chris Delforce was questioned on the illegal nature of their work.

"We know what we do is illegal, we know that we are breaking the law. But unlike the Australian Pork industry we are fully transparent about what we do and why.

We think the cruelty to that animal should be considered a worse crime, than jumping a fence to film it. "The Government should do the job of animal activists themselves, instead of punishing them more and more heavily. Fines for animal activists trespassing on farms have **doubled** under the guise of biosecurity - in reality they are trying to hide cruelty from the public who deserve to know the truth about their food.

Activists exposing cruelty led to the Victorian parliamentary inquiry into the welfare of farmed pigs.

Activists exposing cruelty led to the pig industry's voluntary commitment (**which they still haven't met**) to phase out all sow stalls.

Activists exposing cruelty led to law changes for many other animals across the state and country.

And they are only just getting started.

Together we can push for meaningful change for these animals - if we don't stand up for them, who will?




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Controversial Issues! continued



Kangaroos are the victims of the largest commercial slaughter of wildlife on the planet.

Every night across Australia kangaroos are brutally killed when no one is watching.

Kangaroos are hunted, terrorised, maimed, wounded, shot and killed. Baby kangaroos are bashed to death on bull bars or left to die a slow lonely death without their mother – all to make a pair of shoes. As one of the largest buyers of kangaroo skin, Adidas is driving this killing.

Why Adidas?


We know tackling export markets is harming the kangaroo industry, despite the continued support from recalcitrant state and federal governments.


Adidas is a major purchaser of kangaroo skin to make high-end soccer boots. Recently there has been amazing progress with big brands like Nike and Puma ditching kangaroo leather.

It's now time for Adidas to make a responsible corporate decision.

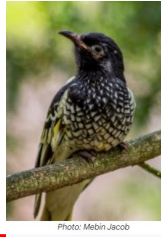
We know there are better alternatives available, so there's simply no excuse for Adidas to keep fuelling the world's largest mammalian wildlife trade.

Help us keep the pressure on and demand Adidas stop using kangaroos for shoes.





Nature needs us, now



That's why it is devastating that the homes of our precious wildlife are being destroyed.

Bulldozing bush and forests only pushes our wildlife closer to the brink of extinction. But you can help uncover habitat destruction, and help stop it before it's too late.

Take our beautiful Regent honeyeaters; these gorgeous, nomadic birds follow blossoming trees searching for nectar and other plant sugars to feed on. A favourite fun fact about them is they sometimes come down to the ground to bathe in puddles or pools – imagine seeing that in the wild!

We know that Australia is home to incredible wildlife found nowhere else on Earth. How lucky are we to have so many unique and beautiful animals like our koalas, greater gliders and pink cockatoos around us?



ANDSome Positive News—
but not for South Australia which is lagging behind the rest of Australia in Animal Welfare.

Thousands of dedicated supporters have demanded better for dingoes over the last year- thank you!





The Victorian government has **revoked** the 'unprotection order' that they only recently extended, which allowed native dingoes to be killed on public and private land throughout Victoria.

This means that **one of the most vulnerable dingo populations in the State's north west will no longer be poisoned, trapped or shot** by land managers or under the government-run killing scheme. Today, we breathe a sigh of relief for the very few dingoes left in this part of Victoria.

The Government has faced increasing scrutiny since a shocking investigation by *Defend the Wild* uncovered the **cruel but legal mistreatment of dingoes** in Victoria. The overwhelming pressure that followed from dedicated supporters, who demanded better for this long-suffering species, hurled their plight into the public sphere and firmly onto the Government's agenda.

For a Government to mandate non-lethal solutions is a monumental step forward that finally acknowledges that wildlife should be protected in their natural environments, which are under constant threat from humans. Farmers will be supported to seek kinder ways to co-exist with dingoes.

Animals Australia's legal case was to be the first of its kind in the State for dingoes, seeking to have the 2023 'unprotection order' revoked. And yesterday, only a week out from the trial date, the Government made a decision to do just that.



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