



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

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to thank you for all your hard work and dedication throughout the year.



As we look forward to 2025, we are hoping to obtain approval to issue Taxation Receipts for all donations. To this end, our Committee has applied to the Australian Taxation Office for DGR (Deductible Gift Recipient) approval.

Before this approval can be granted by the ATO we must make some changes to the SANAR Constitution. To make any changes to our constitution we need to hold a 'Special Meeting' for our members to vote on / approve these changes. The updated Constitution with necessary changes, plus some general updates, has already been sent out to all members for approval/voting, either by Email vote to the secretary@sanar.org.au by 12pm (noon) on Saturday 7 December 2024, or by personal vote at the venue—the Adelaide Koala and Wildlife Centre, 282 Anzac Hwy Plumpton, between 10am and 12 noon on Saturday 7 December 2024.

The ATO has only given us until the 19th December 2024 to have these changes approved by our members.

The Committee looks forward to your email votes or your attendance at the Adelaide Koala and Wildlife Centre on Saturday 7 December 2024..

Regards
Nuria
Chairperson

AVAILABILITY OVER CHRISTMAS

If you are currently on call for rescues but will not be available over Christmas, please ensure you advise the Membership Officer the dates you will be unavailable. Also, if you have been off call but are now available, please advise the Membership Officer: At email: membership@sanar.org.au

Thank you



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TRAINING

New 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.



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Adelaide
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Centre

A message from the Adelaide Koala and Wildlife Centre

AKAWC Christmas/New Year Closure and Changes for 2025

The AKAWC will be closed for the Christmas and New Year break from 4pm Friday 20th December 2024.

The Centre plans to re-open on Monday 6th January 2025 and will be operating in a temporary set up and with skeleton resources whilst some restructures and renovations take place.

A review of recent financials has resulted in the Centre needing to seriously reconsider the most cost effective and efficient ways to operate. The cost of running a professional, high standard veterinary clinic providing free care and services is extensive. We receive no government, corporate or ongoing financial support to be able to deliver this. To ensure we are maximising our efficiencies and to reduce our reliance on financial support from the Hutt Family, there will be changes to our premises in 2025. We are looking to consolidate and merge some of our spaces with our sister clinic, Plympton Vet, as well as working together more closely with their nursing and vet team to deliver care to wildlife in the most cost efficient manner possible.

Whilst things will look different from the outside, we assure you the work happening behind the scenes will remain largely unchanged. Our aim is to ensure we can continue to provide free veterinary services to wildlife for as long as possible.

We thank the wider team, rescuers and carers for your support and patience during this time of transition and as we navigate through these changes ourselves.

We will do our best to keep everyone updated as changes occur but please feel free to pop into the centre or chat with any of the AKAWC team if you have any questions.



Please find attached link to the Behind the Scenes [Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital Impact Video 2024](#)



The Australian Firefighters Animal Calendar is the perfect gift for birthdays, Christmas or any other occasion to show someone how much you care or, better still, spoil yourself! (29cm x 24cm (11.42" x 9.45").

The Australian Firefighters Organization has kindly donated a quantity of their 2025 Animal Calendar to SANAR to sell to raise funds for the ongoing care of our native wildlife. All proceeds will go to pay for food, vet treatment and species specific housing.

Calendars Cost \$20 and are available from the following SANAR Members (while stocks are available):

- Nuria Solsona - Clovelly Park - email: chairperson@sanar.org.au
- Kimberley Raoux - Blackwood - email: admin@sanar.org.au
- Charlotte Faulhaber - Hallett Cove - email: secretary@sanar.org.au
- Dina DeRuyter- Flagstaff Hill - email: policy@sanar.org.au
- Jean Smith - Seacliff Park - email: newsletter@sanar.org.au



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Rescue Car Kit

\$40.00 (excluding delivery)

SANAR's Car Rescue Kit has initially been created for members of the public and includes items and a booklet that are essential to allow them to rescue sick, injured or orphaned native wildlife from anywhere, in any situation (roads or hiking). Their ease of size and weight ensure that they can be easily stored in a car boot, or under a car seat. The Booklet contains information about the different native wildlife species and how to assist them, if it is safe to do so.



Including contact information for other organizations and to seek assistance or further advice prior to rescuing.

The Kit is, of course, available to members, but carers will probably already have the necessary rescue items. It may also make a nice Christmas gift for family and friends.

The Rescue Kit contains: Barricade Tape, Cardboard Box, Dressing, Gloves, Hand Sanitizer, Hand Towel, Hand Warmer, Hi Viz Vest, Medical Gloves, Notepad, Pen, Pillow Case, Pliers, Pouches (small and large), Safety Pins x2, Scissors

*Design and materials are subject to change due to availability

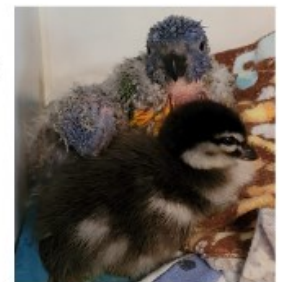
Place your order by Email to admin@sanar.org.au



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This booklet goes into some details for the following points:

- Content of Kit
- Contact Informations
- Stopping to help - Safety first
- Marsupial Rescue Info
 - Gender checking
 - Pouch checking
 - Adult Kangaroo
 - Adult Koala
 - Adult Possum
- Reptiles
 - Lizards
 - Turtles
 - Snakes
- Birds
 - First steps
 - How to Rescue
 - What to do
- Please keep watch for these facts
- Posters
 - Not all babies are fledglings
 - So you found a baby bird! Now What?!
 - Heat-stress in Wildlife
 - Heat-stress in Birds
- Our Supporters



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All information and images contained in this booklet are the property of SANAR unless otherwise stated.

All provided information is intended as a guide and it is recommended that you call a wildlife rescue organisation for further support.



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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Food for Wildlife at Special Prices

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

Just a reminder that our suppliers are closed over Christmas: Please place your orders by 16th December 2024. Suppliers reopen on the 6th of January 2025.

HELP NEEDED TO ANSWER SANAR'S PHONE LINES. Our phone line/s are the front line of communication with the public. We coordinate rescues for injured and orphaned animals and birds. Our phone lines are very busy—**CAN YOU HELP?**—We provide full training for this important role. You work from your home with your own phone. If you believe you can help, please email Nuria at chairperson@sanar.org.au to have a chat.

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 (Apple or Android) 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.

Please make yourself aware

Fruit Fly

restrictions are in force in infected areas

Please visit: https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/fruit_fly_in_sa/fruit_fly_outbreaks

Metropolitan outbreak of Queensland fruit fly in Salisbury North—**End date 5 February 2025**

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)

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WILD TALK
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.



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From the Editor

Wishing you all a very Happy and Safe Christmas Season.

Due to the very busy Spring season—which is still ongoing, SANAR’s Carers have not had time to write any current articles on their rescues. I am therefore including some historical stories and articles which I hope you will find entertaining and interesting reading.

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



Why baby owls actually sleep like this



Yes it’s true. Baby owls really do sleep on their stomachs. Here’s why. Warning: This may be the most adorable thing you’ll see...

Ok so we’ve all seen adult owls sleeping bolt upright, trying to camouflage in trees. But here’s the thing. They didn’t always rest that way...

Why they do it!

It actually comes back to that very cute but very large head of theirs. You see, because an owlet (baby owl) can’t support the weight of their enormous head, they need to sleep flat on their stomachs with their head off to the side so they can breathe. Even from a young age, their huge head is all about detecting sound and vision making them incredibly cute but also making a practical sleeping position a necessity.

It’s also incredibly necessary that I show these pictures of these owlets plank sleeping. Don’t worry...it’s normal to not be able to deal with this cuteness.

Oh and baby owlets also show an incredibly high level of REM sleep. Meaning they dream even more than adult owls do... Wild!

by **DR. CHRIS BROWN**



This echidna is allergic to the strangest thing

Just when you thought a touch of hay fever was annoying, wait until you hear what Matilda is allergic to. She might be the unluckiest echidna on earth...

After being rescued as a tiny puggle (baby echidna) following the loss of her mum, keepers at Healesville Sanctuary near Melbourne noticed something strange about the spiky youngster. Every time they tried to wean her onto her regular diet of ants, her eyes would puff up and her skin would go red raw. Finally, a dermatologist confirmed that she was the one in a million marsupial. This so called spiny anteater was allergic to...ants.

Thankfully, given the logistical challenges of a spiky echidna living in a bubble, help was at hand. The ‘sharpest’ minds have concocted an ant vaccine for her. With regular shots to desensitise her, Matilda is now able to put ants and termites back on her meal time menu. **by DR. CHRIS BROWN**



Can you guess who did THIS?!

This eucalyptus tree on the Gold Coast was chewed through in less than 2 hours. But can you guess which Aussie animal favourite is responsible? You might be surprised. Hint: They were looking for food...

The answer? It’s actually a yellow tailed black cockatoo searching for grubs hiding deep inside. Yes, that very vocal visitor to the coast during the winter months is armed with a powerful beak and clearly isn’t afraid to use it. Trust me, as a



vet, my fingers know this only too well.

While sulphur crested cockatoos are more commonly associated with some crafty timber carpentry (well...demolition), black cockatoos find the lure of a protein rich grub (like a caterpillar) hard to pass up. They typically balance this out with the seed pods from coastal banksia trees. Either way, at least it explains a rather intense piece of food preparation...**by DR. CHRIS BROWN**

(Images: Chris Shipman)



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Controversial Issues! - Inhumane Humans



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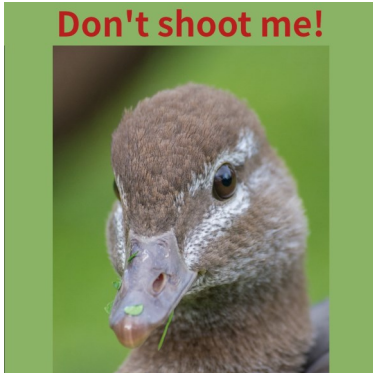
KEEP UP THE PRESSURE TO BAN DUCK SHOOTING

A message from Suzanne Pope, President SAFA (suzanne.pope@gmail.com)

Please take just 5 minutes to help stop the massacre of our native ducks. Send an email to premier@sa.gov.au and write just **one sentence** why YOU want him to ban this cruelty. **The only way we can achieve our goals is if lots of voters make their views known to him.** Let's face it, votes are what they care about.

There are so many reasons for a ban.

1. **Cruelty.** The Australian Veterinary Association calls duck shooting "inhumane" because the use of shotguns causes unnecessary pain and suffering. The RSPCA says the same, and both want duck shooting banned.
2. **Community expectations.** Most South Australians don't support duck shooting.
3. **SA is behind the times.** WA banned duck shooting in 1990 and NSW and Qld have since followed suit. Why is SA so behind?
4. **Spreading deadly bird flu.** It is only a matter of time before migratory shorebirds bring the bird flu variant H5N1 2.3.4.4 into Australia -- antibodies have already been found in a migratory red-necked stint, so infection of local birds is bound to occur. This variant has killed tens of thousands of birds overseas, and now exists on all continents including Antarctica. **It will arrive in Australia!** Ducks get infected but unlike many other species they do not develop symptoms.



They are ideal spreaders of virus through their faeces in the water.

The Biodiversity Council and other major conservation organisations have said that preparedness for the arrival of the virus involves preventing wildlife disturbance and viral transmission, "including appropriate restrictions on **recreational hunting of native waterbirds or tourism.**"

PLEASE, PLEASE stand up for the ducks by sending just one heartfelt sentence to the Premier. A small price to pay to stop so much suffering.

The Adelaide Vegan Festival is on in Rundle Park Adelaide this Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December from 11am to 5pm.

Herewith is a [petition against duck shooting](#), to be featured at the Vegan Festival on the AL and AJP stalls.

This year there were 860 SA duck shooters, so we absolutely have to get more signatures than that.

Ways to help

1. Print the petition and get everyone you know, family, friends, work colleagues, your book club, etc to sign. Then get the form to the Vegan Festival to be completed and collected.
2. If you go to the Vegan Festival next weekend, go to the AL/AJP stalls to sign the petition and encourage everyone you know to do the same.
3. **Is there anyone who could wander around with a clipboard to ask people to sign, eg stall holders, around the stage and people sitting around. This would greatly increase the number. Please let me know if you can help!**

**Animals
Australia**
for a kinder world

The fight to Stop the illegal gassing of pigs

It will be some weeks before we have a judgment as to whether our case to challenge the cruel gassing of pigs will proceed to trial.

our recent hearing required us to respond to a challenge by the defendants about our 'authority to sue', or our 'standing'.



As an animal protection legal expert, I'm used to hearing some mind-boggling interpretations of the law, but I must say, this one had me baffled.

An [article in Fairfax papers titled "Test case could spell the end of abattoir gas chambers"](#) summarised the key arguments so far, including this from the King's Counsel for the regulator:

"This is after all, your honour, about the killing of animals for food... It is not only not about animal welfare ... it's antithetical to animal welfare, and I don't shy away from the unpleasantness of that. We all have to live with the reality that those of us who eat meat require that animals be killed for that process, and it's not a pleasant process."

For now, we wait for the Judge's ruling which will inform our next steps.



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A message from the CEO Animals Australia

BRING ANIMALS OUT OF THE SHADOWS



Her suffering is hidden, but it is real. Be her hope this Christmas.

In a dark, crowded shed, at the end of a dusty road, a baby chick wakes up. She is just two weeks old– with yellow fluffy feathers, a sensitive pale orange beak, and tiny sparkling eyes that take a moment to adjust to the low light. Her feet scratch on the filthy ground as she pushes through the masses of other chickens– thousands, just like her – to get to the feeding station.

In just a few short weeks, she will be killed to fulfil consumer demand for ‘cheap chicken’.



Her suffering may be hidden - but it is very real.

While we enjoy Christmas with family and friends, animals are trapped in factory farms across Australia. They will live and die in the shadows, because the meat and egg industries rely on caring people like you not knowing how animals are treated.

We want to share the truth about factory farming on television screens, billboards, buses, trams and online over summer. This is to show caring Australians what life is really like for animals hidden in the shadows. If people knew what - or who - was on their supermarket shelves, they would likely make a different, kinder choice.

Chickens bred for their meat have been engineered to grow explosively fast, making walking and standing painful and difficult for most chickens. This is common across all farming systems whether factory farmed, free range or RSPCA Approved.

But we need your help.

Across Australia, millions of chickens bred for their meat will live short, painful lives hidden in factory farms this Christmas. At the age of six weeks old – still baby birds but in adult bodies - they will be killed to meet consumer demand for a quick meal.

Chickens are not the only ones who suffer in factory farms– pigs, hens, ducks and turkeys are just some of the animals who will live and die in the shadows this Christmas, to make ‘products’ for the meat and egg industries.

The little chick from that factory farm was one of the lucky ones. Her name is Bigs.

Luckily for Bigs, that morning she woke up at two weeks old would be the day her life changed forever. She was rescued from a life of suffering, to be given a second chance – a chance to dust bathe in the garden, to discover and enjoy new favourite foods (like pumpkin!), and to make friends.

Bigs has been given a chance to live. Now she’s showing the world what life should be like outside the confines of the factory farm.

Bigs has been given a life all chickens deserve. This Christmas she will be enjoying her favourite foods and spending time with her friends, like senior dog Bodhi!

Bigs’ life is a reminder that while you cannot see animals trapped in factory farms, they are in there. They exist.

These animals need us to be their hope for a kinder world. They need us to know their reality. [With your help](#), we can bring animals out of the shadows this Christmas.




Glenys Oogjes
CEO



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