



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 would like to thank those members who attended the AGM on 28 July, in Glandore. We had a successful and informative meeting.

As applications for our 2024/2025 Committee were within the number permitted by our Constitution, there was no need for members to vote and all applications were accepted.

We are now well into our busy Spring season, and I encourage everyone who has not had a call for a while to check if they are "on call" for rescues and care. We are always in need of carers for birds and possums. If you have received training or are working with a mentor, have your aviary set up and are able to commit to the care of our wildlife please make sure that you are registered as an "on call" member. You will need to have, or be in the process of applying for, a Wildlife Carer Permit to care for animals; there may be an experienced carer who is in your area who can help and assist you gain experience to be able to apply for a permit if you do not have one. Please send an email to membership@sanar.org.au.

Regards

Nuria

Chairperson

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WIRES has offered SANAR members Online Training Courses at very reasonable prices.

If you are interested in attending any of the courses listed in the link

herewith, please complete the application form and submit to WIRES.

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

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

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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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Animal Records -In order to comply with DEW requirements, to enable us to purchase food for wildlife at special prices and apply for grants, Carers will need to fill out the animals in their care form available on the SANAR Website—Members -<https://sanativeanimalrescue.org.au/sanar-login/member/animal-records/>

Food for Wildlife at Special Prices

To obtain food for wildlife at special prices, please contact Kimberley 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

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 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 81244972.

RENEWED WILDLIFE CARER PERMITS

Those Carers who have renewed their Wildlife Carer Permits are reminded that they should email their renewed permit details to: membership@sanar.org.au

Animal Containers

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

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.

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



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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Blackwood High School Wellness Week

On Tuesday the 10th of September a few of our members visited Blackwood High school as part of their wellness week activities. The five of us received a warm welcome from the teenage students. The kids were fascinated about the different sorts of animals that we look after and asked lots of questions about the food we feed them and how we release them back into the wild. Nuria even got asked to assist with a juvenile pigeon that was in the car park. She was able to assess the pigeon was in good condition and able to explain the difference between a fledgling and a baby bird and that the parents were still there teaching it how to fly and to eat on its own.



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Weekend of 10 and 11 August at Edwardstown Bunnings

SANAR had a full weekend at the Edwardstown Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.



We had an abundance of volunteers for both days which was fantastic, everyone enjoyed each others company and loved contributing to our fundraising efforts.

Thank you to everyone who helped, both days, and those members and friends who came to see us.

Charlotte, our Secretary, has put in a request for the Bunnings 2025 Sausage Sizzle roster, so

hopefully we will be assigned more 'sausage sizzle' opportunities next year.

The sausages supplied by Marie and Bernard are always the absolute best, being made by Coromandel Butchers and, as always, Bernard cooks the juiciest onions.

It was extremely busy both days and we sold out of food by 3.30pm each day.

The amount of food sold over the 2 days:

Sausages 95kg
Loaves of Bread 69
Onions 37kg
Drinks 246

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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WHY WE NEED POSSUM BOXES



The common brushtail (*Trichosurus vulpecula*) and its cousin the common ringtail (*Pseudocheirus peregrinus*) are considered annoying pests by many Australians, however they are protected species under the **Wildlife Act 1975**, and yet booming populations of brushtails and ringtails in and around many of our cities tell an extraordinary story of survival when set against the backdrop



of severe population decline and near-extinction for some of our possum species.

Climate change, forest fires, floods, predation by cats, dogs and foxes, road trauma, and habitat destruction/land clearing have all had an impact on possum survival. The removal of their natural habitats and predation are to blame for many of these common species moving into urban areas.

In recent decades, already restricted habitats of Adelaide have been further degraded by rapid suburban encroachment, pushing the isolated species onto the endangered list.

So what can we do?

We need to learn to share. Whilst some Australian city-dwellers might find brushtail possums annoying, it is unsurprising that these highly adaptable animals are right at home in an environment we have unintentionally created to suit both us and them.

They will happily feast by night on everything from rosebuds and magnolia flowers to unattended pet food and, by day, consider unprotected roof cavities the perfect city properties. But, although common brushtails and ringtails are now thriving in cities beyond the urban fringe and into their supposed natural habitats among the open forests and woodlands of Australia.

These possum species are not doing as well as they once did. Again, habitat destruction and increased predation are two of the most likely causes for their demise.

Living in this environmental halfway house seems to benefit some brushtails. Many are bold, nocturnal foragers who venture to houses in search of food. Their diet is more varied than just eucalypt leaves, which might give them a survival edge despite threats from cars, cats, and dogs. So, the next time a family of brushtails scurries across your roof at night or a ringtail nibbles on your roses, try not to feel annoyed.

Instead, consider installing a nesting box for your resident possum, and replace the roses with native plants like Grevilleas and Wattles that both humans and possums can enjoy.

Possums play a crucial role in protecting gum trees by managing mistletoe, a common parasite. They also help control insect populations, as insects are part of their diet. By feeding on gum leaves, possums can promote new growth. These delightful creatures, known for their impressive acrobatics and cute, cuddly appearance, are best appreciated from a distance.

We are lucky to have these animals living in our area. While they are disappearing from the bush, people often complain, "Oh, they're a problem in my roof." It's only when they become rare that people begin to care. As the saying goes, "You don't know what you've got till it's gone."



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An Interesting Fact



The Superb Fairy-wren—An animal Einstein

Superb Fairy-wrens teach their embryonic chicks a secret code. This "incubation call" contains a special note that will later serve as a password. When the chicks have hatched, this password enables the adult birds to identify their babies in the darkness of their domed nest. A species of Australian cuckoo lays its eggs in the wren's nest, hoping to pawn off the task of parenting. But wren chicks learn their mother's song and incorporate the password note into their begging calls.

Fruit Tree Netting Killing Australian Native Wildlife



Please Call A Wildlife Caring Group if you find a native wildlife stuck in Netting!



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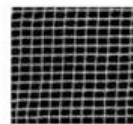
Each year, thousands (1000) of birds and other Australian native wildlife are caught in netting placed on fruit trees, leading to their deaths.

There is a safer way to net your fruit trees which will not impact on the wildlife. It is wildlife friendly netting. By using the correct netting, you can both protect your crops (from hail and the wildlife) and the native wildlife (from getting caught).

Most Hardware stores sell Wildlife Friendly Netting.

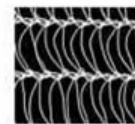
The easiest way to know if it is wildlife friendly is if you are able to poke your finger through the holes in the net. If you can, then it is not!

Here are 3 options that are Wildlife Friendly!



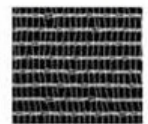
Fruitsaver

2 sizes are available for
small and medium
trees



Hail Guard

6m rolls



Vege Net

2 sizes are available
(6m x 10m & 6m x
20m)

Correct Method to Net a Fruit Tree!!



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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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 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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Spring is Upon Us—Swooping Magpies

It's that time of year again when a number of bird species will swoop unsuspecting humans whilst trying to protect their babies and nests.

So, as carers and/or animal lovers please be kind to these parents just trying to look after their offspring. This behaviour generally only lasts for a few weeks, although everyone (including birds) is confused by the unseasonal weather we have experienced over recent months and baby bird season started unusually early this year and is still continuing.

Magpies are one of the offending species. 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. So, it is better to make friends than enemies.



Credit Dr Chris Brown

A strange thing happened on the way to the park recently:

I visited my local dog park with my dogs. There is a resident family of magpies that live in this park. I have never seen them bother people or dogs visiting this park. However, one regular dog loves to run around barking at the swallows that constantly swoop him. The magpie dad knows the only dog that torments the birds is this one dog.

So Magpie Dad decided he didn't accept this dog's antics and decided to continually swoop this naughty dog. There were at least another 6 dogs in the park, both big and small, but none of them were swooped by Magpie Dad. Naughty dog's owner had to come to her dog's rescue until Magpie Dad had got his message across.

So, this incident goes to show how intelligent Magpies are.

Please don't kidnap juvenile magpies.

Another important magpie fact is that they teach their juvenile offspring to feed from the ground. So, if you see what you believe to be an orphaned baby magpie, please observe it over some time to ensure its parents are not around protecting and feeding it, before attempting a rescue. Obviously if it a baby nestling rather than a juvenile, it may have fallen from its nest in which case it will need to be rescued. Magpies generally have their nests very high up in the trees, so it is not usually possible to return them to their nest.

Department for Environment and Water Media Release

In July 2023, the Department for Environment and Water made a media release about the all new Koala State number plates.

They are available to be purchased for \$151; \$50 from each plate sale is put towards supporting South Australia's wildlife rescue and rehabilitation sector by using this money as a grant.

The original media release was held at SKER (Southern Koala and Echidna Rescue) at their property in Onkaparinga Hills.

DEW have now started the South Australian Rehabilitation Grants Program with the money received from the plates. The grant is currently open, and DEW sent an email to all permit holders. Closing date for the grant is 25 October 2024.

Mish Simpson, from SKER, was asked to invite representatives from Wildlife United SA (WUSA) to attend the media release on 20 September 2024, to promote this grant.

Our WUSA representatives, Charlotte Faulhaber and Dina DeRuyter attended, with Rena and Justin from WWO and Mish Simpson from SKER. The Hon Susan Close, MP and Erin Thompson, Local Member attended. Unfortunately, media themselves did not attend as there was a priority media release for another MP, which unfortunately took precedence.

It was a great meeting, Susan and Erin showed a genuine interest in the wildlife sector and were happy to see the non-releasable Wombat that Mish had with her as well as the Echidna and koalas currently in her care. Charlotte and Dina had some joey possums that were due for feeding during that time and Erin Thompson delighted in holding them for a short while.

Susan Close's PR person took a short video for her social page to promote the number plates and grant.

[Link to SA Koala State Video](#)



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Controversial Issues! - Inhumane Humans

Cruelty to animals

The [Animal Welfare Act 1985](#) (SA) prohibits cruelty to all animals. An animal is defined as a member of any species of the sub-phylum vertebrata, other than human beings and fish.

Ill treatment of animals is prohibited and a [maximum penalty](#) of \$20,000 or a term of up to 2 years of imprisonment applies. If a person intends or is reckless about whether their ill treatment causes serious harm to, or the death of an animal, the maximum penalty is a fine of up to \$50,000 or a term of up to 4 years imprisonment.

These statements from peak animal welfare bodies

Australian Veterinary Association Policy

"The hunting of waterfowl using shotguns is opposed, as it often causes unnecessary pain and suffering to the birds."

RSPCA Australia

"The RSPCA opposes recreational duck hunting due to the inherent and inevitable pain and suffering caused. Recreational duck hunting should be banned in all Australian states and territories."



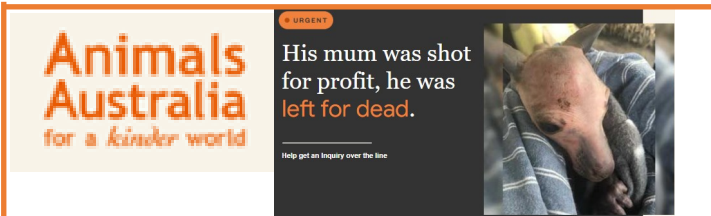
A message from Suzanne Pope, President SAFA and duckling carer

Hello carers,
Each spring I raise ducklings who become separated from their mothers. You all know the time and effort and love that goes into caring for wildlife, especially at this time of year.

I am also an advocate trying to stop activities that harm our wildlife, in particular, recreational duck and quail shooting. The last thing we want is for the animals we have so lovingly cared for to grow up to be shot for someone's sport

I hope you can be a voice for defenceless ducks and quail.

See <https://www.facebook.com/SouthAussiesForAnimals/>



Kangaroos and their babies are in **danger** in South Australia, and they **URGENTLY** need your help!

Every night in SA these precious native animals are being violently shot and bludgeoned in their thousands.

The first interaction Felix had with humans was a terrifying one. It's also one shared by many joeys in South Australia.

From the safety of his mum's pouch he heard the shot fired, then felt her fall to the ground and take her last breath. Under current 'laws', the shooter who killed her should then have killed him. But instead, he survived, thanks to the quick action of caring people who knew he deserved to live.

Most joeys across the state won't survive a kangaroo shoot [and they desperately need our help.](#)

Did you know that the South Australian state government **strips the protections from over half a million kangaroos and wallabies each year**, so they can be killed as part of the commercial trade, or at a land manager's request? This figure doesn't even include joeys like Felix.

They are merely the collateral damage that the SA Government and industry prefer the caring community like us didn't know about.



Under the national code of practice, kangaroo joeys can be bludgeoned, beheaded or shot when their mothers are killed by shooters.

But thanks to a growing number of compassionate advocates, there is a push to not only bring this cruelty to light, [but also to urge governments to end it.](#)

Recently, a motion was raised in SA Parliament calling for a Government Inquiry into the shooting of Kangaroos in the state. Greens MP Tammy Franks boldly spoke up for these gentle animals in her speech, highlighting the suffering that is inherent to kangaroo shooting, and the need for greater scrutiny into shooting that occurs under the cover of darkness with no effective oversight.

She also questioned whether a national code that allows shooters to bludgeon and decapitate terrified joeys is even fit for purpose in 2024 – a question that advocates across the country have been demanding answers to for years. **But for an Inquiry to go ahead, the motion needs support to pass.**

Will you take a moment for joeys like Felix and urge your MP to support this important Inquiry?

SEND A QUICK EMAIL NOW

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Controversial Issues! continued



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Help shine a much-needed light on the dark practice of kangaroo killing in SA.

SUPPORT THE INQUIRY

This motion comes at a critical time, as the South Australian Government has now released their draft plan that outlines kangaroo shooting in the state for the next 4 years.

This plan dismally fails to address the inherent cruelty that kangaroo shooting causes, and incredibly, even proposes opening areas of the state's national parks and reserves to shooters. If approved, this could be disastrous for the wildlife who seek safety within this usually protected habitat.

Please join us and help shine a light on the dark and tragic reality of kangaroo shooting in South Australia.

Showing your support is critical to get this over the line. [Can you spare a minute for kangaroos and joeys in SA and urge your MP to support this important Inquiry?](#)



It's Happening next Monday 7 October: The Supreme Court Hearing to stop the illegal gassing of pigs

The people exposing animal cruelty are being suedHow is this being allowed to happen? Tell the Victorian government to protect pigs!

In June, the pig welfare inquiry report was released, making 18 recommendations to the government which included banning some of the most cruel and outdated practices used in Victorian piggeries.

In July, we contacted the Minister to see if she would be willing to meet with our team at FTP, so we could share the experiences we have had investigating Victorian piggeries over the past decade.

Last month, the Victorian Minister for Agriculture, Ros Spence, chose to cancel a meeting with our team, less than 24 hours before it was scheduled to take place. In this meeting, we intended to ask the minister what she plans to do about the suffering of animals in Victorian farms and slaughterhouses, which we have revealed over the past year.

She refused to meet with us, so we've decided to go straight to her.

On Tuesday, October 8th a rally will be held at Ros Spence's electorate office in Craigieburn, Victoria

Can't join in person? [Take part in the online action](#) by calling and emailing Ms Spence's offices and showing your support on social media.

Show that you support a kinder world for pigs by posting a photo of yourself on social media holding a sign with the following message: Ros Spence - You've been shown the true [#PriceofPork](#)

Create a legacy of kindness and act to [#ProtectVictorianPigs](#)

Make sure to tag [@jacintaallanmp](#) [@rossspencemp](#) and [@victorianlabor](#)

We will be calling the offices of Agriculture Minister Ros Spence during the rally, asking her to commit to implementing all 18 recommendations made by the inquiry in full, and sever ties with Australian Pork Limited, who have shown they have more interest in protecting the pork industries brand than protecting the pigs it exploits.

Taking part is easy and you can join the action from anywhere in Australia. All you have to do is call the number provided below and ask if the Victorian Labor government will commit to implementing the recommendations made by the parliamentary inquiry into pig welfare.

Phone: (03) 8377 4477

Email: ros.spence@parliament.vic.gov.au

Thank you for helping us stand up for pigs!



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