



Wildlife Whispers

Upcoming Training Courses

All courses are held at HWR Centre, 1 Wetlands Place Shortland (unless otherwise stated)

Members: \$10
2nd Family Membership: \$5
Non Members: \$35

Introduction to Rescue and Rehabilitation and Hand Rearing of Macropods

.....14 July 2019 9am - 3.30pm
'Caring for Kangaroos & Wallabies \$10'

Introduction to Rescue and Rehabilitation and Hand Rearing of Wombats

.....28 July 2019 9am - 4.30pm
.....Manual Cost: \$30
.....Course Cost: \$25

This will be held at the Wollombi Community Hall with Guest Speaker Shirley Lack. Shirley has over 40 years experience caring for Wombats.

Please bring correct change on the day to purchase the manual.

Introduction to Hunter Wildlife Rescue

.....10 August 2019 9am - 3pm
.....Free to new members

Introduction to Rescue and Rehabilitation of Gliders

.....25 August 2019 9am - 3pm
.....Manual Cost: tba

Introduction to Rescue and Rehabilitation of Baby Birds

.....29 September 2019 9am - 4pm
.....Manual Cost: tba

To register
email Training Form to
training@hunterwildlife.org.au
1 Week before the course date.



Upcoming Events

- 9 July All Day **Children's Discovery Day** at the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens
- 3 August 10am - 12pm Meeting to review **NPWS survey** to agree on improvement opportunities across the Group
- 5 August 10am - 1pm **HWR Mngt Committee** at HWR Centre Wetlands

Welcome to Wildlife Whispers...

Committee Members, Portfolio, Area Coordinators and Species Coordinators have been selected for 2019.

The team is committed in working with you to keep doing what we are doing well and to improve where we are not doing so well! To commence this a meeting has been organised for Saturday 3rd August to review the NPWS Survey results and discuss improvement opportunities. Your attendance is important to contribute to this major milestone in our group enabling continual improvement.

Health & Safety, Mental Health and the NPWS reform requirements are the top items which have been prioritised for this year. More detail and updates will be provided over the coming months.

School holidays commence 6th July, if you are going away please remember to advise your Area Coordinator and the Phonies, Anne 0498 040 541 to update your rescue availability – thanks so much for your continued support!

If you are travelling please keep Safe!

Wonderful Honey for all types of wounds...

- Debrides, nourishes new cell growth & kills bacteria
- Cold Filtered (Field Honey) purchased from an apiarist, local market or roadside stall is direct from bees
- Supermarket honey has been diluted & heated which is not effective on wounds. Don't overspend on Manuka, also heated and less effective than direct from bees
- Honey needs to be applied under a dressing e.g. polyurethane film (tegaderm) or gauze & vetrap
- Dressings must be changed daily

Current Fauna Update

Species	Received	Released
Bandicoots	1	1
Bats	73	59
Birds	1066	653
Dasyurids	1	1
Echidnas	14	12
Frogs	21	21
Koalas	18	17
Macropods	173	43
Native Rodents	0	0
Possums & Gliders	227	142
Reptiles	217	183
Wombats	30	13

Pre- Loved Corner

If you have anything to give-away please contact Chriss Beer on 0407 011 389.

Please be aware the HWR WebSite is undergoing a long needed upgade. During this time you may have difficulty accessing information, please be patient. In particular the members list has been removed due to privacy concerns.



Rescue Baskets have arrived back in the Country!

HWR members \$14 each, normally \$16. Pickup from Millfield only.

Contact: judy@everythingwildlife.com.au
Judy will be at the Macropod course on 14 July where pickup will be available on pre orders.

24 Hour Helpline 0418 628 483 for emergency advice and rescue

We are pleased to announce your HWR Committee Members for 2019

Executive:

- President – Audrey Koosmen
- Vice President – Anne Williams
- Treasurer – Lyn Tolmie
- Secretary – Kate Randolph

General:

- Joan Jones
- Jennifer Nix
- Christine Hill
- Teresa Purnell
- Chriss Beer

Congratulations to our 2019 Area, Species & Portfolio Coordinators

- Bev Marsh
- Sandy Penman
- Margaret Howley
- Michelle Wilkinson
- Judith Fielsen
- Judith Hopper
- Nicole Eadie
- Ann Morgan
- Kim Croft
- Mark Graves
- Jason Hodges
- Chrissy Cabot
- Robyn Cragg
- Peter Jones
- Carole-Ann McGarry
- Christine Hill
- Chriss Beer
- Anne Williams
- Kate Randolph
- Jennifer Nix
- Teresa Purnell
- Audrey Koosmen

"I wish our group nothing but success in the coming year and I have been very proud to act as your president for the past year and hope we all work together in the coming year.

Together we can succeed, together we can make a difference, team playing and networking is needed to ensure our success, I am sure we will."

Audrey Koosmen
HWR President



YellowBlue release takeoff at Hexham Swamp

Immature Black-necked Stork rescued, rehabilitated and released

On 19 May 2018 an emaciated immature Black-necked Stork (*Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus*) was rescued at Tomago within the Hunter Wetlands National Park, it weighed 2.7kg (half the expected weight of a bird of this size). Anne Williams cared for 'YellowBlue' over two months in a large outdoor aviary.

Whilst with Anne YellowBlue ate daily a kilo of fish and/or prawns and squid as well as hunted insects, by 22 June it weighed 3.85kg. YellowBlue was banded to enable identification post release and by 25 July weighed 4kg. At this weight it was released on Hexham Swamp and monitored over a couple of days.

Since its release YellowBlue has been sighted at a number of different locations with the last sighting documented at Myall Quays April 2019 where it appears to have made its home. As most people have no idea the Black-Necked Stork lives this far south, the recent various sightings across Tea Gardens and the Myall Quays areas have been a joy to watch.

National Parks Wildlife Service (NPWS)

2016 Survey Results

Thank you to our members who responded to the survey as it opens opportunities for our group to improve and to keep undertaking the good work we have been recognised for.

This is an extract of what we are doing well, further detail will be provided at the meeting on 3 August.

Survey Detail	Overall Response
Responding to rescue calls	Extremely Very Good
Servicing our Area	Extremely Very Good
Groups training opportunities	Extremely Very Good
Working with other Groups	Very Good
Animal Care Practice	Very to Extremely Good
Compliance to OEH Code of Practice	Extremely Very Good
Monitoring level of care provided to all animals	Extremely Very Good
Communication with the Public	Well
Work with local Vets	Extremely Very Good
Communication and interaction with Vets	Well

Committee Contact Details

Member	Position	Additional Portfolio Positions	Contact
Audrey Koosmen	President	Training, NWC Rep, Media, Disaster Coord, Koala Plan, Vet Liaison, Various Senior Coord	president@hunterwildlife.org.au
Anne Williams	Vice President	Port Stephens Area Coord, Phone Roster, Koala Plan, Food Bank, Various Senior Coord	vicepresidentnatf@gmail.com
Lyn Tolmie	Treasurer		treasurer@hunterwildlife.org.au
Kate Randolph	Secretary	Social Media, NWC Rep	secretary@hunterwildlife.org.au
Joan Jones			0438 548 427
Jennifer Nix		Membership, Social Media	0421 814 257
Christine Hill		West Lake Mac Area Coord, Social Media	0407 778 727
Teresa Purnell		Senior Snake, Lizard, Turtle & Frog Coord	0407 643 039
Chriss Beer		West Lake Mac Area Coord, New Members	0407 011 389

2019 Area and Species Co-Ordinators

Species Co-Ordinators	Senior Species Co-Ordinator	Newcastle	West Lake Macquarie	East Lake Macquarie	Maitland	Cessnock	Paterson	Port Stephens & Surrounds
Area Co-Ordinator			Christine Hill & Chriss Beer		Carole-Ann McGarry	Judith Hopper		Anne Williams
<i>General Birds</i>	Anne Williams				Judith Fielsen			Anne Williams Michelle Wilkinson
<i>Sea Birds</i>	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen		Anne Williams
<i>Raptors</i>	Anne Williams				Anne Williams	Anne Williams		Anne Williams
<i>Parrots</i>	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	Anne Williams		Anne Williams
<i>Possums</i>	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Carole-Ann McGarry	Carole-Ann McGarry	Chrissy Cabot	Nicole Eadie
<i>Gliders</i>	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Carole-Ann McGarry	Carole-Ann McGarry	Chrissy Cabot	Anne Williams
<i>Macropods</i>	Anne Williams	Margret Howley	Margret Howley	Margret Howley	Bev Marsh	Bev Marsh	Chrissy Cabot	Anne Williams
<i>Koalas</i>	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen		Audrey Koosmen
<i>Wombats</i>	Judith Hopper							
<i>Flying Foxes (Adult)</i>	Sandy Penman	Sandy Penman	Sandy Penman	Sandy Penman	Judith Hopper	Judith Hopper		Anne Williams
<i>Flying Foxes (Orphaned)</i>	Anne Williams	Sandy Penman	Ann Morgan	Sandy Penman	Judith Hopper	Judith Hopper		Anne Williams
<i>Microbats</i>	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	Anne Williams		Anne Williams
<i>Monotremes Platypus, Echidnas</i>	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen		Audrey Koosmen
<i>Bandicoots, Dasyurids, Native Rodents</i>	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	Anne Williams		Anne Williams
<i>Quolls</i>	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	Anne Williams		Anne Williams
<i>Lizards</i>	Teresa Purnell	Teresa Purnell	Teresa Purnell	Teresa Purnell	Kim Croft Mark Graves	Kim Croft Mark Graves		Anne Williams Jason Hodges
<i>Turtles</i>	Teresa Purnell	Teresa Purnell	Teresa Purnell	Teresa Purnell	Judith Hopper	Judith Hopper		Anne Williams
<i>Snakes</i>	Teresa Purnell	Teresa Purnell	Teresa Purnell	Teresa Purnell	Kim Croft Mark Graves	Kim Croft Mark Graves		Anne Williams Jason Hodges
<i>Frogs</i>	Teresa Purnell	Teresa Purnell	Teresa Purnell	Teresa Purnell	Anne Williams Jason Hodges	Anne Williams Jason Hodges		Anne Williams Jason Hodges
<i>Marine Sea Turtles</i>	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen	Audrey Koosmen		Audrey Koosmen

2019 Portfolio Positions

Portfolio Position	Member	Primary Details	Portfolio Position	Member	Primary Details
<i>Disaster Co-Ordinator</i>	Audrey Koosmen & Chrissy Cabot	0473 148 771	<i>New Members Support Officer</i>	Christine (Chriss) Beer	0407 011 389
<i>Education Officer</i>	Vacant		<i>Phone Roster Co-Ordinator</i>	Anne Williams	0498 040 541
<i>Fauna Database Officer</i>	Peter Jones	faunadata@hunterwildlife.org.au	<i>Social Media Officer</i>	Kate Randolph, Jennifer Nix, Chris Hill	0422 031 272
<i>Food Bank Co-Ordinator</i>	Anne Williams	0498 040 541	<i>Training Officer</i>	Audrey Koosmen	0473 148 771
<i>Fundraising Officer</i>	Vacant		<i>Uniform Officer</i>	Vacant	
<i>Flyer/Newsletter Officer</i>	Carole-Ann McGarry	Email Secretary with Content	<i>Vet Liaison Officer</i>	Audrey Koosmen	0473 148 771
<i>Media Officer</i>	Audrey Koosmen	0473 148 771	<i>Web Site Co-Ordinator</i>	Robyn Cragg	0409 994 663
<i>Membership Officer</i>	Jennifer Nix	0421 814 257			
<i>NSW Wildlife Council (NWC) Representative</i>	Audrey Koosmen & Kate Randolph	0473 148 771	<i>Port Stephens Koala Plan Management Committee</i>	Audrey Koosmen & Anne Williams	0473 148 771