



# Wildlife Whispers

## Upcoming Training Courses

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

Members: \$10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Family Membership: \$5  
Non Members: \$35

**ALL Courses are postponed and will be reviewed in the coming months**

### Introduction to Hunter Wildlife Rescue....Free to new members

.....14 March 2020 9am - 3pm  
.....16 May 2020 9am - 3pm  
.....23 May 2020 9am - 3pm

**Species Training courses are yet to be scheduled for the Winter months.**

### Advanced Possum & Glider Course

.....17 May 2020 9am - 3.30pm  
For members who have completed the Introductory Possum and Glider course

**Other Advanced Courses are being sourced.**

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



## Welcome to Wildlife Whispers...

### Welcome to 2020!!

December and January were extremely busy with the numerous bushfires and bat drops and it has taken us a couple of months to get back into our routines. Hope you are all well and enjoying the cooler weather!

Thankyou to everyone involved with the black walks and the bat rescues over the past few months. Hunter Wildlife Rescue worked jointly with WINC, Wildlife ARC, FAWNA, Northern Tablelands Carers Network, Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers and Wildlife Rescue Queensland who are caring for ~300 orphan baby flying foxes we were unable to manage due to the volumes and events. During the season we lost in excess of 25,000 flying foxes across the Lower Hunter.

On a lighter note...A warm welcome to our new Members who attended the intro courses during February and March.

A Medicine Supply Guideline has been emailed to all members. Please take a look as the detail will be helpful in reducing your out of pocket expenses.

The Food and Equipment Guideline is being finalised and will be sent to you as soon as possible.

## How do we continue within the constraints...

- Request the public to take fauna to vet clinics.
- If you absolutely need to attend a premise do not go into the premise, request the public to bring the fauna outside and keep to the required distance, do not linger.
- If you are self-isolating &/or cannot leave your house advise your area coordinator to take you off the list.
- Be vigilant and strict to manage your safety, your immediate family and our community.

## Upcoming Events

**ALL Events are postponed and will be reviewed in the coming months**

- 28 March 10am **HWR General Meeting** at HWR Centre Wetlands
- 29 March 9am to 1pm **Phone Operators Day** at HWR Centre Wetlands
- 4 April 10am - 1pm **HWR Mngt Committee** at HWR Centre Wetlands
- 2 May 10am - 1pm **HWR Mngt Committee** at HWR Centre Wetlands

## FY20 YTD Fauna Update

Species	Received	Released
Bandicoots	2	0
Bats	115	71
Birds	1135	779
Dasyurids	1	1
Echidnas	12	8
Frogs	0	0
Koalas	7	6
Macropods	359	146
Native Rodents	0	0
Possums & Gliders	377	213
Reptiles	116	86
Wombats	10	7

## Equipment Corner

- Rescue Baskets are on the way, please contact Chriss Beer to order. On collection please pay in full ~\$17.00.



- For Possum Carers Brushtail boxes are available for rehabilitation (not release), please contact your Possum Coord or Audrey.
- Rescue Vests are required for insurance purposes, please contact your Area Coordinator to order. They have been subsidised to reduce the cost to \$5.00 each.
- If you have anything to give-away please contact Chriss Beer on 0407 011 389.



## Alert!

We all need to be vigilant with our hygiene and take extra precautions where possible due to the current epidemic.

- Wash your hands frequently including before & after handling animals, after touching any waste, wounds & enclosures & before eating or drinking.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment such as gloves & face masks when handling live or deceased animals.
- Be mindful when rescuing your animals and reduce direct contact where possible.

Please keep safe and look after yourselves and your families!



## This time of year...

We are transitioning into our quieter months with reduced rescues and rehabilitation requirements!!

It is a good time to review equipment to repair and update as well as take a well earned rest!

New Members who have been activated for basic rescue and vet pickups will be receiving a small bag of key equipment donated from various sources.

*A big thankyou to Ellen & Jeremy for taking the time to source and create the new membership bags!!*



## Fauna Data is important...

Following the approval and implementation of the Office of Environment and Heritage "Code of Practice for Injured, Sick and Orphaned Protected Fauna", Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF <sup>Inc</sup>) members are required to submit their fauna data as outlined below.

**All licensed wildlife rescue and rehabilitation groups in NSW are required by NPWS to submit data in a standardised state-wide format.**

### Who updates the data?

Scenario 1: If you rescue/pickup and handover the Fauna to a carer within 24 hours the receiving carer is responsible to add the detail to the spreadsheet. You will be required to provide the carer with the rescue detail to enable responsible updating.

Scenario 2: If you rescue/pickup and handover the Fauna to a carer after 24 hours you are responsible to add the detail to the spreadsheet. When you receive the ID number from the Data Base Officer you are to provide the ID to the receiving carer. This enables the receiving carer to update their data sheet with the handover information and complete the fate and release location details.

- The standardised spreadsheet can be downloaded from HWR website located under Members Login.
- Update the data throughout the month and email the spreadsheet to [faunadata@hunterwildlife.org.au](mailto:faunadata@hunterwildlife.org.au) at the end of each month. If you do not have access to email please contact your Area Coordinator to discuss an alternative arrangement.
- The HWR Fauna data is collated each month and submitted to NPWS each financial year as part of our licensing conditions.
- The majority of the fields have mandatory detail and is to be selected by drop down boxes in each field
  - A code tab has been created in the excel sheet that lists all data and codes
  - A LGA tab has been created to provide suburb postcodes
- Where the fields do not have predetermined detail please update based on your rescue details.
- The Data Base Officer will forward your detail back to you with Fauna IDs.

**Data is also necessary to assist conversations with our local government areas ...the council will always ask for data to support any request**

### Tips and Tricks...

- Please use CAPS for all free text, this is a database requirement
- Options *must be selected* from the provided list for all fields with a drop down box
- 'ID number' – leave blank as it will be updated by the Database Officer when you send your data in
- You must fill in all data fields from 'species' through to 'date of fate' or 'release location', as applicable
- 'Species' & 'Type code' – add full name if you know it, check the database codes tab for listed codes
- 'Initial weight' – if this is not known record N/A
- 'Pouch condition' – record N/A for non-pouched fauna, non-mature females, male marsupials & non-pouched fauna. All other female pouched fauna need another option selected, if unknown record N/A
- 'Location address' (rescue address) – update with the full address if known and written with suburb first i.e. MAITLAND, 3 JOHN STREET. If only the suburb is known, just record this. When rescue location is not known, please record UNKNOWN.
- 'Post code' & 'LGA code' – check the LGA & postcode tab to find a list of the codes
- 'Animal condition' – select from drop down box options only
- 'Initial assessor name' – either yourself or first person to assess i.e. vet, coordinator, other carer. Do not record MOP (member of public), it must be either a vet or a member of our wildlife group.
- 'Rehabilitators name' – record your full name (first and surname)
- Fill in the fields following 'date of fate' or 'release location', as applicable to your fauna
- 'Animal transferred to' and 'Transfer date' – record detail when you transfer fauna to another carer
- 'Additional information' – add further detail when you are unsure of what data to select from the drop down boxes, this will help the fauna database officer complete the data. You could also add the name of your fauna and any specific circumstances you wish to record.