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COMMITTEE BRIEF

Dear Members

This week has been rather busy for our committee members following the article that appeared in the Cairns Post on Tuesday (above). It seems that the article was a great success and brought in many enquiries with a number of these people signing up to be members. It's also great to see some of our longer term experienced members rejoining the group after an absence. We are fast tracking the membership system as we have had many members complain about the length of time it was taking from joining up until they get their joining kit.

Thanks to Vice President Karen for organising the press coverage and follow up on social media.

GENERAL MEETING

A reminder to everyone that there will be a general meeting held for all members on Tuesday the 3rd of December commencing at 7:00pm. The venue is the FNQWR Centre at 4/114 Hoare Street Manunda.

This meeting will be an opportunity for the new committee to brief everyone on progress made over the past 3 months and plans for the future.



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

This little furry friend came into care last week-end after Mum was hit by a car near Chilligoe.

Any guesses what she might be?

Some people call them rat kangaroos, but their real name is Rufous Bettong. It is the only member of its genus and the largest of all the potoroids.

They live in nests made in ground vegetation and have long claws used for digging.

This little girl weighed 173gms when she came in to care two weeks ago and now weighs 200gms. Thanks to Tiffany for looking after her and best of luck with her progress.

Want to know more - [Click here](#)

TRAINING

With the influx of new potential bird carers, we will be running a bird beginners course on the 7th of December in conjunction with our first Carer Induction Course.

As mentioned in an earlier edition of Wildlife Whispers, the Carer Induction course is a new course for all members, both new and existing. It will be mandatory for new members before they can start caring for fauna, whilst existing members will be given a 6 month grace period to complete the course from the date their permit is issued. Details of this course are as follows -

Saturday 7th December 2019

1030 - 1230 Basic Birds Workshop

1230 - 1300 Lunch (sandwiches, tea, coffee, juice provided by FNQWR)

1300 - 1500 Carer Induction Course

Venue is the Rescue Centre at 4/114 Hoare Street Manunda. If you would like to register for either the Basic Birds Workshop or the Carer Induction Course (or both), please send an email to president@fnqwr.com.au .



Induction Courses

Saturday 11th January - 1:00 - 3:00pm Venue TBA

Saturday 18th January - 1:00 - 3:00pm Venue TBA

Saturday 25th January - 1:00 - 3:00pm Venue TBA

Macropod Beginner Course

Saturday 18th January 1:00 - 4:00pm Venue TBA

Please send an email to president@fnqwr.com.au to register for any of the above courses.

Bendigo Bank Grant



In October this year, our President John Hungerford applied for a grant through the Bendigo Bank Connected Communities scheme to replace the air conditioning in our Rescue Centre. We were advised last week that our application was successful so we will be presented with a cheque for \$4550.00 on the 17th of December for the work. On behalf of FNQWR we send out a big thank you to Bendigo Bank for

their support.

Fauna Records

A reminder to everyone that fauna records **MUST** be entered for all wildlife in care and **MUST** be kept up to date. This is a condition of FNQWR maintaining our rehabilitation permit so we expect all carers, rescuers and phone team members to comply.

We are required to submit quarterly returns of operations to DES so our records must be as accurate as possible.

Please remember that all Rehabilitation Permit Endorsements are up for renewal in January 2020 and your fauna records will be checked for currency prior to issuing of a new permit.

Your help to keep fauna records complete also helps the committee to seek funding and other support from outside organisations.

If you are not sure how to use the online fauna records system, you can [download a copy of the instructions](#).

Marketing Committee



We are putting together a team to look after our fundraising, marketing and promotion of FNQWR. We need to lift our profile in the community so we are seeking any members with expertise who would like to help us with this task. If you can offer some assistance in any way, please email our Vice President Karen at vicepresident@fnqwr.com.au.

After Hours/Centre Volunteers



Can you help us out?

We are seeking more phone volunteers and Centre volunteers to maintain the service standard that we would like to offer. Without more people stepping up to help, we will face restricted opening times for the Centre and fatigue for our Phone team. If we cannot get people to help us out then we are left with no option but to source alternatives.

If you can help, please email our [Rescue Centre Manager](#) or [After Hours Coordinator](#).

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