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Centre

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From the Chairman

Welcome to the summer edition of Kanyana's newsletter. Due to costs, this will be the last printed copy of our newsletter; in future our newsletters will only be available digitally.

The Hospital

Our volunteers are coping with an unprecedented level of admissions during this busy breeding season with 800 admissions in October and November. The ample winter and spring rains have led to a higher survival rate of young which in turn has put pressure on our system to admit and treat.

Education changes

We are no longer able to fund our Education Manager's position and so we are forced to say farewell to Cass Rowles who has been coordinating our Education efforts for two and a half years. On behalf of the Kanyana Board, I want to thank Cass for doing a fantastic job in promoting Kanyana's educational programs to schools and the community alike. We are grateful to the McCusker Charitable Foundation for their financial support in the first two years of Cass's employment.

Vet Support

Kalamunda Veterinary Hospital is now part of the Kanyana team. The support of our local vets is critical to the delivery of high-level care for native animals often at short notice. In this busy season it is a relief that we can split the load between Wattle Grove Veterinary Hospital and Kalamunda Veterinary Hospital and we are grateful to have such highly-qualified professionals backing us up.

Mammal Coordinator

Sue Rose, our caretaker, has taken on the added role of On-site Mammal Coordinator, with a new enclosure to be completed shortly. Sue Rose will share the mammal duties with Sue Turner who works out of her property in Wooroloo.

June Butcher

Chair/Founder

News Flash from the Board

After many years as Chairperson of Kanyana Wildlife, June Butcher has decided that, effective 13th December this year, she will step down from the position of Chairperson. Arrangements are in hand for a smooth handover to the incoming Chairperson. June will remain on the Board and will offer invaluable support during this period of transition.

The Kanyana Board thanks June for her life-long commitment to animal welfare in all of Western Australia.

There will be opportunities for Kanyana's supporters to meet socially with June in 2017 and to welcome the new Chairperson.

Caring, Conserving, Connecting

Kanyana Wildlife is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to wildlife conservation.

Our core activities are:

- Rehabilitation of sick, injured, orphaned, and displaced wildlife
- Breeding program for endangered species
- Scientific research in nationally recognised programs
- Education for schools and community groups

About Kanyana Wildlife

Established in 1986 by June & Lloyd Butcher at their home, Kanyana moved to Lesmurdie in 2010. The centre survives on donations, and is run by 300 volunteers and one part-time staff member.

Education Manager position dissolved

We unfortunately have to say goodbye to our Education Manager this month, as we do not have enough funds to continue her employment.

Cass has been with us since May 2014, originally joining us thanks to a grant from the McCusker Charitable Foundation. Kanyana decided to keep Cass on after the grant finished (while continuing to look for funding), and she has been instrumental in raising Kanyana's profile with the public and schools. During this time, she has been responsible for developing brand new programs (have you done our Meet & Greet or School Holiday Fun experiences yet?) as well as redesigning existing programs (our Nocturnal Tours are better than ever).

Cass was responsible for recruiting, training, and managing volunteers who deliver education experiences, and the volunteer base has grown substantially under her leadership.

Cass coordinates all of our social media pages, website, and media releases – so if you've seen a Facebook post or an article in the local paper, Cass was probably behind it.

All of the new signs and brochures you've seen over the past couple of years, including this newsletter, were also a part of Cass' role. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Cass for all she's done for Kanyana Wildlife, and wish her every success in her future career.

If you would like to join the Education Team and lighten the load left on the existing volunteers, come to our next Info Night Wednesday 1st February 2017 at 6:30pm.



New resident animals

This month we welcome new residents – two bush stone-curlews. These curlews were born at Perth Zoo, Lucky in 1999 and his sister (yet to be named) in 2015. Lucky was hand raised, and used as part of the zoo's Bird Show many years ago. Perth Zoo runs a captive breeding program for curlews, and this female curlew comes from over-represented genetics in the program, so isn't needed for future breeding. When she was born, she bonded with her brother as a companion bird so they both came to live at Kanyana together.

Sincere thanks to Zanthorrea Nursery for providing a suite of native plants to go in our new Stone Curlew enclosure. Included are some important food plants for the curlews' enrichment. Pete Nielson has done a wonderful job once again to provide Kanyana with high-standard housing for these unique birds.

You will be able to see (and hear) these birds on our guided tours.



Scientific research at Kanyana Wildlife

Kanyana has significantly contributed to native animal health by being involved in many research projects. Researchers have looked into bobtail flu (also called Upper Respiratory Tract Infection/URTI), bobtails as intermediate hosts of the nematode *Abbreviata antarctica*, health management of bilbies, and the wart virus found in Western Barred Bandicoots.

At the 2016 Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference in Melbourne, Kanyana volunteer Lindy Brice presented a paper on Avian Gastric Yeast (AGY). The full paper can be downloaded from our website <http://www.kanyanawildlife.org.au/about/scientific-research>.



Patient profiles

We have had a very busy start to our Spring/ Summer period, with more than 450 animals admitted in just the past month. Here are just some stories of recent interesting animals.

Quenda with broken ribs

This quenda was taken to Wattle Grove Vets after being hit by a car. Xrays revealed she had several broken ribs, and while sedated, she went into cardiac arrest! Quick thinking by the vets saved her life, and she came to Kanyana Wildlife. After two weeks in home care, she was released a long way from a road.



Frog missing a leg

We admitted a frog recently that had been involved in a gardening accident – the front foot had been crushed. The vets decided to amputate the foot, as he would get along fine without it. After a month in care, he was released with his mate in a different area of bush with less gardening equipment.



Dog versus bobtail

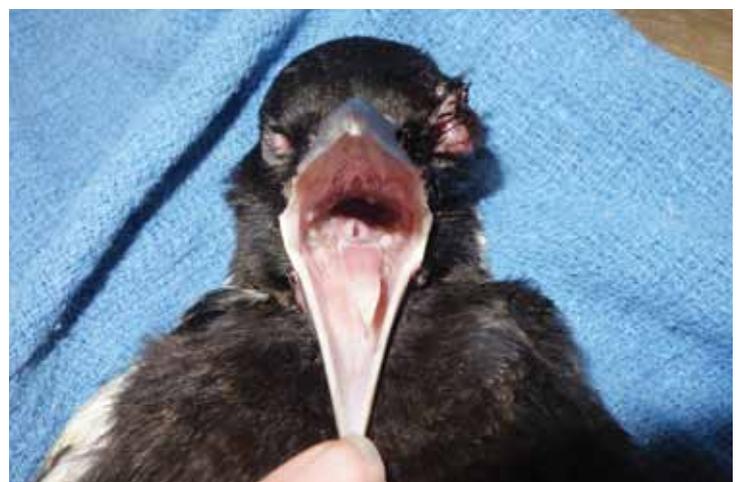
Bobtail lizards frequently come into conflict with dogs. Luckily, this dog owner found the bobtail before her dog did, and brought it to Kanyana for relocation from her back yard.



Magpie madness

We have had more than 100 magpies admitted to our hospital since September. Many of these magpies are juveniles infected with throatworm (a naturally occurring parasite), which causes the other magpies to reject it from the flock, even attacking it. If you see a magpie being attacked, please try and catch it to bring it to us.

If however you see a perfectly happy magpie hopping around (seemingly unable to fly, but not in danger), please leave it alone as it's just left the nest and is still being looked after by its parents. Don't be a bird-napper!



Shop at Kanyana this Christmas

Looking for a unique Christmas gift? Support Kanyana and shop at our gift shop. You can buy online, over the phone, and in person at the Zig Zag cultural centre or at Kanyana Wildlife.

Aussie animal toys

We have a range of soft toys and puppets for children and adults alike. From baby bilby pins at \$5, to small quolls for \$18, and large possums for \$30, we have your budget range covered.

Gift vouchers

Would you like to share your love of wildlife with your friends and family? Family vouchers for Discovery Tours (\$40) and Nocturnal Tours (\$55) are available online, and vouchers for adults and children are available over the phone or in person at Kanyana Wildlife. You can also buy vouchers for our unique Meet & Greet experience (\$50pp), where you have a 30 minute personalised encounter with an echidna, burrowing bettong, or red tailed black cockatoo at Kanyana Wildlife.

Adoption Certificates

Can't make it to Kanyana for a tour? Looking for a unique gift for friends and family overseas? An adoption certificate is a perfect idea that suits many budgets. There are three tiers of adoption; common native animals (\$20), less common native animals (\$35), and endangered native animals (\$50).

Number plates (available after christmas)

Only available at Kanyana Wildlife in person or over the phone, these number plates feature your chosen number (enquire to find out which ones are left), along with WILD. Each order costs \$280, and after you've filled the paperwork out, you will be able to pick the plates up from your nominated Department of Transport centre when they're ready.



Volunteer training program

It has been another very busy but positive and rewarding year on the Training front at Kanyana.

We have run very well attended sessions of our standard courses for our own volunteers, and also a number of our increasingly popular open sessions, which are attended by Kanyana volunteers, carers from other centres and also interested community members. We have also provided sessions of focused training for special groups, including local government and people from the mining industry.

The internal courses allow our Hospital volunteers to develop their interest in wildlife rehabilitation beyond general skills and knowledge, to become valuable specialists in areas such as the tube feeding of birds, or the care of reptiles, and eventually to progress to the assessment and treatment of injured and sick birds and animals.

Other internal training allows our Education team to upskill themselves and become proficient tour guides and animal handlers. Our Enrichment team has improved their puzzle and toy making, keeping our resident animals' minds active and healthy.



Our open courses allow members of the general community to pursue a personal interest in wildlife or just to get know a bit more about what to do when they encounter our wild animals. This can be especially valuable and stimulating when they come face to face with wildlife in their own situations, for example learning more about the bobtails, birds and other wildlife that often lives close to us, and alongside us, in our gardens and parks.

We will be running all of our usual public courses next year, and hopefully some new ones as well, so keep an eye out on Facebook and our webpage for announcements and dates.

Thanks are due to the Training Committee, all of the Kanyana volunteers who help to deliver our courses so willingly and skilfully, and also to all of those from outside Kanyana who give up their time and share their knowledge with our volunteers and the community.

Dave Patman
Training Coordinator, Kanyana

Donate to Save them!

In 1996 the Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre Inc and its Gift Fund were entered into the Register of Environmental Organisations. This entry allows donors to claim a tax deduction for amounts over \$2.00.



We have good facilities and amazing volunteers. **WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT PLEASE**

Why donate:

- Injured wildlife hospital admissions have reached 2,600 and are increasing annually.
- Operational costs for food, electricity, medications, insurance, gas and water are increasing.
- Federal and State government funding for the care and rehabilitation of native animals has ceased.

Donations may be made:

- at www.kanyanawildlife.org.au
- at www.givenow.com.au;
- by workplace giving through good2give;
- to the Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre Gift Fund;
- in person at 120 Gilchrist Road, Lesmurdie during office hours 10.00-4.00;
- By phone 9291 3900 (Option4)

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