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Centre

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From the Chairman

Welcome to the spring edition of Kanyana's newsletter.

I haven't heard a cuckoo or a rainbow bee-eater yet which leads me to suspect the busy breeding season is delayed this year. This accounts for the lack of baby birds in the hospital. Usually the rush starts after the first week of August.

The ducks on the other hand are in full cry. There are lots of ducklings around, sparked by our wet winter. As they say: "Good weather for ducks!"

We achieved amazing things with the flood of nearly 200 bobtails that came to us in June. At last count there were just three left to be re-released. An excellent job done by our Bobtail team.

DPAW has finally finished the renovation of our mains water supply pipe. It is now underground and will be an important back up during the coming fire season.

The Education Team has a new van after the old one was damaged in an accident. Kalamunda Toyota was both generous and helpful in getting us a temporary replacement and a permanent solution to keep us on the road.

The busy season may not have started but it most surely will. Our teams and processes will soon be feeling the pressure as the days grow longer and warmer. In the past three months, we have had 578 animals admitted to our hospital. I hope you will keep supporting Kanyana throughout our busy period.

Read more about our work and events on our website www.kanyanawildlife.org.au

June Butcher
Chair/Founder

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 two part-time staff.

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Bindi the Bandicoot



Lesmurdie Falls National Park is a local landmark with stunning views over the Swan Coastal Plain.

It is popular with locals and tourists, especially at this time of year when the Falls are in full flow. The Park is also home to many bandicoots that are often seen foraging during the day and who co-habit with the many visitors that come to enjoy the views.

Bindy, the bandicoot, was spotted by David Bettini, one of Australia's most outstanding nature photographers, who was in the area doing research for his latest book. After some telephone advice from DPAW and armed with a pillowcase, David caught Bindi and brought her to Kanyana for treatment. Her ticks were removed and she was transferred to Home Care where, over the next few days, even more ticks were discovered and removed. She was also very run down, so a vitamin B injection gave her a much needed boost.

Two weeks later Bindy was ready to go home so I contacted David who wanted to be involved with the release. We arranged to meet at dusk near the Falls picnic area where she was found. As soon as I opened the carry case, Bindy was out like a shot and disappeared under the nearest bush. A happy, healthy bandicoot who was obviously pleased to be home!

It was very rewarding to be able to help Bindy get well again and to meet David who cared enough to bring her to us. If you would like to help our Home Care team take care of wildlife like Bindy then please contact the Hospital Manager for further information.

Karen Vincent
Photo taken by David Bettini

Volunteer Positions Available

Caring for wildlife is at the heart of what we do, but to keep Kanyana running and doing the things we all believe in, we need to make sure that other supporting areas are working effectively.

We are looking for voluntary help in a number of key areas. Expressions of interest both from existing Kanyana volunteers or from anyone currently outside the organisation are welcomed. Enthusiasm and commitment are obviously important; support and training can be provided but we would especially like to hear from anyone who has experience in any of these areas.

Training Coordinator

Kanyana has a growing program of training, both for our own volunteers and for other centres, special groups and the wider community. We need someone to keep track of this program and help to ensure that our training is as professional and effective as possible.

We are looking for a volunteer Training Coordinator who will :

- maintain/keep under review the Kanyana Training Calendar, in consultation with the Training and Development Committee;
- ensure that the date for each training session is set well in advance and does not clash with other key dates in Kanyana's year;
- coordinate all publicity for training activities, both internally and outside Kanyana;
- make sure that the necessary accommodation at Kanyana is available and booked for the chosen date and time;
- ensure that the presenters for each training session are aware of/available, including contacting/booking outside presenters where necessary;
- confirm that all course materials have been prepared where required, and that copies will be available for distribution to attendees as necessary;
- discuss and confirm with all presenters any specific requirements they may have with respect to equipment/aids for their presentations.

Someone with relevant experience also has the opportunity to work with the Training Committee in identifying and developing new courses that would further expand and enhance our training services.



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Fundraising Coordinator

We have a program of major annual events such as our Quiz Night, Discover Day and others, but also a range of smaller events and activities that, while they may have a lower profile, still make a very significant contribution to our funds.

We are looking for someone who will :

- develop and maintain a schedule of all fundraising activities carried out on behalf of Kanyana;
- make sure that all such activities carried out in Kanyana's name make consistent use of our messages and brand;
- confirm with those carrying out the activities that any necessary approvals both from within Kanyana and externally have been obtained;
- monitor the effectiveness of all fundraising activities with respect to costs and the benefit derived.



Beyond the task of monitoring and maintaining records for our fundraising activities, there is also an opportunity for anyone with relevant experience and interest to take on a role in the organisation and management of our major annual fundraising events.

Volunteer Group Coordinator

We are fortunate to have visits from groups who give up their time to come to Kanyana and help us with tasks around the site. Managing their activities makes sure that they have a positive experience on their visits and that Kanyana gets real benefits from their efforts.

We need someone to :

- maintain/develop contacts with visiting work groups;
- organise dates and times for their visits to Kanyana;
- consult with the Hospital Manager and the Maintenance Coordinator to develop a schedule of tasks which visiting groups can undertake/assist with;
- brief groups when they arrive on the tasks to be carried out and make sure that they have the necessary equipment and will be safe while working on site;
- make sure that they have an enjoyable time with us, and get the chance to see and experience what we do.



Ducklings Galore!



L-R Australian Wood Duck, Pacific Black Duck, Australian Shelduck. Photograph by Houndstooth Studio.

We have many different duck species in the Perth area, but the most common three species that we see in care are Wood Ducks, Pacific Black Ducks and Australian Shelducks (also known as Mountain Ducks). So far this season, we've already had 64 ducklings admitted to our hospital, and that will only increase over Spring.

One of the biggest reasons for ducklings to be admitted to our hospital is their parents being killed as they cross the roads, scattering the ducklings and leaving them vulnerable to predation from birds of prey. This often leads to the ducklings being found on their own some time later by their rescuer. All three ducklings pictured were admitted to our hospital as orphans.

This Australian Shelduck duckling was found with four siblings at a local park with no parents in sight. The rescuer managed to catch them all and bring them to Kanyana as soon as possible. This Wood Duck was found huddled with its six siblings in the sunshine on the side of the road. The rescuer pulled over in a safe spot and collected all the ducklings into a box and brought them straight to Kanyana.

The Pacific Black Duck, one of the most common ducks in the Perth area, was found all alone in the rescuer's swimming pool. Backyard pools are attractive to ducks, as they think the pool is a pond. That is until the ducklings can't escape the slippery sides and get left behind! This duckling was lucky and was rescued before it drowned or was eaten by a predator.

Thanks to our wonderful home carers, ducklings like this can be hand raised and released back into their habitats.

Duckling rescue tips:

- Carry a Fauna First Aid kit in your car (box, towel, gloves, heat pack)
- Watch out for duck families on the road
- Leave a bodyboard or similar lying into your pool to help ducklings climb out of the water
- If you do rescue ducklings, keep them in a warm, quiet, dark box
- DO NOT KEEP THEM at home no matter how cute they seem

Bobtail Baby Success

A very sick Bobtail was admitted to Kanyana at the beginning of May. The bobtail showed signs of being pregnant, and also had a puncture wound above the right eye.

On examination she had signs of URTI (Upper Respiratory Tract Infection). Symptoms include poor body condition, flat tail, lethargic, and eyes closed. She also had a lump in her mouth, so she was sent to Wattle Grove Vets for assessment.



At the vets, it was confirmed that she had two babies but her prognosis wasn't good. The head injury was most likely from a dog attack, and the lump in her mouth was a piece of her skull forced downwards from the dog bite. The vets were unsure if she would survive, but suggested perhaps a C-section could be done to at least save the babies if she did not improve after some care at Kanyana

The bobtail did not improve over the next 10 days, still very lethargic and even with URTI treatment, losing weight and not starting to get better. The bobtail also showed signs of going into labour, much heavy breathing and restlessness. We were concerned when due to lack of improvement in her general health and the question of brain injury, if she would be able to give birth on her own.

Down she went to the vets again, and Dr Gary Beilby made a brave decision to do a C-section and try and save both Mum and babies. With great care he and the nursing staff performed the operation. What a success! Gary returned Mum and two babies to Kanyana. The babies were small but perfect weighting in at 75g and 70g.

Upon return to Kanyana, mum and babies were separated so that mum could complete her URTI treatment and not infect the babies. I saw her two days after the operation and what a difference. Both her eyes were open, moving around her vivarium, and eating everything given to her. A week after her operation she had gained 100g because she was feeling so much better. The scar from the operation was along her left side was not very pretty (sorry Gary) and I think her days of bikinis are over. Just amazing to think Gary had even tried and she was still with us.



It took a month before we could reunite the family. Mum had to complete her URTI treatment, as well as treatment for parasites in her gut. Once she had been cleared of all illnesses, we reunited the family and even though she really had never met them or they her, they went straight to each other and seemed to say "hello".

They were released back in mum's home territory. I would like to thank Gary and the vets and nurses at Wattle Grove Vets for the lengths they will go to help us at Kanyana to care for the rescued wildlife.

Carol Jackson
Hospital Bobtail Co-ordinator

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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