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Wildlife Rehabilitation
Centre

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From the Chair

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter

The rain has refreshed the surrounding land and we are seeing the flush of new growth after the controlled burn earlier in the year. Green shoots and spring flowers are showing up as vibrant colours against the blackened earth. The variable weather has tricked many species into breeding out of season, with early intakes of the odd baby bird and ducklings being the most noticeable. If you are pruning the spring growth, take care as there may be nests and fledglings.

The Hospital has been able to catch up with cleaning and preparing for the busy season to come. New Volunteers and refresher courses about identification and caring for baby birds were held in August. The magpie season will soon be with us. Knowledge is also springing, with the Education Team involved with many incursions and excursions, including Science week and a book launch.

Quiz Night

Book your tickets at trybooking.com for a fun night on Friday 20th October 2017 at the Abruzzo and Molise Sporting Club in Wattle Grove. We are holding it at a larger venue for those of you who missed out last year.

Corporate Volunteering

Woodside came along for a day out of the office. The weather was perfect and they were all very enthusiastic and looked forward to seeing the wonderful animals we have at Kanyana. We appreciate their ongoing support.

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting is to be held on Saturday 28th October 2017 at 3.00PM at Kanyana.

Helen Riley
Chairperson

News Flash from the Board

We have been announced as a Finalist in the 24th Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards 2017.

Kanyana participated in the very successful Kalamunda Open Studio Art Trail . The 3 artists - Sally Edmonds, Gwyn Thomas and Lynne Gracie, exhibited a variety of high quality works. One of the pieces by Sally Edmonds, a portrait of Henry's head, is being entered into a real life art competition in Queensland at the end of October. Henry is our resident red-tailed black cockatoo.

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 fulltime staff member.

Kanyana invited to Children's Book launch



The Kanyana education team was invited to help with the launch of Frané Lessac's latest children's book "A IS FOR AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS".

Frané, an award winning author and talented illustrator, who has published over 40 books for children, thought it would be great to get Kanyana's animals involved in helping launch her fact filled book on our unique animals.

The launch was held in the Herdsman's Lake Wildlife Centre and was attended by well over a hundred people especially excited children waiting to see some animals.

We took several animals which featured in her book – Bilby, Blue Tongue, Cockatoo, Echidna, Pygmy Possum and Tawny Frogmouth. The Death Adder was problematic but Sylvester, the carpet python, manfully represented the snake fraternity.

After introductions, Frané read an excerpt on each animal we had brought, starting with B, and we provided some extra facts for each animal and showed them to the crowd.

Ever the party animal, Henry the Red Tailed Black Cockatoo revelled in the attention, although the real star of the show was Mundarda the diminutive pygmy possum whose appeal far outweighed his size.

We would like to thank Frané for the opportunity to be part of this special day and wish her success on the launch of another wonderful book.

Alannah, Chris and Trevor

The Welcome Swallow's Journey

Last year we had our usual intake of swallows and tree martins at Kanyana. Unfortunately one of the swallows had a broken leg and spent weeks in the hospital.

After being discharged he came home with me to join up with other swallows and tree martins. It was amazing to see how they recognised and welcomed him back. They were fluttering all around him so he tried to fly but couldn't. He used to fly well so I had a good look at him and saw that his wing feathers were broken and he had no tail feathers either. He also had a bald patch on his head so was not in good shape and looked scared and distressed.

I organised with Kanyana to have some of his feathers plucked to stimulate growth, having to go to the vet twice as there were so many. I realised that it will take time for him to get sorted so released the tree martins but kept the other swallow for company as they had a strong bond. Now it was just a matter of time and making sure he didn't damage any of his new feathers.

After a couple of weeks his feathers grew back but he seemed to have a problem with his left wing. He was losing some of his primary feathers as soon as they grew. As it happened twice I decided to keep him confined in a small cage for two weeks cage rest. He was allowed out twice a day for an hour to socialise with his mate and get a break from his cage. I never actually handled him but held a stick in front of him and he would hop onto it.

After two weeks I took him out of his cage and he flew straight up to the top of the aviary tweeting with happiness. He flew quite well and just got better and better. After another two weeks he was almost as good as his mate. They were doing figure eights in the aviary chasing insects which were plentiful in the late afternoon. They both seemed happy and it was a delight to watch them from a distance. One day I was sitting watching them fly fast and said to my husband: "Look how well the swallows are flying" but then I realised there was a hawk sitting on top of the aviary scaring them! However it is good for them to know the dangers out there.

I was anxious that some of the feathers might fall out again but after a month of flying I felt satisfied so checked out the weather forecast to find a suitable day for their release. It was a beautiful sunny day with a breeze on the day and a forecast for good weather over the next week. I felt a bit nervous as you only really know once they take to the skies, so I made sure that they had plenty to eat before removing the hatch. They flew to the branch in front of the hatch and it was comical to see them staring in amazement at the "gate to freedom" and then flew out. I watched them fly beautifully, climbing high above the tall river gums. My aviary is not far from the Swan River so it does not take them long to find their way there and join up with other swallows and tree martins. Usually once they go they go and do not come back for back feeding.

We walked to the river in the late afternoon but did not see them. However, early the next morning we saw swallows at the river. I am sure they would have caught up with others and I wondered if they might have caught up with their old inmates, the tree martins!

It has been a good outcome as at times I wondered if the swallow would ever be okay again, but he never gave up and for that reason it was never an option for me to give up on him either. He is a little fighter and I have no doubt that he will make it as he is a real survivor.

Author: Marlene Smith



T-shirts for Sale!!!



We now have Kanyana t-shirts available for sale. At only \$30 each, you could buy one for a Christmas gift. These are a great way to get Kanyana's name out to the public and as a way to show your support. Available for purchase in Administration.



Thomas Sloman

Collected and sewed the edges of towels for Kanyana first aid kits and hospital use. He did this as part of his community hours for his Scouts project.

Mum knows best



It is not often that we get to enjoy photos of mum completing her job in the wild, so enjoy! Here is a successful raising of 2 New Holland Honeyeaters from egg to fully fledged, all within 1 month, from mid March to mid April this year. Now the nesting material is being pulled apart and reused for a new nest.

Thank you Lynda Tomlinson for sharing the joy of life



Kanyana Wish List

Toilet Paper/Tissues

Milton Solution 1lt (Pharmacy)

Masking Tape 15mm/ Cable Ties

Chux on a Roll (Red Dot)

“AAA”, “AA” and “D” Batteries

Freezer bags (medium)

Vitamin E capsules 500mg

Medi-Swabs (chemist)

SoloSite Gel (chemist)

Cotton Buds

Betadine Liquid

Teabags

Aerogard

A4 printing paper for laser printer

Shopping voucher for supermarket

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 3000 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;
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