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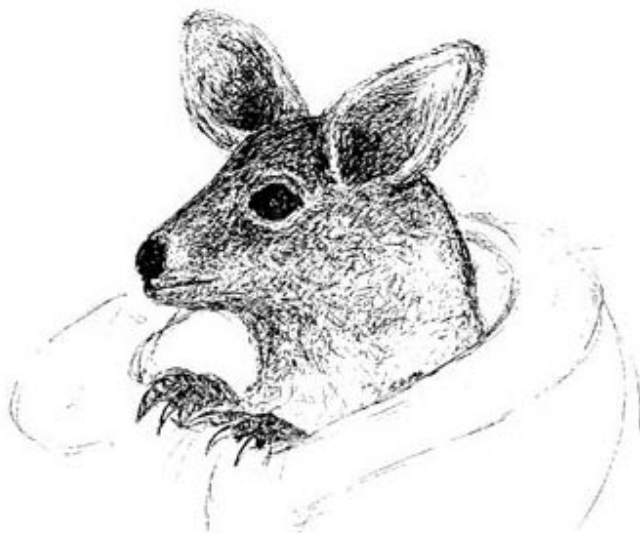
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Meeting Dates

Sunday 22nd July 2007 - 1.00pm

General Meeting

at Armidale Tree Group

(Woodlands Centre)

80 Mann Street, Armidale.

Agenda:

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| Business Meeting | 10.30am |
| Lunch | 12 - 1.00pm |
| (byo lunch for those attending) | |
| General Meeting | 1.00pm |
| Guest Speaker | 3.00pm |
| Prof. Hugh Ford (not confirmed) | |
| Alternative: videos from Jill | |
| Wendy: "wildlife caring in SA) | |
| Close | 3.30pm |

Training

Macropod Training

presented by Sue Ulyatt
Weekend of 25th and 26th August 2007
Commencing at 9.00am
NPWS - 85 Faulkner St Armidale

REGISTER NOW

This 2 day course is a "must" and very important for all carers
(See full details on Page 5)

The Effects of 1080 Poison on Quolls

Presentation to NTWC at our April Meeting

Members were delighted to welcome Gerhard Kortner from the University of New England, who has conducted a very thorough research on the use of 1080 poison. This poison is used in baits to kill meat eating feral species in the New England area.

Gerhard provided a very detailed and informative presentation on the exact process of laying the baits and the procedure for monitoring results. Members were most impressed with the very specific nature of the methodology.

1080 is a poison that breaks down fairly quickly and therefore the monitoring process of its impact on Quolls is very precise. Firstly the baits are laid in a certain perimeter area and near known feral habitat. The baits are then checked on a regular basis, to ascertain if they have been taken, partially eaten or simply left alone. During this period, the toxicity is also measured.

The good news is that 1080 has very little impact on Quolls, which are the only native animal likely to take the bait. Firstly, the results showed that Quolls prefer not to take the bait. Only a small percentage do and during the entire process, only one death was recorded. The adult Quolls are more tolerant than juveniles.

The presentation by Gerhard was a real revelation to all members, as most thought of 1080 as the worst of poisons. Not so, according to the study. Our sincere thanks to Gerhard for the presentation. Thanks to the Aust. Plant Society (Armidale branch) for loaning equipment for the presentation. Thanks to Lisa for her introduction and Brian for his vote of thanks.

Picture Gallery



Koala - the beauty of Australia



Koala photographed on Mt. Duval



Tinkerbelle with baby joey Wendy

From the Editors Desk:

Our last meeting was really very informative. Everyone in attendance was delighted to hear the presentation from Gerhard Kortner (see report on page 2). The idea of having a guest speaker has been very well received and thanks to Julia for organising this.

A special request:

We have a special request from member / researcher Lisa Doucette for information and details of any Owlet nightjars which have been rescued or being cared for. (Please call Lisa on 6773 2885).

Special Thanks:

Thank you to Jennifer Calliess for the recycled blenders and electric foot warmer, (the heat pads in them are very useful and blenders great for grinding bird seed).

Special Thanks:

Thank you to Brenda Martin of Guyra for making more wonderful 'Brenda joey wraps'. These wraps just great and carers love them. Brenda would love lots of cute photos of happy joeys in their rugs! Please send or email any photos to Julia.

Special Thanks:

How about a FREE computer and scanner for a wildlife carer!! ... Anyone need one?

It is a Plusteck – Optic Pro 1248U if that means anything. Thank you to John Donnelly for this kind donation. Please ring Julia to collect it. HURRY! this offer will not last!

Special Thanks:

To the wonderful 'fundraising' from Jenni Drewit - see below for details (we had hoped for photo of next raffle item, donated by John Donnelly, an outside table setting) Maybe the next issue!

Fund Raising:

Pendant Raffle: It's time to send / bring in your tickets/money for this raffle so that we will have the tickets to draw the lucky winner at our next meeting which will be held on Sunday 22nd July 2007 (see front page for details).

Picnic Furniture Raffle: This is our new raffle. The sturdy wooden picnic table and benches were made by one of our talented members, John Donnelly. He has kindly donated this furniture to NTWC. So now, all we have to do is sell tickets

That's it from me. Wrap up in your winter woollies! - it's going to be a cold season!. I do hope to see you at our next meeting. You can be assured of a friendly and interesting time. Please bring a friend.
Brian

Welcome to New Members

NTWC would like to extend a very warm and sincere welcome to the following NEW members:

Brunie Stelter, (Armidale), Vanya and Paul Bryant, (Inverell), Kareen and Trevor Jansen, (Backwater) and James Hardie, (Tenterfield).

Farewell to Connie Crehan who has returned to Coffs Harbour. We thank her for her valuable work and wish her well.

Wanted Grants Officer

NTWC is in urgent need of some kind person to act as a "Grants Officer." The position is voluntary and would suit an associate member of NTWC, who is unable to care for wildlife.

The position involves applying for various grants from Government, which includes the preparation of applications and the writing of reports.

Please phone Julia on 1800-008-290.

TAWNY FROGMOUTH PARASITIC

DISEASE ALERT

The following report has been received from Julia Rose and was posted on the Ozark web site.

Please report any sign of this disease.

(*Angiostrongylus cantonensis*)

The Australian Registry of Wildlife Health
Taronga Zoo
Veterinary and Quarantine Centre
Mosman NSW 2088
Phone: (02) 9978 4749
Fax: (02) 9978 4516

A parasitic disease affecting the central nervous system of wild tawny frog mouths has emerged around Sydney (NSW) since early March this year. The main signs, at first, are weakness and the inability of affected birds to perch, flap their wings or fly. Eventually the birds cannot right themselves when placed on their backs.

The birds usually remain alert and often willingly accept food. Affected birds usually show no signs of trauma and some appear well nourished. The disease is usually progressive and potentially fatal. Currently there is no satisfactory treatment available for tawny frogmouths.

The parasite causing this disease in tawny frogmouths is *Angiostrongylus cantonensis*, a nematode worm that normally harbours in the lungs and brains of wild rats. These rat parasites require slugs and snails as intermediate hosts before they can become infectious for the birds.

When the tawny **frogmouths eat infected slugs and snails**, the larvae then migrate to their spinal cords and brains causing the clinical disease described above.

Angiostrongylus cantonensis has also

occurred in other wild life species including flying foxes, possums and macropods, as well as in domestic animals and sometimes humans. Hosts, other than the rat are considered as accidental hosts, and can only contract the disease by ingesting the infectious larval forms in infected slugs and snails.

Between December 2000 and May 2002, two cases of *A. cantonensis* were diagnosed in tawny frogmouths in the Sydney area by the Australian Registry of Wildlife Health at Taronga Zoo. Between March and May, 2004, eight more cases were identified mostly from the northern suburb areas of Cremorne, Mosman, Warringah, and Lane Cove.

This is a significant increase. This cluster of cases may represent an increase in the prevalence of *A. cantonensis* in tawny frogmouths in the wider Sydney area, and the disease needs to be further monitored.

In Australia, the occurrence of *A. cantonensis* in Queensland has been well known but the geographical shift into hosts in New South Wales appears to be on the increase. Risk factors that could influence the infection rate in tawny frogmouths for *A. cantonensis* may be the availability and ease of the birds finding and consuming infected slugs and snails.

The purpose of this communication is to alert the bird/tawny frogmouth co-ordinators of the wildlife groups in the greater Sydney area to consider this parasitic disease in rehab tawny frogmouths that do not appear to recover from concussions or other traumatic events. Co-ordinators can then direct information to The Australian Registry of Wildlife Health who will continue to monitor these cases.

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Training

MACROPOD TRAINING COURSE

Hosted by Northern Tablelands Wildlife
Carers Inc.



Course open to Wildlife Carers & New
Members.

WHEN:
Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th August 2007.

TIME:
9.00am (for 9.30am Start) to 4.00pm
(Registration commences 9.00am)

VENUE:
NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE
SERVICE, (D.E.C.)
Conference Room, McCarthy Building,
85 Faulkner St, Armidale

PRESENTER:

SUE ULYATT

Sue is a Member of WIRES, has cared for Macropods for 9 years and is part of the Large Mammals Standards Team in WIRES, specialising in Macropods.

Day 1: Identification; equipment; rescue; assessment; pouch life; hygiene; milk replacers; daily routine; feeding & management; housing of: Pinkie - velvet & fully furred joey.

Day 2: Natural foods; pre release; enclosures; release; rescue of adult macs; rehydration by subcutaneous injection; Common diseases; problems of hand reared macropods.

RSVP:
Carol Rose 67-345241.
email rose2345@bigpond.com
or Armidale call 1800 008 290

COST:
Course costs - \$20.00
Plus notes \$12.00.
Lunch & morning tea and afternoon Tea:
\$5 per person per day or BYO.

NOTE:
N.T.W.C. recommends that Carers attend a refresher course at least every 2 years for Bats & Flying Foxes, Raptors & Reptiles & every 3 years for all other species.

We thank NPWS Armidale for their support.

Grim Cargo of Rare Species found off China

Reports have just come in of a particularly grisly find in an abandoned boat just off the coast of China. When the Coast Guard boarded the vessel, they found some 200 crates packed with rare and endangered species. These included Pangolins, Leatherback Turtles, Monitor Lizards, Brazilian Turtles and the Asian Giant Turtle. Also found were a number of Bear paws wrapped in newspaper.

All of these species are on the critical list for survival. Conservation groups said that the area was one of the most lucrative and destructive smuggling routes. Most of the load was destined to end up on the restaurant tables in southern China. Regrettably, they are considered exotic cuisine.

Fortunately, Chinese authorities acted swiftly to rescue as many of the animals as possible. We all need to be vigilant to ensure that our wonderful wildlife survives.

Code of Ethics

Important Information for all Wildlife Carers

*New South Wales Wildlife Council, Inc.
Meeting No 7, 9 June 2007
Agenda item 5.2
Motion to adopt carried*

Code of Ethics

*Based on the US National Wildlife
Rehabilitation Association and International
Wildlife Rehabilitation Council Code of
Ethics*

A wildlife rehabilitator should strive to achieve high standards of care for native fauna through knowledge and an understanding of the field. Continuing efforts must be made to keep informed of current rehabilitation information, methods, and regulations.

A wildlife rehabilitator should be responsible, conscientious, and dedicated, and should continuously work toward improving the quality of care given to native fauna undergoing rehabilitation.

A wildlife rehabilitator must abide by local, state, and federal laws concerning wildlife, wildlife rehabilitation and associated activities.

A wildlife rehabilitator should establish & practice safe work habits and conditions

A wildlife rehabilitator should acknowledge limitations and enlist the assistance of a veterinarian or other trained professional when appropriate.

A wildlife rehabilitator should respect other rehabilitators and persons in related fields, sharing skills and knowledge in the spirit of cooperation for the welfare of native fauna.

A wildlife rehabilitator should place optimum animal care above personal gain.

A wildlife rehabilitator should strive to provide professional and humane care in all phases of wildlife rehabilitation, respecting the wildness and maintaining the dignity of each animal in life and in death. Releasable native fauna should be maintained in a wild condition and released as soon as appropriate. Non-releasable animals which are inappropriate for education, foster-parenting, or captive breeding have a right to euthanasia.

A wildlife rehabilitator should encourage community support and involvement through volunteer training and public education. The common goal should be to promote a responsible concern for living beings and the welfare of the environment.

A wildlife rehabilitator should work on the basis of sound ecological principles, incorporating appropriate conservation ethics and an attitude of stewardship. In particular, there must be a focus on the preservation of habitat for native fauna.

A wildlife rehabilitator should conduct all business and activities in a professional manner, with honesty, integrity, compassion, and commitment, realizing that an individual's conduct reflects on the entire field of wildlife rehabilitation.

Miracle "Maddi"

Many of you will remember our story of miracle "Maddi," the EG female who came into care with a broken heel bone. Well - where is she now?

Maddi is now a big girl - some 14Kg and growing fast! She is now running with the mob and having a wonderful time - wild and free. It has been almost 11 months since Maddi came in (at 1.8Kg) with her broken heel. The operation was successful, but Maddi's future was never secure. She has had a long battle with Osteo' and antibiotics. Even though her foot is slightly deformed, she is very happy.

Maddi looks a bit awkward when walking, but when she hops, it is with the same grace as all macropods. Maddi is very spoilt and still comes home for one or two feeds a day - but then - she deserves it! We all hope that Maddi continues to 'run with the mob.'

Total Joy

The story of Barney the Wallaroo

by Kareen and Trevor Janson

A total joy is very hard to explain. To go to my first wild care meeting and my first class and then, 2 days later, be asked if I would, or could take this little joey who desperately needs a mum.

Well - the excitement was overwhelming. I couldn't take the smile off my face. As I sit here trying to type this story, I've got Barney licking my elbow, even though he is full up and ready to hop.

He crawled out of his pouch about 2 hours ago. I tapped the edge of the couch and called him. Over he bounded and sat for a minute. He then looked up at me with those lovely big black eyes and "boinged" onto the rightful space between us on the couch.

Mind you, I have only had the privilege to be Barney's mum for a week and the bond is already there. So the big hop was definitely a surprise.

He sits here with me now, preening either himself or me and staying very busy. I think he is trying to wear himself out, so he will sleep through the night. If he's not sleeping, then he's poking his head out of his pouch to make sure we are still in bed with him.

Our new charge - Mr. Barney - a Wallaroo and to male to boot - with big feet and the longest tail! Of course, he is as cut as a button!

I hope that all of the new mum's and dad's enjoy as we are, in the rearing of one of our friends, who need these protected places, to grow and live their lives out in peace.

Thanks to Kareen and Trevor for taking the time to share their joy with us.



Barney the Wallaroo with Kareen Janson



Barney relaxing with a snack

Grocery Donations needed for Hamper

NTWC would kindly ask all members to make a small donation of grocery items to be put into a monster hamper. This will be raffled to raise funds.

Items that are needed include bottles and tins of grocery items, including biscuits, and chocolates etc. Also needed are shampoos, soaps and other bathroom items.

Please bring your donations to the next meeting, or phone 1800-008-290.

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Tenterfield - 6734 5241

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