

Welcome to Bulletin 42



Apologies, but it appears that the Christmas Bulletin, Bulletin 41, as reported by David Alder was not distributed but I am happy to say that it is now available on the Society's website.

AGM News

As per the Minutes of the Society's AGM on 12th May 2012 *"Continued discussion re change of constitution re procedure for announcing AGM Wayne proposes, Stephanie seconded that the Society enter into the Constitution that notification of AGM to occur via Bulletins."*

Therefore, **Notice of AGM** - It is currently proposed that Saturday afternoon June 29 will be our AGM and it has been suggested that the AGM be held somewhere like Canberra where we can get together face to face.

Insurance

Chairman, David Alder, has reported that Indemnity and volunteer insurance for the Society has been taken out through NCC.

Conference Update

The next conference is being organised by the Victorian Group and at this stage it is proposed for 2015. More news next Bulletin.

Pamphlets - <http://www.wombatprotection.org.au/brochures.html>

The following pamphlets are now available on the website:-

Living with Wombats

Shooting Wombats

Wombat Road Sense

Wombat Rescue

Society Pamphlet

The mange booklet and flap template is in final stages of approval

Opinions and views expressed in this Bulletin are not necessarily those of the Wombat Protection Society of Australia.

Medical Database

Womdata, <http://www.wombatprotection.org.au/womdata.html>, is a research database compiled from many sources. Wombats are little studied and research is urgently needed as their numbers decline. You can help.

Research is becoming more urgent in the fight to save the three wombat species (Northern hairy-nosed, Southern hairy-nosed and bare-nosed wombats). The range of this, the largest burrowing animal in the world, has declined due to human impact over the years. This includes habitat loss, shooting, and infestation with introduced mites (mange). Collecting all data into a central database can help the research effort.

We need your wombats' blood test results.

Do you have any blood test results from wombats? It doesn't matter how old. The data will be collated and used to assist in wombat research. We don't only need blood test results: Any other data can be entered into the database. Talk to us if you have some ideas – help us save the wombat.



"No Hunting in National Parks" Rally

A "NO HUNTING IN NATIONAL PARKS RALLY", organised by the National Parks Association, the Public Service Association, and environmental groups, was held on Thursday 18th April 2013. Over 3,000 concerned NSW residents attended, as did our Treasurer Shirley Lack, seen here with Bob Brown.





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<http://www.wombatprotection.org.au/>

The Wombat Protection Society of Australia is a **Not for Profit Charitable Organisation** which was formed to raise money to fund projects that provide wombats with immediate protection from harm, enhance the quality of life of individuals or groups of wombats and to fund projects which develop or maintain suitable habitat and/or sanctuaries for wombats.

<http://www.wombatfoundation.com.au/>

The Wombat Foundation is a charitable organisation set up to support activities that aim to bring the Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat back from the brink of extinction.

<http://wombatawareness.com/wombat/>

The Wombat Awareness Organisation is a non profit organisation specialising in the rescue, rehabilitation, conservation and protection of the Southern Hairy-nosed Wombat.

<http://www.mangemanagement.org.au/>

Mange Management is here to educate and provide support with help, knowledge and the tools for treatment.

<http://www.cedarcreekwombatrescue.com/>

Cedar Creek Wombat Rescue and Wildlife Refuge is dedicated to rescuing not just orphaned joey wombats but also sub-adults and adults that are in need of medical care whether it be from accident, injury or mange. Focus is of course wombats.

http://www.wombatprotection.org.au/rescue_links.html

<http://www.wombatprotection.org.au/brochures.html>

<http://rocklilywombats.com/>

This website is about Rocklily Wildlife Refuge and a few other wildlife carers we know in Australia too.

More wombat information and a number of wombat resources can also be found at –

http://www.fourthcrossingwildlife.com/fauna_first_aid_resources.htm

Wildlife Rescue Magazine - <http://wildliferescuemagazine.com/issue-six.html>

EMAIL: wildliferescuemagazine@gmail.com



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Letters

Hello,

I would like to introduce to you the National Animal Rescue Groups of Australia (NARGA) Inc. We were formed to provide support for and to represent companion animal and wildlife rescue groups, shelters, foster carers and volunteers around Australia.

NARGA was founded by a few dedicated animal rescuers who were concerned at the lack of support to animal rescue groups from local and state governments, and who recognised the need for proper representation for smaller rescue groups on legislative committees. They acknowledged that there was no voice for animal rescuers or for the thousands of volunteers who form part of the animal rescue community, and so, decided to actively do something about it.

Since its conception the NARGA team has grown substantially, now having 18 committee members, nearly all of whom have come from an animal welfare background, most having years of direct companion animal and wildlife rescue experience.

NARGA's aim is to bring the voice of rescue groups into the public arena to be heard by all three levels of Government, the media and the general public. We intend to encourage co-operation, cohesion and conversation amongst rescue groups (large and small), pounds and shelters to develop large cooperative networks in the rescue community – from transport, foster carer, and volunteer networks right through to food bank and other resource networks. We will encourage people to sign up to nationally managed databases to provide efficient networking across all rescue groups.

We want to work with the rescue community to implement legislated Codes of Practice for rescue groups and rehoming organisations. We will also work towards implementing a nationally recognised foster carer training package. An offshoot to this training will be to develop a database of available foster carers to match to a relevant group based on their specific skill set, experience, expectations and practicality. In collaboration with rescue groups we will construct a nationally recognised and stable temperament testing procedure. We will lobby the relevant levels of government for: tax relief for animal rescue organisations; legislative changes to the way pounds are run as far as moral responsibilities are concerned (i.e. insist that they work with rescue groups and do everything in their power to first locate owners and to then rehome animals); assistance in reducing the homeless animal problem by way of subsidised desexing; better animal welfare education starting in primary school; making pet bonds a mandatory condition of rental agreements; lowering impounding fees. We expect to become part of every submission, focus group, symposium or public consultation regarding the welfare of companion animals and the people who rescue them.

NARGA is researching a number of useful resources for people involved in animal rescue. We have a grants database in place, a guide on how to become incorporated and gain charity status, and will be collating a broad variety of information such as how to investigate a potential adopter, how to prepare a potential adopter etc. There will be many more services to be added as resources allow, including counselling, insurance, financial and legal advice, so please keep a look out for them. As we are here for you, please let us know what services you would like us to provide. We are available to refer any query in the right direction.

We are establishing an Emergency Rescue Fund that can be accessed twice a year by a group (where sufficient funds are available). The Emergency Rescue Fund will be paid against vet bills where a life or death situation arises. To quickly raise

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substantial funds for this service we have developed the NARGA Network Partners program which is a discount system whereby card holders can obtain valuable discounts on goods and services through our Network Partners. Businesses can join at no cost which is encouraging a large variety of goods and services for card holders to choose from. A list of existing Partners is available on the website or on the dedicated Facebook page.

NARGA supporters pay a \$10 membership fee and are invited to nominate a member rescue group to receive a \$3 commission. The accumulated amount will be paid monthly to member groups and will be a very efficient way of fundraising for them! Should no group be nominated, the \$3 will go directly towards the Emergency Rescue Fund. Rescue group membership is totally free at this stage. The Wildlife Group Membership application form can be found on our website www.narga.org.au.

NARGA is always looking for dedicated volunteers to join the team to work on a wide variety of projects so if you or someone you know has some spare time, please contact us. One voice raising awareness, providing support, and uniting animal rescue communities - together we make the difference.

My name is Jan Bartlett and I am the President of NARGA. We are here for you. If you would like to discuss anything that could make your hugely important role in society easier, please contact me at admin@narga.org.au or feel free to SMS me anytime (no calls please) on 0411 704 714

Yours faithfully
Jan Bartlett



Roadkill App

http://josephhenry.com.au/?page_id=4

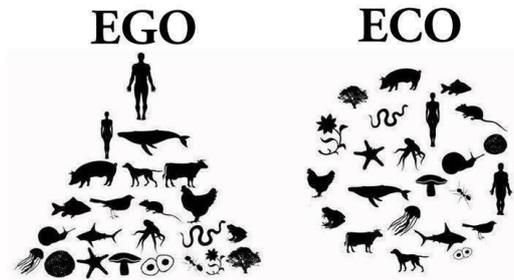
Once it's downloaded onto smart phone there is a button "HELP" on the opening page, which explains its use a bit more.

Basically, you need to set it up first adding Animals and Roads (common routes travelled). Then as you need to key data in, you just select the one you want. Other detailed data is already in there "Standard information" button", only if you want to use it (eg. sex, age, infants, GPS location, road info - gravel, speed limit, etc).

The data is stored on your phone, and at anytime you can email the file to yourself, or whomever (I am hoping the AWCN incident mapping can use it in their system, data can then be uploaded).

You can then clear your stored data memory in your phone, and start collecting more data!





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Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference (AWRC)

The next conference is to be held at The Hotel Grand Chancellor in the heart of Hobart, 27 – 30 May 2014. The theme is - **New Directions: Accommodating Change**

The Australia-wide wildlife rehabilitation sector consists of thousands of individuals and groups, is unfunded and relies on sporadic grants, donations from rescuers and grass roots funding. The last 8 conferences have increased our knowledge base and fostered networking that is part of a significant growing worldwide movement.

The conference is now being organised by a team of skilled and motivated rehabilitators from across Tasmania. We wish to include presentations on the many aspects of wildlife rehabilitation, and include speakers from national wildlife care organisations, the veterinary community, and universities on as broad a range of topics such as: environmental concerns, new ideas and technologies, rehabilitation standards, topics of research, endangered and threatened species, development and its environmental impacts, legal constraints, and any other matters pertaining to the rehabilitation of Australian wildlife. And they have now put out a 'Call for Papers'.

For more information please go to –

<http://awrchobart2014.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/AwrcHobart2014>



Roadkill signs - design your own

Hi everyone,

I've just had heaps of fun designing some signs that I've ordered. All different animals (click on Australia) are available plus different additions (tyre treads/blood spatters) etc. This would be good fun for kids to play with the designs too. 20% of sales is donated to carer groups throughout Australia (buyer can choose).

I think they could make good Christmas gifts. Please have a look and forward to all your friends too.

Judy Elliott

www.myroadkill.com.au mention the dot '.au' bit of our URL as it's important to differentiate us from that not-so-nice site in the USA.

Our concept is a simple one; that is, raising awareness of the roadkill problem through the display of a sticker. Our brightly coloured stickers reminded us, in an engaging and light-hearted way, that animals are being injured and killed every day. You can design your own unique sticker or purchase an already popular design.

Our business model has a significant portion of sales income being assigned to wildlife charities as donations to organisations that can provide services to; assist animals injured by

motor vehicle hits, those who educate in preventing road kill, and those who provide mitigation strategies. Each time a customer makes a purchase they are asked to assign an organisation for us to make a donation. There are 12 organisations listed. Seven national organisations; one for each state and NT, and 5 international charities. If a customer cannot decide which organisation to select, they can elect for us to select an organisation. Customers also have an opportunity to provide feedback at this point.

Our business governance maintains separation between our strategic and operational activities. We use information and advice from an independent, expert group of scientists.

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I will be approaching other organisations we currently have listed and inviting them to provide their logos too.

The logos will display on our home page in a scroll across the area adjacent to comments provided by Dr Alistair Hobday as indicated below:

I'm excited by the potential I believe our business has for increasing awareness and generating a source of funds. If the QWCVA is interested, we would love to have their logo displayed on our home page. We will be creating under the 'About us' tab a "Current beneficiaries" page where people can read a brief summation about the organisations we currently list. You are welcome to provide a short descriptor about what the QWCVA does for display on this page.

I hope we can develop a relationship with the QWCVA that is mutually beneficial through the sharing of information and the welcomed acceptance of our donations.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have and welcome your feedback.

Thanks and regards,

Mark Richardson

Senior Administration Manager

Ph: 0408 606 003

www.myroadkill.com.au



Weeds, overgrazing blamed for mass wombat deaths

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-03-08/conclusive-finding-on-mass-wombat-deaths/4560148>

Invasive weeds and overgrazing are being blamed for a rising number of sick and malnourished southern hairy-nosed wombats in the Murraylands region of eastern South Australia. Adelaide University researchers have confirmed the species is starving to death because the feed has disappeared. Across the Murraylands, from Murray Bridge to Blanchetown, the wombats are too emaciated to stand.

Wildlife rescuer Brigitte Stevens said she frequently found dead animals.

"We see animals lying on their side, eating dirt and falling down holes," she said. "We're seeing animals falling over and we're also finding about 20 to 30 dead every time we go out there."

Preliminary study findings suggested a mystery liver disease was causing the deaths.

But final results show limited food supply has left wombats to starve, said researcher Lucy Woolford. "The overwhelming finding was that these animals were under severe nutritional stress which we believe is due to land degradation in the areas they were found," she said.



Photo: [Wildlife carer Brigitte Stevens feeds a southern hairy-nosed wombat \(ABC\)](#)
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Types of Disinfectants

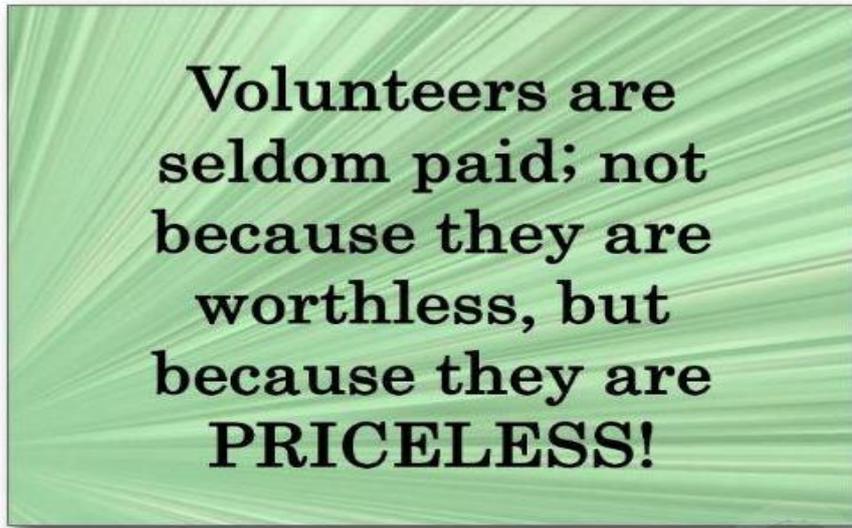
Agent	Action	Contact time (min)	Advantage	Disadvantage
Chlorine (bleach)	G+ /G- bact, virus, protozoa	10	Cheap, relative low tox, broad spectrum	Irritate mucosa
Phenols (triclosan)	G+ /G- bacteria, some viruses	10	Not inactivated by organics	Corrosive, odour, irritate skin, not get some virus
Quaternary ammoniums (pine-o-clean)	G+ bacteria	10-30	Low toxicity, non-corrosive	Irritate skin, not get G-spore, virus
Iodine	G+ /G- bact, some virus	10	Change colour when exhausted	Tarnish metal, not get spore, virus
F10	G+ /G- bact, virus, protozoa	10	Non-irritant, broad spectrum	cost

AWRC 2012 Townsville

Keeping them healthy in captivity – concepts in quarantine for wildlife in care

Dr Anne Fowler BSc(Vet)(Hons), BVSc, MANZCVS (Avian Health, Wildlife Health)





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Membership Renewal 2013 - 2014

A reminder that the *Wombat Protection Society of Australia* (WPSA) membership now falls due on **June 30th each new financial year.**

Would all members please ensure their membership is renewed so as continue to support the group's endeavours. Please complete and e/mail the information below to sfwalsh@bordernet.com.au or post to:-

WPSA Membership
Shirley Lack
P.O. Box 2191
TOMERONG NSW 2540

Name

Postal Address

Email

Telephone: Home: **Mobile:**

Renewal 2013-14

New Member 2013-14

Fees for 2013-14

Adults

- \$20.00 per year per adult by email contact
- \$25.00 for 'snail mail'

Children

- \$10.00 for children
- \$15.00 for 'snail mail'

Families

- \$30.00 for families.
- \$35.00 for 'snail mail'

How to Pay

Pay Pal deposits can be made at www.wombatprotection.org.au

OR

Direct Deposits to the Operating Account can be made:
BSB 802124
Account 77328 *Wombat Protection Society of Australia.*

OR

Cheque made out to the *Wombat Protection Society* and sent to
Shirley Lack
P.O. Box 2191
TOMERONG NSW 2540

Please ensure if you are using Pay Pal or Direct Deposit that you give your name and what your deposit is for: e.g. membership 2013-14

Hon. Members and Directors do not need to renew but please update your contact details if these have changed.

Can you assist the work of the *Wombat Protection Society*?

Please tick the following way/s of helping and add any others you may be able to do:

- Giving advice to members of the public re wombats
- Becoming a member of the Board
- Undertaking a role such as secretary, public officer, accounting
- Making up mange prevention kits
- Undertaking internet research
- Project liaison (connects you to a particular project)
- Other areas: please state

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Thank you for helping us to help our precious and unique wombats.

