

# WILDLIFE TALES



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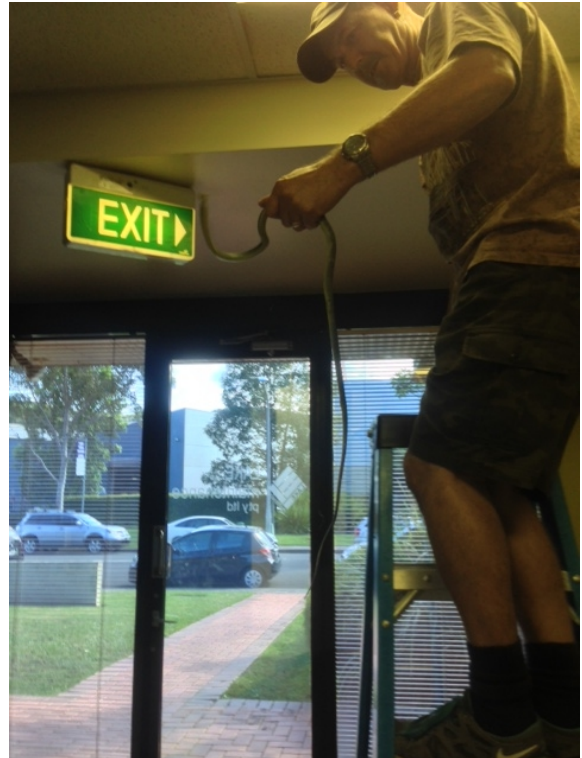
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**NEXT MEETING:**

20<sup>th</sup> June at 10 am then 18<sup>th</sup> July at 10 am 2015

*General Meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday in the month at 10 am,  
at Wyoming Community Centre, 147 Maiden Brush Rd, Wyoming*

## Snake rescue - Tuggerah



I rescued this little fellow from a light fitting in an office at Tuggerah Business Park. The staff were very thankful and interested to learn a bit about it.

The snake was released nearby.

Derek Ingham

# Fundraising & Promotions

## Narara Ecoburbia Festival

Wow! What an amazing day! The weather turned it on, the music, entertainment & speakers were superb and what a great mix of stalls including...you guessed it Wildlife ARC!

I know I always start my updates with the same words – I can't help it...our market days just keep getting better and better!

We now have a Wildlife ARC Market Gazebo and a fully functional photo board which showcases rescues, lots of photos and info explaining what Wildlife ARC does.

We handed out a lot of membership forms and the public were really interested in what we do. A lot of people stopped in to see us, have a chat and find out more.

Fluffy (Diamond python) and Ali (Fruit bat) were the stars of the day and a big thank you to Jessi for bringing Ali down along with a Micro bat and Sara for looking after Ali while Jessi was otherwise engaged.

Roger (Blue tongue) had his time in the sun too and was happily nestled with Caroline.

Thank you to Sharron Jones for coming down as well to give us a break.

We are finding that we need more educational animals at these market days to give Fluffy, Roger & Ali a break during the day. If you are holding an educational animal – I will be contacting you shortly to find out the availability of the animals for the next market days. Look forward to speaking with you.

We would love to see more members come and help us at the market days – Junior members are also welcome to come and hand out stickers and magnets. We do 4 – 5 big markets a year and it's a great opportunity to get our name out there and let everyone know about Wildlife ARC. If you are interested please don't hesitate to call me on 0418 608 359 or come to the next meeting at Wyoming to find out more.





# Phonies Report

What dreadful weather we have all just experienced and I do hope that you have all come through it relatively unscathed, although I know not everyone was so lucky. With this in mind, I would sincerely like to thank the efforts of Michelle Chandler, a relatively new phonie, who was able to take over the Phone Roster for over 40 hours straight because other phonies had no power, no landline telephones or mobile service etc. Thank you Michelle.

They doubted it could be done, but thanks to our new Phonies, we have a full roster. This leaves me as Coordinator with the task of monitoring and standing in for those who need time off. Mind you, with the school holidays just finishing, I have been busy, but now it should be clear sailing.

For this to have happened I must give a big thank you to our new members who have just, or recently started on their career with the phonies, they are: Sara Neal, Sara Horn, Christina Murray, Natalie Finch, Kylie Boyle and just last week, Faith Wiggin. You can see from this number of new phonies just how depleted we were in our phone roster.

Fortunately things are quietening down with fewer calls coming in, but as with any new job, it takes time to settle in and recognise those who are perhaps more readily available, and who perhaps may have just the right information that you need. This generally takes about 2 months, so to all our new phonies, take heart and persevere. I realise that phones are not for everyone but I am pleased to see you are prepared to give it a go. Remember I am available at any time to help out, as indeed are most ARC head carers and members.

I can't sit on my laurels too long though and I am always looking for new members to join our team, so please, give it some thought for a shift once a week, once a fortnight, or whatever you can manage. You are the most important member of ARC because without the Phonie, the animal wouldn't come into care.

Lesley Hale  
Phone Coordinator

# Snake Head Carer Report

Hi everyone,

Winter is here and the snake calls will quieten down during the cold period so this is a good time to do some study on snake care and husbandry, clean and stock up on gear and equipment and make sure you've got what you need for when spring arrives. Don't hesitate to ring and ask me if there's anything that you're unsure about.

The snake calls have been very quiet for me over the past few weeks, I've been giving members of the public advice on the phone about how to keep snakes off their properties. Remember never to go out on a snake rescue if you feel it's unsafe to do so or if the snake cannot be found or rescued.

Any snakes with injuries or illnesses that are already in care will need to be kept during winter and released in spring if they're healthy enough to go, the same goes for any that are rescued during winter as they probably won't survive if released out into the cold if they're hurt or sick.

I hope all Arc members and all of our animals are alright after the damage from the storms we've been getting here recently, especially for those who have had trees fall onto their houses or have lost their power.

Enjoy the winter break.

Cheers

Dave Cooney

Snake HC



## Possums Report

Over the past few months our possum carers have been kept busy. There have been a few possums come into care from the recent storms, most suffering from hypothermia and exhaustion. Most were released once the storm cleared.

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April we held a possum get together at Alison Georges, it was a very successful day and it was great to see so many carers both new and old. We are lucky to have such a great team of carers.

Keep up the great work everyone.

Sharron



## POSITIONS VACANT

### Bird Head Carer & Lizard/Turtle/Frog Head Carer

If you are interested in this position please apply in writing to the Secretary at the ARC Postal Address or [ARC Secretary's email: arc@wildlife-arc.org.au](mailto:arc@wildlife-arc.org.au)

## WITHOUT THE PHONIES...



I WOULD NOT HAVE  
COME INTO CARE

### Please consider becoming a Phonie

It only means a few hours – once a week, once a fortnight or even once a month it all helps.

Please phone Lesley Hale on 4359 1615, or email me at [halelesley2012@gmail.com](mailto:halelesley2012@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIPS

YOU MUST BE A FINANCIAL MEMBER TO CARE AND RESCUE.

**MEMBERSHIP FORMS** ARE AVAILABLE ON THE ARC WEBSITE [www.wildlife-arc.org.au](http://www.wildlife-arc.org.au)

**MEMBERSHIP FEES** CAN BE PAID BY DIRECT DEPOSIT, CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER  
PLEASE SEND YOUR **COMPLETED FORM** AND MEMBERSHIP FEES TO THE ARC POST OFFICE  
BOX ADDRESS.

**NEW MEMBERS** PAY MEMBERSHIP AND A \$5.00 JOINING FEE

**RENEWALS** ARE DUE 30TH JUNE EACH YEAR.

**NOTE:** If you renew by direct deposit then you are not financial until a completed form is received.

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## FOOD STORE

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All ARC members can place an order for ARC food on the ARC Data Base.

We now have two locations;  
North store (located in Mannering Park) and  
Central store (located at 15 Teralba Street, Ourimbah).  
Bird food will only be sold at the end of the ARC meeting at Wyoming.

If you do not have a computer please phone either store and place an order.

Ordering on the ARC Database - When you log on to your database you will see a new section called ARC Food Store.

From this section you can make an order and track your previous orders. You will also be able to see the new and updated price list!

***NOTE. Only members with ARC animals in care can order food.  
You must have that species in care and be approved by HC or a Mentor.  
BIRD food is only supplied for 4 months for each bird.***

Lastly, we need everybody to know that there will be no accounts or credit.  
All items must be paid for before collection (by Direct debit) or (cash) when you pick your order up.

Thanks, Patty & Lesley

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## ANIMAL RECORDS

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Please be aware that all your animal records are to be brought up to date.  
If you still aren't able to use the database please contact Kelly Hunt or Kathy Varman.

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## USEFUL WEBSITES TO HELP IDENTIFY

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<http://www.birdsinbackyards.net/>  
Birds in Backyards

<http://www.mdahlem.net/birds/index.php>  
Michael Dahlem's Bird Pages

Don't forget the ARC database has a local species gallery as well. If we all contribute pictures of the birds we care for, especially baby birds, this will become an invaluable resource for us all.