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NEXT MEETINGS:

20th August, 17th September, 15 October 2017

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

Macropods and Wombats

I can start this report on a positive note by congratulating Alison on the successful release of Mischief the swamp wallaby! It's great to have so many success stories this year and hopefully more to come! Janine's redneck wallaby girl, Jodie, has now moved to my place to start building up skills for her eventual release. She's been having so much fun hopping and making friends (or enemies?) with Barry the wallaroo. We have had no new joeys come into care, but the joeys still in are doing well. Julie's very tiny boy has opened his eyes and is starting to look like a proper wallaby, which is very exciting!

The team has been doing lots and lots of checks on roadkill, but the vast majority of them have been boys. While it's good that few females have been getting hit, it's distressing just how many animals have been killed on the roads recently. Particularly problem spots seem to be The Ridgeway at Lisarow/Holgate and Hue Hue Rd at Jilliby. Please keep checking pouches and reporting pouch checks to the phonies so we can see just how many are being done.

As for wombats - my little girl Leigh is doing well, despite a very rough start. She's rapidly approaching 2 kilograms and getting naughtier by the day. The bigger boys are all doing well, and eating lots of grass!

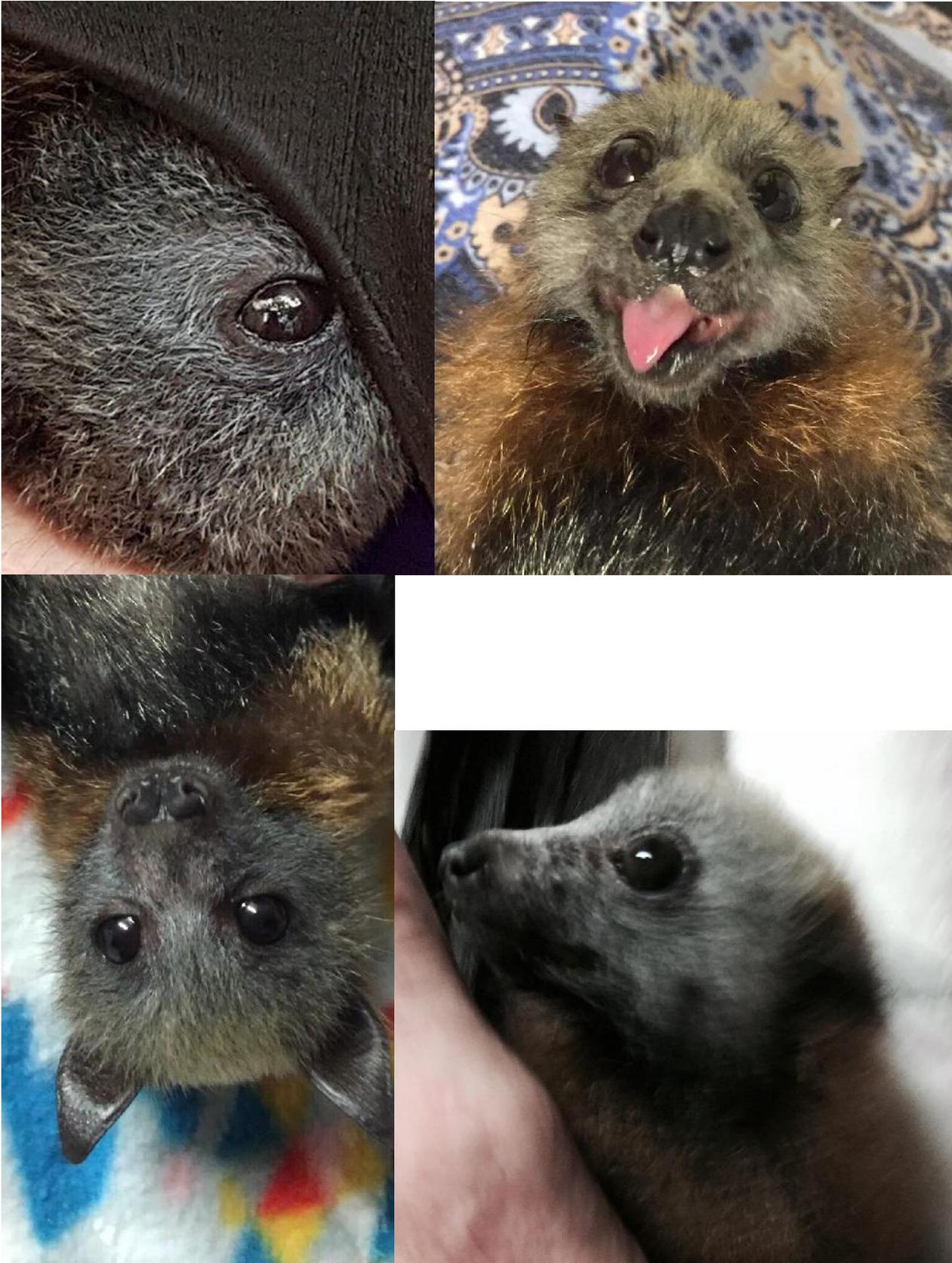
We did a sad but rather fascinating wombat call a few days ago - we were called out to a female wombat with a joey in pouch in Yarramalong. When we arrived, I found not one but two joeys in the pouch. Unfortunately at less than 30 grams, the joeys were too young to handraise - however twin wombats are very rare so it was amazing to come across them. It's such a shame that their mother had been killed. Hopefully it'll be better news next time.

Kelly Nash
Macropod and Wombat Head Carer



Flying Foxes

Flapp Flapp is just one of our many orphaned babies who have been successfully released this year after spending many months in care



Birds

Sometimes we just think 'how?'

The Laughing Kookaburra is stuck in the fence by his shoulders and skull being either side of the palings. He had a rail to stand on and once freed, spent a night resting before a successful release the next day. His family was glad to have him back and no doubt are living up to their laughing name.



Others

Hi everyone,

Quiet recently in the others section with two echidnas relocated due to earthworks and homes being disturbed!

One echidna sadly dead on arrival! This one was hit by car.

We held our training day thanks to all who attended we had 13 in total, we are currently setting up an online questionnaire to help with assessment process.

Thanks everyone for your continued support.

Sharron Jones
Head carer of the others section.

Reptiles

The Lace monitor is the second largest lizard in Australia and a Central Coast resident. This apex predator performs an important role as 'clean up crew' following delicious smells over kms. This can land them in sticky situations such as around bins or hit by cars.

If you encounter an injured or trapped Lace monitor please contact Wildlife A.R.C. on 02 4325 0666. Lace monitors are dangerous animals with sharp claws, sharp teeth, strong legs and a thick whipping tail. Their rescue should only be attempted by qualified people.



With the cold weather sometimes our wildlife friends like to hang out inside as well.

The Southern Leaf-tailed Gecko - *Phyllurus platurus* - while endemic to the Central Coast and adapted to life in sandstone outcrops, sometimes finds our warm houses are too tempting. Rest assured your new gecko friend has gone straight to work eating flies, cockroaches, spiders and other bugs.

If you find an injured or trapped gecko please don't hesitate to contact us on 02 4325 0666 - Wildlife A.R.C.

Fun Facts

16th July was World Snake Day



Morelia spilota spilota - our endemic python of the Central Coast

Consider Becoming a Phonie



Without the phonies
... I would not have
come into care