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Spring has Sprung

It's baby bird time! Our rehabilitators have been taking in youngsters of various species and it's that time of year when we are so very grateful for our avian foster parents. Fostering is the best way to rear young birds who don't need hands-on treatment for injuries and/or illness, and it can mean that a disabled adult bird doesn't have to be euthanased, but can live a comfortable life as a rehabilitation assistant. Of course it takes a particular bird with the right kind of temperament to be a successful foster, but when we find those birds, they are worth their weight in gold!

Sadly it has also been pesticide time with many people and businesses opting to use anticoagulant rodenticides to combat the annual influx of rats and mice into human habitations and workplaces. I've been getting a lot of positive feedback from the community about our on-going education campaign but there remains a great deal of work to do to educate the public about the hidden dangers of many popular rodenticide poisons. For more information you can visit our website and download the raptor fact sheet: *Kill Rats and Mice, not Wildlife!*

I am grateful to the organisers of the Nannup Flower and Garden Festival for giving me a free speaking slot in the Garden Marquee to talk about secondary poisoning and how to manage pests without putting pets and wildlife at risk.

Remember that all Society members who are involved with community education can distribute our fact sheets at events and education sessions. For assistance with printing costs, please get in contact.

Last but not least, welcome to all our new and returning members who have joined up for another year. It's shaping up to be another busy one.

If you'd like to get involved in any aspect of our activities, drop us a line and find out how you can help out birds of prey and owls.

"Scientists tell us that the release of a rehabilitated bird of prey makes no difference to the world.

That's okay.

We know it makes the world of difference to the bird."

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Kris the Kite kicks off from a branch during the Eagles Heritage flight display

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society for the Preservation of Raptors was held on Saturday 1 August 2015 at the Eagles Heritage Margaret River Raptor Wildlife Centre, 341 Boodjidup Road, Margaret River at 5:30 pm.

We had a small group but enough people for a quorum including Marra who phoned in. Thank you to Yvonne who kindly gave us the use of her smartphone when it became apparent that the Polycom was not compatible with the new VoIP system installed at Eagles Heritage. Our office bearers were all re-elected unopposed. Phil remains our Coordinator, Noelene is Secretary and Nancy is Treasurer. The post of Veterinary Advisor has remained vacant for many years. It would be lovely to have a vet join our group and come on board as our official Advisor. (Yes, that's a hint.)

DPaW Basic Course in Wildlife Rehabilitation

The last DPaW Basic Course is scheduled for 12/13 September in Kensington. The Margaret River course on the 1st and 2nd of August was very well attended with 41 people booking in and our raptor module was well received. To book a place at the last of the Basic courses for 2015, please contact the Department of Parks and Wildlife Community Involvement Unit by telephoning (08) 9334 0251 or visit the website:

www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/get-involved/wildlife-rehabilitation-and-courses/159-wildcare-courses

2015 Perth Royal Show

Each year, the Perth Royal Show is where we have our biggest educational display and where we raise the most money for the coming year to help our members maintain and repair facilities, purchase equipment, subsidise food costs and help with vet bills. As always, an educational display that lasts eight days is labour-intensive and we need all the volunteers we can get. If you can assist (and, yes, we can teach you how to handle a bird) please contact Noelene by telephoning (08) 9453 6567.

NEW! Vinyl Car Decals

Have you ever seen those stick figure families that people put on their rear windows? A bit kitschy, a bit hipster in that they can be customised to show that your family is unique... just like everyone else's.

Defy the hipsters with this quirky new vinyl car decal. Custom designed especially for us by Decal Mania, it proudly declares that you aren't about to run with the crowd.

At \$10 each plus postage, you can make an irreverent statement and support the Society at the same time. Why not buy one for each vehicle and one for a friend? Make a game of it and park behind SUVs with stick family decals!

To order, contact Nancy via the website www.raptor.org.au

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