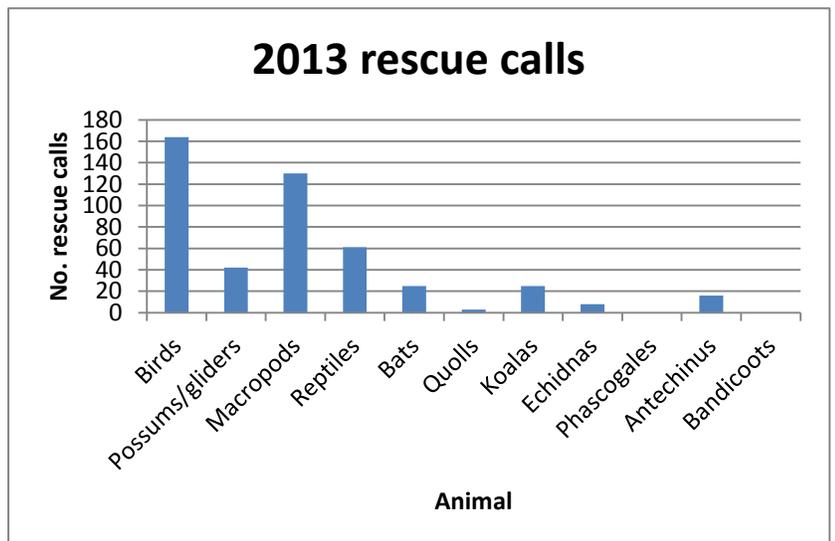
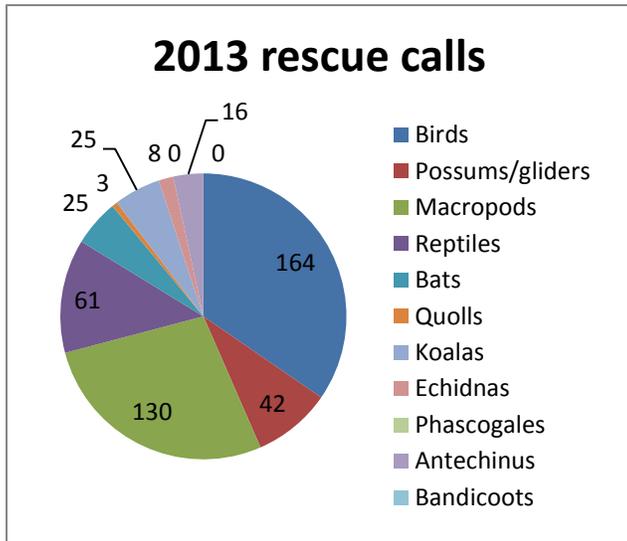


2013 Wildlife Wrap up

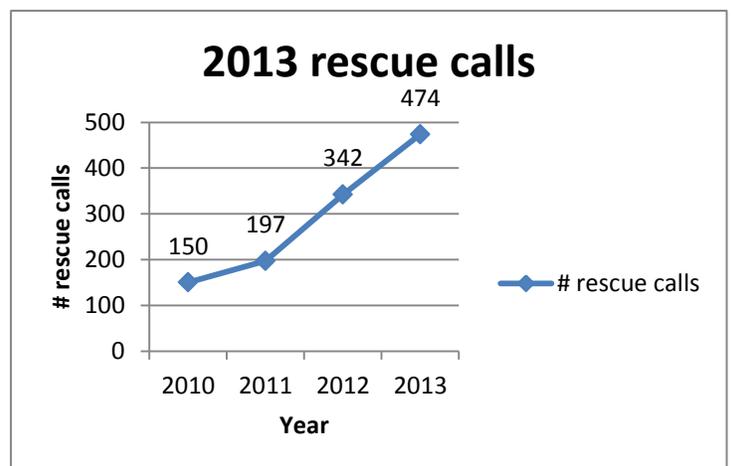


Rescue calls

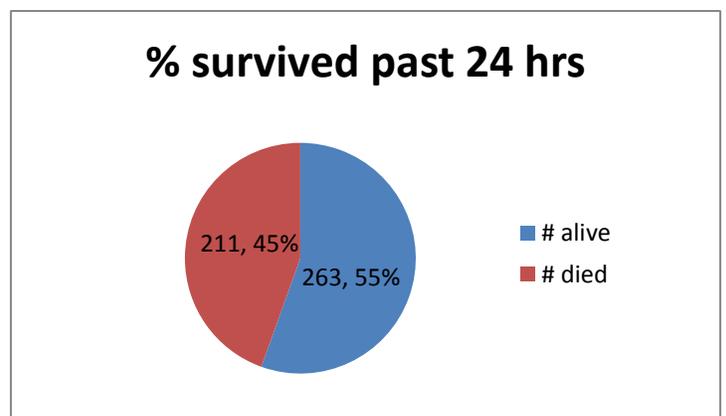
In total our members took 474 wildlife rescue calls during 2013 according to the following animal groups.



This represented an almost 50% increase on the previous year demonstrating that we are still enjoying a growth trend with increased publicity and exposure.



However, what is also interesting is that only 55% survived past the first 24 hrs, 45% of the animals rescued either died in that first 24 hr period or had to be euthanised.



Details

- 35% of the rescue calls were for 164 birds from 36 different varieties. These figures represented an increase in the number of birds rescued than last year (139 →164) but overall represented a decrease in the representation of overall rescues (41% → 35%). In the main, these birds had been either hit by cars, fallen from nests, shaken from trees in stormy weather, caught in barbed wire fences, wire or string, or attacked by cats or dogs. Some other stories included a crane pulling the washing off the clothes line, an ibis that was attacking the dog to take his dog biscuits, swans, grebes, a tiny honeyeater caught in a strong spiders web, black shouldered kite, corellas, frogmouths, kookaburras, and all the usual magpies, rosellas, topknot pigeons, and 1 lost peacock.
- 27% of the calls were for 130 macropods. This group were pretty evenly spread between eastern grey kangaroos (55) and red-necked wallabies (47), followed by the next grouping which included wallaroos (14) and swamp wallabies (10), followed by the rarer pretty face wallabies (4). These animals were either adults that had been hit by cars, or subject to dog attacks, or joeys rescued from pouches and, if able to be saved, went into care.
- 13% of the calls were for 61 reptiles, with three-quarters of these calls for eastern brown, red-belly black or taipan snake relocations. This demonstrates our extremely successful snake handling services we provide to the community. We even had one call to rescue a large carpet python which came into the roadhouse at Fisher Park at the top of Cunningham's Gap. The other reptiles rescued included turtles with cracked shells, lizards, geckoes and a goanna stuck in the wire netting of a chook house.
- 9% of the calls were for 42 possums or gliders, a slight decrease on last year.
- 5% of the calls were for 25 mega or microbats, similar figures to last year.
- 5% of the calls were for 25 koalas, a 20% increase on last year. These figures include two orphaned baby koalas who went into rehabilitation and the balance were either too badly diseased and were euthanised immediately, or for those who could be saved, they received longer term treatment in care.
- 2% of the calls were for 8 echidnas, a 4-fold increase on last year.
- The balance of the calls was for animals you don't see often and included 3 quolls rescued from a chook pens and 16 antechinus.
- Within these figures are 9 animals from carers in Warwick and 12 animals from carers in Tenterfield demonstrating the close relationship we have with carers in our neighbouring towns.

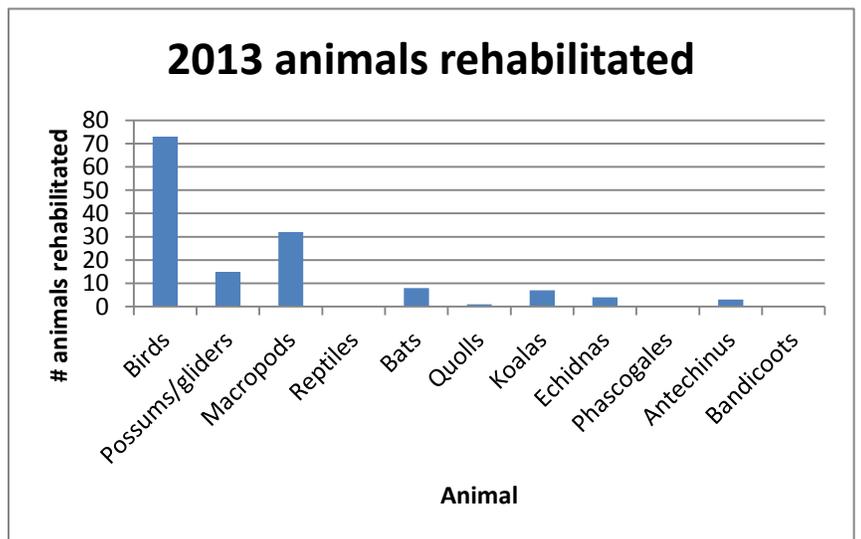
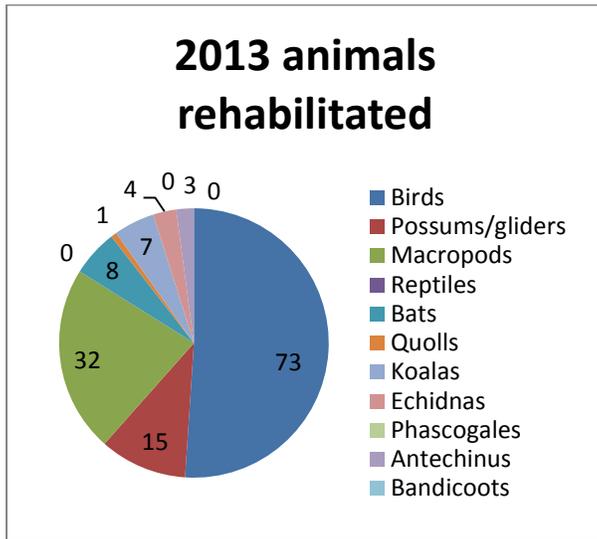
Some queries to make you smile include:

- Is the vet open now?
- Can someone come and get a feral cat that is dying in the backyard?*
- Who could come and remove a tyrannosaurus on the stage area of the Warwick Salvation Army Hall?
- A call from a lady on the way to Brisbane, just past Stanthorpe, picked up an injured turtle from the road. Call was at 10.30 at night...lady kept driving and took turtle to Wildlife hospital at Wacol.
- A call from a man in Rockhampton who had a large carpet snake under the house. We decided to hose it to see if it would move back to the bush. He had no idea where Stanthorpe was.
- A call to rescue a really strange animal that no one had seen before and didn't know what it was. It turned out to be a foxcub. *
- A lamb that had been abandoned on Texas Road.
- A call to remove 2 dead flying fox from a house in Warwick. We don't do "dead".

*Note: we don't provide rescue services to feral or exotic animals.

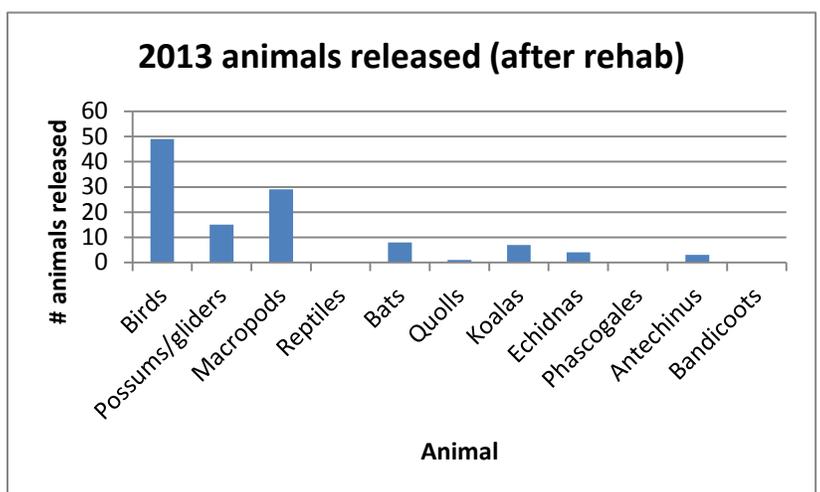
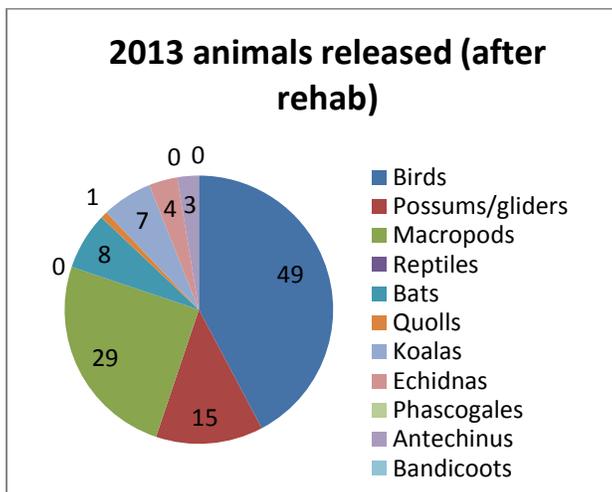
Animals in care

From the rescues, approximately 143 of the rescued animals went into care, half of them birds.



Animals released

From the animals rehabilitated, 113 were successfully released.



2013 Membership

By the end of 2013 our membership stood at 44 carer members and 20 support members with most of our members renewing their membership for 2013. For still a relatively small group, almost everyone is active in that if they're not caring for animals, then they are supporting us in our rescue and fundraising ventures.

2013 Fundraising

We had our usual fundraising ventures including the stall at the show, our two Monster Markets in March and September and a stall at Gardenfest. The income we made at these events helped offset the \$400/month expenditure that it costs us to feed and house all the animals that come into care.

We received over \$800 from people who have opened Community Saver accounts with the Heritage Building Society, and named us as the recipient charity, so coupled with donations amounting to over \$2000, and our fundraising efforts, we are still able to totally subsidise the food our carers need.

2013 Grants

We were successful in acquitting our \$30,000 grant provided to us through the Qld Govt's Gambling Community Benefit Fund for wildlife enclosures for koalas, possums, quolls and echidnas and a flight aviary for birds.

We weren't successful in obtaining a grant through the Friends of Parks funding program. This application was to document the wildlife of the Granite Belt in a book and have a launch held at a festival in Girraween National Park.

2013 Projects

Major projects we finalised during 2013 included:

- Completing work on our wildlife enclosures for koalas, possums, quolls and echidnas and additional aviaries for birds.
- Undertaking a full stocktake of our supplies. As a result, we obtained a wealth of first aid supplies suitable for animal use and shared them with our Warwick and Tenterfield neighbours.
- Running another native plant drive fundraiser.
- Catering for a cycling group at an activity they were undertaking on the Granite Belt.
- Increased the number of talks we gave at schools, library, nursing homes, etc.

2014 Projects and activities

During 2014 we're going to undertake the following:

- Run another native plant drive fundraising activity in conjunction with Mole River Native Nursery.
- Complete and distribute a members resource book.
- Complete the wildlife carer training card to identify competencies gained through qualifications, training and experience.
- Formalise the mentoring program between new and experienced carers.

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