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Another busy year

Welcome to our new-look newsletter. It has been a very busy year with some personal milestones being achieved. Welcome aboard to our new members who along with our regulars have been very patient with the dearth of newsletters.

I would like to extend a personal thank you to the Society and its members for the kind messages of condolence and the support I have received since my partner Brian passed away last September. Going it alone has been quite challenging and will no doubt continue to be so for some time to come. I have had to cut back on some of my community commitments but I am getting back into harness now.

Our coordinator and founder Phil Pain celebrated his 60th birthday this month. Phil complains that he's growing older but the years have done nothing to diminish his drive and passion for the conservation of our native raptors.

Society members have been quietly going about their business. Particularly noteworthy is our Queensland rehabilitator Deb who is taking in over 100 birds a year in the Townsville area. Deb is quite isolated in her area and is doing an amazing job with very little hands-on support. She's an inspiration.

Another resilient and passionate member is Janelle up in the Geraldton area who is in the process of rebuilding her centre after a ferocious storm tore through her aviaries and smashed windows in the hospital building. Janelle's wonderful family and her local community as well as the good people at Elders Insurance are all pitching in to help rebuild Just Raptors.

In Perth member Yvonne continues to shine a spotlight on our raptors and our community sector through her work with Auzzie and the West Coast Eagles.

What an incredible team of people we have.

*"We do not
inherit the Earth
from our ancestors.*

*We borrow it from
our children."*

- unknown

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We are reflected in the eyes of the birds we help

Annual General Meeting

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

Please RSVP to Secretary Noelene Jenkins on (08) 9453 6567. Refreshments and a light meal will be provided.

Please be aware that you must be a financial member in order to stand for office and vote. A renewal notice accompanies this newsletter.

DPaW Basic Course in Wildlife Rehabilitation

There are not as many Basic courses being run this year but there will be one regional course. The dates for Perth courses are: 20/21 June and 12/13 September. A course has been confirmed in Margaret River for 1/2 August, coinciding with our AGM. This gives us the opportunity to invite attendees to visit us and gain an appreciation of our beautiful birds. To book a place at any of the Basic courses 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.

2016 Raptor Calendar

Our 2014 calendar was quiet popular and we are busily working on building up photo stock for our 2016 raptor calendar.

We will be keeping the cost of the calendar close to what it was last year and we may even be able to reduce the price as it looks like we will have some corporate sponsorship to help with production.

To reserve a copy please contact Nancy 08 9756 0669.

Eagles Heritage

Our headquarters is where our native raptors are showcased in both aviary exhibits and in the twice-daily free flight displays.

Unfortunately in recent years visitor numbers have been down due largely to the forced removal of highway signage by the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River. You can help by visiting Eagles Heritage and telling your friends and family about this unique attraction. Don't forget to check in on facebook!

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