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AGM and Training Weekend

Each year, we hold our AGM and our training weekend at the same time to give our members an incentive to come along, meet others and do some fun stuff. This year is no different.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Friday, 3 September 2016 at the Blackwood Valley Raptor Centre in Jalbarragup. There is limited accommodation available in the area so if you plan on attending and need to book, please contact me ASAP so I can make a group booking with one or more of the local providers. If you just turn up without a booking, you could well find yourself caught short.

If you'd like to camp out on the property, there is plenty of room. If the weather looks iffy we can move the cars and put the tents under the carport or if it's not too windy we can put the 6m x 3 m marquee up and pitch tents under that for added protection.

I am still in the process of organising the training programme and will send out an e-mail once it is finalized. We will definitely be making jess grease so if you need jess grease, please bring a jar or tin to put it in so you can take some home.

On Friday evening after the meeting we will have a meal: weather permitting we can get the fire pit going and have a bush barbecue, otherwise it will be a hot meal indoors with the wood fire going. On Saturday we will have some training, a bit of a busy bee around the aviaries and a tour of the nearby Jamarri Black Cockatoo Rehabilitation Centre. Depending on the weather, we may release some Barn Owls either on Friday or Saturday evening!

On Sunday morning, those who wish to visit to Eagles Heritage (a 45 minute drive to Margaret River) can do so, then it will be time for everyone to go home.

It's important to note that the nearest shops are 25 km away, so make sure you (a) bring everything you need and (b) let me know you're coming along so that I can cater accordingly. If you have any special dietary requirements, please let me know so that you can be looked after.

The Google Hangouts trial went well last time so we will do that again for anyone who wishes to participate. As before, if you want to teleconference in, **please contact Marra at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.**

Please see over for more information on the Annual General Meeting.

*"If people were
Superior
to Animals,*

*they'd take
better care
of the world"*

— Benjamin Hoff
The Tao of Pooh



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A Barn Owl returning to its soft release site in Jalbarragup, WA

Next Meeting

Our **next meeting** will be held at the **Blackwood Valley Raptor Centre** on **Friday, 3 September 2016 at 5:00 pm**. The meeting time has been chosen to allow as many office-bearers as possible to be present. If you cannot attend in person and would like to teleconference using Google Hangouts please send an e-mail to marra@raptor.id.au at least 48 hours prior to the meeting for instructions on how to be included. To RSVP, organise accommodation, discuss special dietary requirements and obtain directions/map/GPS coordinates, please email admin@raptor.org.au or call Nancy on 08 9756 0669. The Blackwood Valley Raptor Centre is located in Jalbarragup, approximately 20 minutes' drive from Nannup, 45 minutes away from Margaret River and approximately 3 - 3.5 hours' drive from Perth.

The meeting is our Annual General Meeting and this newsletter serves as Notice. Nomination and Proxy forms are being distributed with the newsletter. Additional copies are available on request. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer will fall vacant and nominations are invited from interested members. Please be aware that only members in good standing may vote, nominate or be nominated for office. Nominations may be made by way of the nomination form or verbally at the AGM. Nominations must be accepted by the nominee in order to be valid.

Membership Renewals

Membership renewals fell due on 1 July 2016. Thank you to everyone who renewed their membership promptly. We allow a month's grace for members to get themselves organised. When you renew, please ensure that you either include payment with your renewal form or ensure that you send us a renewal form once you make an EFT payment *and put your name on the bank transfer*. Without a name, we have no way of reconciling a payment to a membership renewal. Please ensure you send us a form. The forms only take a minute or so to complete and they allow us to keep up with any changes to your contact details as well as helping us comply with the requirements of the Associations Act.

Vale, Rusty

Many of our members will recall Rusty the Brahminy Kite. She was handed in to Phil Pain in 1991 as a terrible abuse case and was rehabilitated as far as was possible. Rusty could not be returned to the wild so she joined the education programme at Eagles Heritage where she was a star attraction for almost two decades. She retired in 2006 and passed away earlier this month at the ripe old age of 26.

Farewell, old girl.

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