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### Wildlife conservation grant to AKAW.

Our society recently provided a \$1000 grant to the Adelaide Koala & Wildlife Hospital (AKAW) in Plympton, SA, to assist them in purchasing vital equipment to save injured koalas and other native wildlife.

AKAW is a not-for-profit team of dedicated professionals and volunteers passionate about saving the lives of injured wildlife. The hospital officially opened in February 2014 after many months of preparation and was purpose-built to help save South Australia's native wildlife.

AKAW provides free emergency vet services to injured wildlife at their hospital in Plympton. They take in injured or orphaned wildlife with the aim of rehabilitation and release and also participate in a wide variety of educational programs for students, carers, veterinary students and the public.

Check out their website by clicking on the button below.

**AKAW**



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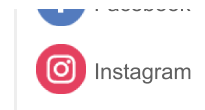


"What is man without the beasts? If all the beasts were gone, man would die from a great loneliness of spirit. For whatever happens to the beasts, soon happens to man. All things are connected."

*Seattle,  
Chief of the Duwamish,*

### Check us out...





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### The passing of a generous lady.

We are sad to report that one of our elderly Life Member, Mrs Joan Brandt of Hornsby, passed away last week.

Joan and her husband Frans were both long-term members of our Society with Frans as Treasurer up to the time of his death and Joan was Minute Secretary for many years before she became too old to travel. They were both very generous donors to the work of the Society over many years. Joan was a midwife and wrote a book on her life experiences after she retired, titled "Memoirs of a Midwife".

The President Suzanne Medway said "Joan was a great and generous supporter of the Society and her passing will be sadly missed by all who knew her. She lived respected and died regretted."

The CEO will represent the Society at the Funeral Service on Friday 6 October next.

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### AWS presentation to Devil Ark project.

AWS President, Suzanne Medway AM, recently visited the Australian Reptile Park to make a further contribution to the Devil Ark Project to save the Tasmanian Devil from extinction. John Weigel, who is the General Manager of the Australian Reptile Park and the Devil Ark project, was on hand to receive a further donation to this important wildlife conservation project.





Photo : John Weigel, Suzanne Medway holding a baby Tasmanian Devil and CEO Patrick W Medway

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### **Giant wombat was only marsupial ever known to migrate.**

An Australian palaeontologist has discovered that a giant prehistoric ice age beast was the only marsupial species ever known to migrate for food.

Weighing in at approximately three tons and standing around 1.8 metres tall, the diprotodon was a member of Australia's megafauna, a group of 90 large-bodied animals that roamed 1.6 million to 45,000 years ago during a time called the Pleistocene.

"Eastern Australia, 300,000 years ago, had an ecosystem that looked more like the Serengeti of East Africa today," said the author of the research, Gilbert Price, from the University of Queensland.

"There were big birds, a giant turtle, huge lizards and a population of diverse migratory species."

But until now, marsupials of that time, that were similar to Australia's modern koalas and wombats, were not believed to have travelled for food.

"It would go somewhere at the start of the year and basically track its food sources through that 12 month period and then come back to where it started from," Price explained.

"There is no marsupial today or that we know of in the past that did that."

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Photo : [Australian Museum](#)

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### **Watering private wetlands does not have to cost the farm.**



Money from a private water fund is being used to replenish private wetlands in northern Victoria — a state first for a coordinated effort usually undertaken by governments on public land.

When Jamie McMaster first moved to Yambuna, between Echuca and Shepparton, he said the 11 hectares of wetlands that border his farm had not seen water in years.

"We bought the property in 2015 and it was dry for at least six or seven years prior to that," he said.

Now, the water at Yambuna Lagoon is expected to rise by one metre as 100 megalitres of water is pumped from the Goulburn River through an unused channel to the wetlands.

Standing on the banks of a lush lagoon with kookaburras soaring overhead, Mr McMaster said the flooding has helped increase biodiversity on his land.

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Yambuna farmer Jamie McMaster says environmental watering doesn't have to come at the expense of the farm.

(Photo : ABC Rural: Emma Nobel)

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### **Nominate an individual or group for an AWS award NOW!**

Every year our Society recognises the unsung heroes of the wildlife community. Individuals or groups that steadily work away in the background to help save our Australian native flora and fauna, without receiving payment for such work.

Our three awards are the Rehabilitation Award, the Community Award and the prestigious Serventy Conservation Award.

Nominations close at the end of the year. So don't delay, get in and make your nominations now (by clicking on the links above) so that your favourite wildlife rehabber, group or conservationist is recognised.

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### Tasmanian wildlife fair.

Following the success of the fair in 2014 and 2015 TWF are happy to announce the 2017 fair to be held on 14 October at Koonya on the Tasman Peninsula.

With nearly 800 visitors to the fair last time TWF is excited about the lineup of guest speakers, stall holders and exhibitors, kid's activities and wildlife art for sale. Topics and displays include wildlife rescue, live snakes, marine pollution, feral animal management, plants for wildlife, whale rescue, birdlife and much more. There will be games, interactive activities and face painting for kids and a fancy dress parade and competition.

Guest speakers will present throughout the day on topics including birds of prey, plastics in the ocean etc. Anyone who wishes to participate in this fair should fill in the registration form (link below).

**Check it out**

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