

2 October 2010

Dear Project Numbat Member,

Well as the weather warms up and summer approaches, we know juvenile numbats in the wild will be getting ready to leave their mothers and head off to find their own way in the world. The sight of young numbats resting and feeding in the sun is a magnificent sight and, sadly, one which most Western Australians may never see. At Project Numbat, we are working to strive for a safe future for our State's animal emblem by continuing our support of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and the Numbat Recovery Team and being actively involved with in-situ conservation efforts as well as community awareness activities.

Here are some of our recent activities:

- On 12 September, Perth Zoo celebrated **Threatened Species Day** with stalls and activities by Non-Government Organisations such as Friends of the Western Swamp Tortoise, Free the Bears and of course Project Numbat. We ran a raffle on the day and one lucky person won a package worth \$120 including donated items such as a book, numbat merchandise and wine!
- On 22 September we attended the **Quiz on Legs** event at Kings Park, which was a primary school activity day celebrating the International Year of Biodiversity. Project Numbat ran a popular stall with two activities for children to participate in, including one from our own Project Numbat Education Package and a hands-on radio-tracking activity. Over 160 children participated in our stall alone and teachers and parents collected numbat colouring sheets, education package flyers and learnt about numbats and their only food source, termites (which we had available for close-up viewing). Thank you to the Australian Wildlife Conservancy for kindly lending their radio-tracking equipment for the day.



Vicky Power and school kids searching radio-tracking numbats at Quiz on Leg

- We sent representatives along to the **Numbat Recovery Team** on 26 August and a free **grant-writing seminar** in September to improve our skills within the group.
- We were recently selected by **Avant Cards** as the sponsorship recipient for 10,000 free postcards which are distributed around Western Australia in cafes and other venues and which promote the cause for numbat conservation. Keep your eyes peeled for our postcards and please pass them onto people you know to spread the word!
- Our recent fundraising campaign called **Sponsor a Collar** was very successful thanks to the generosity of our members and their friends, co-workers and employers. We raised a total of \$2000, which was enough to purchase eight new radio-collars for this year's release and translocation of numbats. Project Numbat would like to sincerely thank the following people for their generous donations:
 - o Toby Foong and his coworkers at URS Australia for the purchase of four collars
 - o Maria Finnigan
 - o Naomi and Colin Lippiatt
 - o Jane Steward

These donators will receive a personalized certificate in the mail early next year (after the numbats are released) detailing which numbat received their collar.

- We held our **Annual General Meeting** on 9 September at Perth Zoo and elected our committee members for the next year. We said goodbye and thanks to Janet Reid as our resigning Secretary and to Lesley Wall as a long-standing committee member. We also saw our Memberships Officer Renee Kruger elected to the position of Secretary and welcomed Dawn Forder as her replacement on Memberships. We also welcomed new members Kristy Eriksen, Myrto Robert and Leanne Kelman to the committee. See our website for more information on our committee members: www.numbat.org.au.
- We have **new merchandise** available to purchase! We now have stubby holders and calico bags available for just \$6 each and stickers for only \$1! But, don't forget about our existing merchandise which can make good presents this Christmas, and of course our agreement with Frankland Estate Wines where sales made through our website mean Project Numbat gets a share of the profits!
- The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) will soon be conducting the **Annual Radio-tracking** in Dryandra from 18 October–1 November. DEC is asking for your help for either one week or two. Week 1 is Monday 18 October – Monday 25 October while Week 2 is Monday 25 October – Monday 1 November. Volunteers need to be present for one whole week or for both weeks. All costs of food and accommodation are met by the project, which is funded by DEC and the Paddy Pallin Foundation. Volunteers will be staying at the Currawong Complex in Dryandra Woodland Village. To register your interest, contact Dr Tony Friend on 08 9842 4523 or Tony.Friend@dec.wa.gov.au.
- We are also very pleased to announce the launch of our **Project Numbat Education Package** for Primary School aged children. We have developed two packages for Years K-3 and Years 4-7 and they include a Powerpoint presentation and pre- and post-presentation activities to help consolidate what the children have learnt about numbats and conservation of native animals. We are launching the packages with an interactive session at 10am on 21 November at Perth Zoo. Please see the attached flyer for details on how to register your attendance for this FREE event.

Once again, we at Project Numbat would like to acknowledge that without YOUR support as a member of Project Numbat, none of these activities and achievements would have been possible. So, thankyou once again for your support!

Kind regards,

Jasmine Ferguson

Vice Chairperson

Project Numbat Incorporated



Stubby Holder

\$6 each

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Calico Bags

\$6 each

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