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HARD WORKERS AT WA WILDLIFE

WA Wildlife (originally known as Native Arc) has been on a very exciting journey over the last decade and created WA's first wildlife veterinary hospital. As a not-for-profit organisation, WA Wildlife provides medical care and rehabilitation services for approximately 4000 injured, sick, and orphaned native wildlife each year. Located in the south metropolitan region of Perth, WA Wildlife receives injured wildlife from a variety of sources including the public, veterinarian clinics, local councils, rangers, and other wildlife centres.

On June 17, twelve energetic volunteers from BHP contributed their Friday to assist WA Wildlife with deep cleaning and property maintenance tasks. The day started off with an overview of WA Wildlife from Karen, who is the Rehabilitation and Hospital Manager. After the introduction, the team divided into two groups to work on various tasks. The first group sorted through donated medical equipment, separating the items into 2 piles: Save and throw away. Items that were spoiled/ wasted items were disposed into clinical waste bins, whilst the salvageable items were put aside to be used in the onsite hospital. The second group were tasked of breaking down rumble into smaller pieces using sledgehammers. Once broken down, the team needed to transport the rumble from the back end of the property to the skip bin out the front using wheelbarrows.

Before the rain kicked in, Karen provided an interactive and educational session with the animals to reward the team of their hard work. The team had the opportunity to meet the curious Dingo siblings Bindi and Banjo, pat Vinnie the rather chunky wombat and feed the hungry emus. The team were even lucky enough to hold the emu eggs that had recently been laid.









You can view more photos from the team day HERE.





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After a well earned lunch break, the team broke into three smaller groups and got straight into the next tasks of the day. The first group were tasked with scrubbing and mopping the floors inside the animal hospital. The second group took charge of moving boxes from the Scouts shed into the education and training room. Lastly the third group organised staff and volunteer name badges according to the days they were onsite.

Before the day wrapped up, Karen introduced the team to Raffy, the friendly black Cockatoo where team members could hold and feed Raffy. Just before the team headed off, a quick tour of the hospital was given where the team could see the animals that were currently been cared for. Massive shout out to this wonderful team for making a huge impact to WA Wildlife. Amazing work and thank you!



