

HELPING HANDS AT BIRDS OF PREY

The Western Australian Birds of Prey Centre is home to the famous West Coast Eagles mascot, Auzzie, the Wedge tailed Eagle. The centre was first established in 2000 and is heavily involved in rehabilitation and conservation of the injured and sick Birds of Prey (BOP), as well as education and entertainment through flying displays and sessions for schools.

On 16 September 2022, the BHP Engineering Team spent the day in Bennett Springs, looking after the Birds of Prey site. The team split up into smaller teams and got straight to work.

First up was the hospital and rehabilitation room which needed a little TLC and quick spring clean. The space is now looking immaculate and well organised. It will be used for further Birds of Prey needing some extra care and safety over the next few months.

The garden area was given a spruce up, with weed clearing, raking, sweeping and general debris clean up after the recent storm. The pressure hose got a fantastic workout and was used throughout the day to clean the bird baths and pools in each aviary. The team also did an amazing job at cleaning inside the dusty aviary's, clearing out debris and weeds- the whipper snipper quickly became very popular. Lastly, some café blinds were installed to the newest aviary to allow better temperature control for the Birds of Prey throughout the hot summer months!

To wrap up, the team were given an educational session on the many different Birds of Prey, and information on why the centre operates. Many of the team got the chance to hold the eagle, an owl named 'Snuggles' and finally... a python (not many takers there!)

The WA Birds of Prey Centre is very grateful for your time and hope to see you all again soon. Thank you!

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