



# BHP

## HELPING BIRDS AND CRITTERS



The Western Australian Birds of Prey Centre aims to rehabilitate Birds of Prey and provide education about the need for protecting various bird species. Through educational flight and feeding displays, Birds of Prey show just how important conservation of the bird's natural habitat is to the survival of these species. This wonderful organisation was established in 2004 and have worked very hard, through passion, to get to where they are today. Recently, the centre has spread its wings and taken on board 'Critters Up Close', a wildlife education program that focuses on birds, reptiles, mammals, and invertebrates. The aim is to inspire, captivate and encourage future generations to have a deeper love and respect for nature.



On March 23rd, 2023, the Strategic Modelling / Geoscience / WAIO team gave up their Thursday to assist WA Birds of Prey with general maintenance duties. The cheerful team arrived nice and early and ready to work. After a warm introduction from Yvonne, founder, and lead bird rescuer, the team broke into smaller groups and began working on the required tasks.



The first team was named the 'Awesome ARRA Aviary Cleaners' and was asked to disinfect, spray, rake, and pressure clean the aviaries. The second team named the 'Gardening Gurus' were to remove leaf litter using gardening tools, whipper snip and mow the grass and clean up the garden beds. The third team named the 'Sand Dwellers' had to collect sand using shovels, and wheelbarrows to transport sand into the aviaries and level the sand using rakes. The fourth team named 'Cabinet builders' were asked to build flat pack furniture.

It was a challenging day however the team worked together to complete all the jobs. At the end of the session, the team were rewarded with meeting some of the educational animals, giving everyone an opportunity to hold, pat and take photos with birds, lizards and snakes. The WA Birds of Prey staff couldn't be more grateful for the team's efforts and appreciated their assistance at the centre. Thanks so much and we hope the team enjoyed the day.

[View all photos from the day here.](#)

