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WILDLIFE WARRIORS

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 injured, sick and orphaned native wildlife, releasing over 3000 animals in 2022. WA Wildlife receives injured wildlife from a variety of sources including the public, veterinarian clinics, local councils, rangers and other wildlife centres. The centre would not be where it is today without its dedicated group of volunteers. 250 volunteers ensure the centre and animals are cared for daily, an amazing effort to say the least.

On Friday 17 November 2023, 11 dedicated volunteers from BHP got together for a day of site clean-up at WA Wildlife's facility in Bibra Lake. The day started off with an introduction from Karen, who took the team through an in depth tour of the hospital and facilities onsite. After the tour, the team made their way down to the site, and divided themselves into groups. The first group was in charge of mowing the lawns around the site, and finishing off with a thorough water. Others were in charge of transforming a garden bed at the hospital entrance. The volunteers were required to dig out the plants, to create a space for a large pelican statue. Using their cement mixing skills, the team secured a large stump in the ground, ready for the statue installation. Later on, the team were in charge of filling in Vinnie (the resident wombat's) enclosure to encourage mental stimulation and enrichment.

As the day wrapped up, Karen gave the team an opportunity to interact with some of the animals onsite, including saying hello to Vinnie the wombat, feeding the emus, meeting Raffy the cockatoo, and a photo opportunity with their two resident Dingoes - Bindi and Banjo. Thank you, BHP for your time and helping hands. We hope you enjoyed the experience!

