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## NEWSLETTER Summer Newsletter 2013

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Hi all,

For those members who have not re-joined, subscriptions are now due for 2013. Direct payment into the FOLKLAW bank account, BSB No 013 658, Acct No 4942 -44928 together with your surname would be the most convenient way to pay. The FOLKLAW AGM is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 2pm at the Fire Brigade Rooms on Camp Hill Rd, Somers. Hope to see you all there.



### New Wildlife Carer Treatment Room .

FOLKLAW has been actively involved in supporting a wildlife carer in Frankston by designing and building a treatment room for her at no cost. Funds raised by FOLKLAW through subscriptions and donations paid for the materials. The labour was supplied for free. Peter Cooper designed the hospital treatment room building to wildlife carer Michelle Thomas's specifications. Some specifications were that

the building had to have flow through ventilation via windows, double entry doors had to be fitted and the whole building had to be made fly proof to protect the wildlife from insects. The size and layout had to be specific to fit in her garden and had to be colourbond construction. The



building was constructed in sections at a committee member's property over a period of weeks. The sections were then assembled to ensure that the building panels fitted together correctly. It was then disassembled and transported by ute and trailer to the carer's property. The sloping site was levelled and the flooring and wall and roof sections were then assembled on site by 3 volunteers in a day. Peter Cooper oversaw and

participated in the entire project. Hans Fortuyn and Steve Ainsworth kindly assisted in making the structure. Steve Ainsworth and Karin Cooper also assisted in re-assembling the structure 2 days before Christmas. Many thanks to Hans



and Steve for their valued time and effort. Without them the project would not have been possible.



The internal fitting out of the treatment room is going to be carried out by Michelle Thomas's volunteers. It will have plumbing, electricity, insulation and internal walls and will be fitted out with under bench cabinets.



Folklaw annual accounts are kindly being audited this year by Jeremy Grant at no charge. We wish to take this opportunity to thank him. He does this every year for us and with the money we save we are able to support wildlife carers and help run the Koala Reserve.

### Wallaby Rescue.

A member of the public reported an injured wallaby to us at 2pm on 18/1/2013. It was lying on the beach approximately 2 kilometers away from the 100 steps leading down to the Somers Beach towards Sandy Point. We informed Jennie Bryant, Wildlife carer and she requested assistance from us in the form of personal and a large trolley. Peter Cooper met Jennie at 2.35 in the carpark and we had to hurry as high tide was 5pm. We rescued the animal and managed to get back by 4pm. Unfortunately the wallaby died from complications received from an absys.

### Jennie Bryant, OAM.



On Australia Day, 26<sup>th</sup> January this year, a BBQ was held to thank those active FOLKLAW members for their contributions during the past year and past and present committee members. A presentation was also given to Jennie Bryant, our local wildlife carer and koala expert. Jennie was nominated for and received an AOM award for her work in wildlife conservation. She has spent the last 20 or so years rescuing injured and sick koalas and other wildlife, treating them, rehabilitating them and then releasing them back into

the wild when they have recovered. She has continued with this work despite the death of her husband who gave her considerable support in her work. She also continued her work in spite of having survived a home invasion. Jennie received her award because she continued to treat wildlife despite these unfortunate incidents. Most people would have given up after having gone through these traumas. Many thanks Jennie for all the work you have done over the years and we hope that you are able to continue with your invaluable work for many years to come.

