

February 2016 Newsletter

Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation

We had another quite special visitor this month, a young Bittern! This one is still a juvenile and had a sore wing after being caught by a dog. We provided food and some medicine and once he was stable he was transported by DOC to Hamilton for further care until he can be released into the wild again.

It is very important to keep your dogs under control at all times to help protect our precious wildlife. Birds like bitterns are very rare and dog attacks can be a major threat to some of our native species.



Bay of Plenty Community Cat Project (0508 BOPCATS or info@bopcats.co.nz)

The BOP CCP, a collaboration between ARRC, the Rotorua SPCA and Regional Council, is already making great headway in Rotorua! Here is our latest report:

Since this project was initiated late last year we have:

- Taken 56 stray / un-owned cats / kittens off the streets
- Rehomed 22 &
- De-sexed 22 cats / kittens
- Contained 14 colonies (euthanased or adopted and cared for, **de-sexed**)
- Humanely euthanased 23 cats / kittens (severely diseased or not suitable for rehoming)



No cats or kittens have been unnecessarily euthanased – if they have been tame and healthy enough to find homes for they have been or are in the process of being rehomed

Our BOP Community Cat Project is the first of its kind in NZ leading the way with a proactive and collaborative approach to the nation-wide issue of stray / un-owned cats.

A BIG THANK YOU to all of our supporting businesses, donors and volunteers, none of this would be possible without your fantastic support!

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19th March 2016



WE NEED YOUR HELP!



We are planning a wonderful fundraising event called ARRC in the Park in Tauranga on 19th March. It's a carnival atmosphere with tents, music, auction, pamper packs, ladies and gents fashion show and much much more. To make the fundraiser an outstanding success, please can we borrow/have:

- Celebrities! (Other than our own star Dr. Liza of course!)
- If anyone has contact with a celebrity who could be available for a couple of hours on the 19th, they would be grateful for an introduction. If anyone has hidden talent or knows of a juggler, fortune teller, palm reader, face painter, balloon artist, entertainer etc, their contacts would also be appreciated.
- Tents and 5 Gazebos
- 10 Hay Bales
- Animals! A couple of crowd friendly critters would be fabulous with their celebs for photos and donations. They are thinking of a llama or alpaca and a miniature horse. Any other ideas of furry creatures you think would be appropriate would be welcomed
- Volunteers to help set up and clear up after the event

If you can help please contact Jules Bly: 572 1231 or 027 607 5451 or julesb@julesbly.com
Thanks so much!

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