

Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation

The deadly Parapara Tree strikes again!

These poor Waxeyes and a thrush were all caught in one part of the tree that was cut down and brought into us so that we could help. Unfortunately 2 birds needed to be euthanased and 1 had already died but 3 waxeyes have been making an excellent recovery after being freed from the sticky seeds.

This super sticky tree traps many birds, we have even had Moreporks come in debilitated from being stuck. The plant has evolved to stick its seeds to large sea birds that distribute them when they migrate but unfortunately smaller birds are easily stuck and may die without intervention.

These trees are found out in the bush, and also in suburbia! If you have one of these trees, please keep an eye out for poor birds that get stuck in them or you can remove the tree and save lots of little birdy lives!



Community Cat Project (CCP)

On a daily basis we get phone calls about numbers of wild/stray cats that are not being looked after by anyone and people want something done about it. We do our best to keep up with the growing population by helping to control the numbers in these "colonies". We have de-sexed or removed a high portion of the stray/wild cats in the wider Tauranga area but there are still many more out there. In April we made a submission to Regional Council about this and in May we will be doing the same with Tauranga and Western Bay Councils. This is a community issue that everyone needs to take responsibility for.

There are a number of things that everyone can do to prevent cat colonies:

1. De-sex your cats and encourage friends & neighbours to do so
2. Do not leave your cats behind when moving house
3. Do not feed "stray" cats that turn up otherwise they will not leave knowing there is a food source, you need to make sure they go back home, if you are concerned about their welfare then you need to contact the SPCA welfare officer.

During April we have adopted out **18** cats and kittens to loving homes.

We have de-sexed **33** cats and kittens and taken a total of **21** off the streets.

Since ARRC initiated this project in September 2012 we have taken a total of **1114** cats off the streets.

Adopt A Pet Programme



We have yet again got some kittens that aren't super cuddly, so they tend to get overlooked. These three are 14 weeks old and would make lovely pets, they just need a little bit of time to settle. They are shy of new people but once you pat them they start to purr and very quickly they are happy to be around people so it would not take long at all in a new home for them to get used to their surroundings and settle in as if they had been there for a long time already.

If you would like to meet these kittens, or some of the other kittens we have currently, please contact us on 07 579 9115.

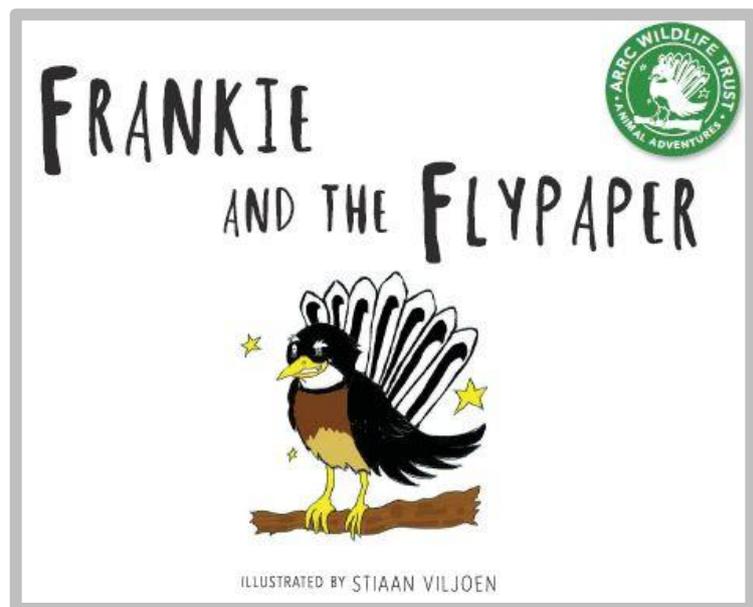
Our *FIRST* Kids Book Will Be Printed and For Sale Soon!

FRANKIE and the FLYPAPER, a delightful story illustrating how wildlife can get into trouble because of us humans is nearly back from print!

It illustrates what people can do to help our wildlife and environment and has gorgeous illustrations done by Stiaan Viljoen who has kindly donated his expertise, thank you Stiaan!

There are 7 more books in the series and we are aiming to get sponsorship so that we can supply these books to schools.

If you're interested in assisting with sponsorship or perhaps illustrating 1 of the next books please let us know, we would love to hear from you!



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