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ANIMAL RIGHTS AND RESCUE GROUP INC. FAR NORTH COAST



'Ching' & 'Chang' Burmese x kittens rescued suffering cat flu, now rehomed

NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2007

The Animal Rights and Rescue Group is a local, not-for-profit, No-Kill, Foster care network organisation, run without government funding.

It is the only such group covering the whole of the NSW Far North Coast.

We rescue homeless and unwanted animals, and unclaimed dogs and cats from local pounds that would otherwise be killed.

We provide them all with individual care, all necessary vet treatment and find them homes that suit their needs.

ARRG does not euthanase any animal unless it is too ill to respond to veterinarian treatment.

No RSPCA branch or shelter operates in the Northern Rivers area.



Dear Members and Supporters.

The year 2007 has surely been the busiest year yet, for both the animal rescue work and the ARRG centre project. All the foster carers have been worked really hard and as always have done a great job under pressure. For the volunteers working in the ARRG office during the last year or so they have experienced some of the most stressful and frustrating times. But our faith and determination has paid off.

The good news is, the latest report on the building progress of the ARRG centre All conditions for our DA were finally resolved by June 2007 and with the wonderful assistance of our engineers and friends at Greg Alderson and Co at Bangalow and we sincerely thank Greg, Wendy, Sandy and all their staff for their incredible help and patience provided to us for this project.

Since the go-ahead in June it has been non-stop work to get all the trade people in and in the correct order and on track. The daily dramas are too much to report but suffice to say that we have now got the two sheds up, plumbing and irrigation systems in and this week the power and phones are being worked on. Next week we have the internal walls for the office buildings and the fencing to be done.

ANIMAL CENTRE PROGRESS: 1. Land preparation 2. Stage 1 new buildings up



FUNDING UPDATE:

Reported earlier over \$100,000 was raised for the centre fund above our annual 2006-2007 operating cost for rescue work of \$95,000 an amazing achievement by everyone. Due to delays, unforeseen costs and quote blowouts we need to raise another \$20,000 to build the much-needed emergency animal housing planned for Stage one.

ARRG must continue to raise more funds for the centre and asks again for your help. In our last newsletter we listed the business people and sponsors who have supported this project. We now thank the local business people who have recently donated building materials etc. and their time to help us get this project get off the ground.

[See page 3 List of Animal centre Sponsors and Supporters.](#)

Many thanks to all our volunteers who have worked hard to see this project happen and special thanks goes to Paul Green & Steve McCartney our volunteer handymen, without the amazing hard work done by these two we would not have coped.

Thanks also to Heather Anthony of (Hey Scrubba dog mobile dog wash) and her partner Michael, who have donated endless days on site planting the many donated trees & plants to beautify our centre. They have also offered to do the ongoing maintenance.

With plans for a September opening we really need more volunteers for the reception and office. Can you do one or more days at the centre? Contact office for more info.

UPDATE OF PETS RESCUED AND REHOME WITH YOUR HELP



Connie' 8mt Kelpi x rescue from Cabbage Tree Island, leg so injured amputation needed .was so severe many vet visits needed. Connie just found her special home.
 'Minnie' sister to Connie skin neglect she now has hair and looks lovely.
 'Foxie' a 6wk pup dumped at Evans Head so thin and severely terrified. He looks like a tiny shep x & needs a gentle home



Lilly' Cav x 'Billy' Foxie x 8mt dumped in a park in Casino and left for dead both small dogs happy but still a little shy.
 'Tess' 1yr Lab x cattle Iluka owners left her behind when they moved, she is so loving and well behaved.
 '2 staffie x pups' only 6 wk old dumped very sick & taken to Casino Pound. ARR Rescued & treated they have been adopted.



Dolly' 10mt dumped in Lismore & ken to pound & rescued by ARR e is small Kelpi x and very sweet.
 'Five 5wk pups' dumped very sick & taken to Casino, two of them died while in pound the 3 survivors rescued and in ARR care.
 'Julian' 8mth cat surrendered to ARR had a broken leg after being used as a a therapy pet. Treated & now adopted.



less'8wk. 1 of three 2 wk old kittens dumped in Alstonville, ARR called ..ARRG treated her & she is now well. taken to the pound, rescued by ARR.. re was the only survivor.Rehomed.
 'Bianca' 2yr dumped with ear cancer and happy in care waiting a home
 'Mojo' 8yr Boxer dumped in Lismore & severe mouth work and now adopted.

**ARRG Animal Centre
Business Support**

- Greg Alderson & Co engineers Bangalow.
- Mark Smith Running Dog Architect Byron Bay.
- Mills Bricks and Pavers Ballina/Lismore.
- Creative Blinds Ballina
- Richmond Soil and Gravel Lismore.
- Homestead Fencing Lismore.
- Bunnings Lismore.
- Harvey Norman Lismore.
- House with No Steps Alstonville.
- Friends of the Koala Lismore.
- Budget Timber North Lismore.
- Tyagrah Turf Byron Bay.
- Norfolk relocatable homes Ballina
- 3D Paint and colour Ballina.
- Alstonville Garden Centre Wollongbar.
- Ballina Nursery Centre Ballina.
- Steve Cubis Tree lopping Lismore.

Thank you for caring.
More Sponsors needed

ANIMAL CENTRE FINANCIAL SPONSORS:

Noel and Kate Doyle Casino. George Lewin Mullumbimby, June Petersen Pottsville, Phillip Wollen -Winsome Constance Trust Melbourne, Pam Baxter Nimbin, Sue Barker Newcastle, Celeste Knight Byron Bay, Frances de Glas Lismore, Robyn Chance Lismore, Barbara Steffensen, Audrey Broadbent.

'BUY A BRICK' SUPPORTERS

Over the last three years over 390 people have purchased one or more bricks to help build the centre. Caring people from around Australia and many from the UK. They all received individually numbered certificates in their name (many in their pets name) now entered in an album and to be on display at the centre.

LOCAL BUSINESSES SUPPORT – *See list to left.*

We thank all the local companies that to date have been so willing to donate materials and take the time to assist us. ***We urge you to support these people when you can and let them know why***

The Animal Centre Appeal needs to be ongoing for us to complete Stage 1 due to a short fall of \$20,000 for Emergency animal pens and full perimeter fence. Stage 2 that will follow when funds permit, will include our own vet clinic and further buildings that were already approved in our DA by Lismore council.

ARRG THANKS YOU FOR DONATIONS RECEIVED:

We would happily list everyone who donates to us but out of respect of many donators who don't want to be named we don't. But everyone at ARRG would like to say thanks to you. Without your ongoing support we could not do our rescue work or continue to operate and could certainly not have built our centre. We know and you know who you are & we thank you so much.

HELPING HANDS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR 'BOYS' ENCLOSURE

Some very swift practical help is needed to build the enclosure for several long timers. Boy was rescued at Suffolk Park by a group of residents and ARRG was called to help. He came into care in 2000 very injured and has lived at my home ever since but he needs an escape proof area as he is still fearful of people. The enclosure will provide sanctuary for Boy and a few mates for life and is now **urgent** due to my departure in October for several months.

CAN YOU HELP US PROVIDE A HOME FOR BOY AND OTHERS?

 We need many helpers with either concrete, bricklaying, erecting chain wire experience or other skills. We have most of the materials already but we can't afford the labour cost of employing someone right now.

Please contact the office on 02 66221881 if you can help.



Barbara and a very well and happy 'Boy' in 2001 after many months of vet care and love.
* Both are a lot greyer now.

WE THANK THESE CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

FOR THEIR SUPPORT

Jessica at CrueltyFree Shopping
and her Generous customers.
www.crueltyfreeshop.com.au
East Lions Club Ballina
Scope club Ballina
RSL Art club Ballina

DATES FOR THE DIARY.

International Homeless Animals
Day August 18. Volunteers needed.
at OP shop Keen Street Lismore.

GENERAL MEETING & Centre
update September 9th 1pm

**MOVING DATE FOR THE ARRГ OFFICE
MID to LATE SEPTEMBER MANY
HELPERS NEEDED OVER SEVERAL DAYS.**
We need your help bring your trucks,
utes, trailers & yourself. Please Confirm

I WANT TO SUPPORT ARRГ & HELP BUILD THE CENTRE.

My Donations \$..... .Payment options below.
DONATIONS TO ARRГ OVER \$2.00 ARE NOW TAX DEDUCTIBLE

MEMBERSHIP DUE Feb 1st Have you renewed your membership yet?

All monies from membership go directly to pay our bills.
Junior \$5.00 Concession \$8.00 Full membership \$15.00
Life membership \$150.00 Indicate Renewal by ticking

Payment Options I enclose a cheque or MO for total \$.....

OR Please debit my Visa Mastercard Bankcard Card No
.....Expires.....Signature.....

Title.....First Name.....Surname.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....Tel: (home).....

Date of Birth (if under 18).....Date posted.....

Post today to: ARRГ PO Box 16 Wollongbar NSW 2477.

TO REMEMBER THE ANIMALS IN YOUR WILL Please call the office.

Australian shelters & pounds kill over 500,000 dogs and
cats yearly, and many more die or become feral. HELP

STOP THIS.

PLEASE DESEX YOUR PET.

**Don't breed or buy while
homeless shelter animals DIE**



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