

CAWE Communiqué

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Introduction

Welcome to the *CAWE Communiqué*, designed to provide stakeholders with updates from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) on Animal Welfare in Emergencies. The *CAWE Communiqué* will be distributed quarterly following the DPIRD Committee for Animal Welfare in Emergencies (CAWE) meetings and will be made available on the DPIRD webpage.

May edition items

- COVID 19
- New CAWE Members
- Animal Welfare in Emergencies webpage update

COVID 19

The COVID 19 pandemic, has affected most sectors including DPIRD and the member organisations of the CAWE. Many of the preparedness projects for animal welfare in emergencies were postponed during this time including the review of the first Natural Hazard Season with the approved State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies.

The May meeting of the CAWE was an opportunity for member organisations to reconnect and advise on any ongoing issues being faced. Minimal animal welfare concerns were raised however, it was noted that had COVID-19 restrictions continued, there was potential of welfare impacts for a significant number of animals such as those involved in the racing industry.

Industries and businesses that have animals are encouraged to forward plan for how they will maintain their animals' welfare

in the event of income loss or sustained closure.

New CAWE Members

The CAWE welcomed two new members to the May meeting.



<http://www.nativearc.org.au/>

Native ARC

Native ARC Inc. is a non-profit wildlife veterinary hospital and rehabilitation facility specialising in wildlife treatment, rehabilitation and environmental education. They are a registered charity predominantly funded through donations, fundraising and corporate sponsorship for capital works.

Dean Huxley of Native ARC joins the CAWE as a representative of the Wildlife rehabilitation community and is actively engaging with other registered wildlife rehabilitators to establish a network and promote collaboration.

For further information on Native ARC, visit their webpage <http://www.nativearc.org.au/>



<https://www.ava.com.au/>

Australian Veterinary Association – WA

Dr Garnett Hall, BVSc (Hons) joins the CAWE as the WA representative for the AVA. Dr Hall is a mixed-practice vet from Perth and outside of private veterinary practice has extensive experience working with Defence, Police and other government agencies in Australia and overseas. He has a strong interest in emergency management and disaster relief, assisting in response roles including the Brisbane Floods 2011, Cyclone Yasi 2011, Bushfires 2020 and more. He regularly conducts advanced skill training in canine tactical casualty care for organisations across Australia.

Dr Hall is President-elect of the AVA WA Division and the addition of local representation of Veterinarians is greatly welcomed to the CAWE.

For further information on the AVA, visit their webpage <https://www.ava.com.au/>

Animal Welfare in Emergencies Webpage Update

DPIRD continues to update its publicly available content for animal welfare in emergencies.

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A new series of factsheets are in development to help owners and carers create their own Plan for Animal Welfare in Emergencies (PAWE).

Owners and carers can also follow DPIRD's social media pages on Facebook and Twitter for helpful reminders on preparing for natural hazard events such as the recent severe weather event in WA.

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