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Welcome to the **September 2013** edition of Rabbit Runaway Round-up, our quick monthly newsletter..

HRS First Australian Chapter

Some terrific news at the orphanage this month – Judi and Bryce have been contacted by the House Rabbit Society (HRS) and have been invited to become an official chapter of this esteemed organisation. This means that they will become the very first HRS Australian Chapter!

In order to form a HRS chapter, an organisation requires at least 2 experienced educators, It also needs to meet certain criteria in rabbit knowledge, training and hands-on experience and must have a registered rescue. The House Rabbit Society has been established for 25 years and is without a doubt the world's oldest and most respected animal welfare organisation for rabbits. In addition, their website is the most complete database on rabbit information in the entire globe.

Judi and Bryce are absolutely delighted to have the opportunity to represent the HRS in Australia!

For those interested in becoming a member of the HRS or becoming an educator, further information will be available soon through the Rabbit Runaway Orphanage [website](#).



Orphans of the Month

September's Celery Day is dedicated to the older VIB's with dental issues, including one of the orphans of the month – little Sash.

Both Sash (pictured above left) and Ruby (above right) were surrendered together and are the ripe old age of 8 years.

Sash has come into the orphanage with pre-existing dental issues and will require on-going care. These VIBs will likely spend the rest of their days cared for by RRO or a confident foster carer under the supervision of the orphanage.

If you are interested in becoming a foster carer for these little ones, please [contact RRO](#).

Celery Day: This month, Celery Day is dedicated to our VIB dental bunnies. Celery Day is held on the last Tuesday of each month, and it's as easy as setting up a monthly direct debit of \$2 - less than the price of a cup of coffee. Be sure to save the date!



"THE EVENT" is coming....

We are excited to reveal and announce "The Event" this month. Mark Saturday October 19 in your calendar and bring the family along to the Rabbit Runaway Orphanage Great Gatsby Trivia Night.

This is a great opportunity to support the bunnies at the orphanage. Get in quick to secure your ticket for a night of fun, thrills and facts! The event is being held at the Glen Waverley Bowls Club and tickets can be purchased through the RRO [website](http://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au).

Become a Trivia Night Sponsor

If you have a business and can donate goods or services for the silent auction, or would like to contribute in any other way we would love to hear from you. All sponsors will be recognised on the night.

Who's who in RRO?

This month we are profiling Bryce Inglis, who co-founded Rabbit Runaway Orphanage in 2009 and has been a bunny-slave for even longer.

Anyone who has visited the orphanage is sure to have met Bryce; however what people may not know is all the behind-the-scenes work he has been doing to give these creatures better recognition in Australian law.

Bryce, following health complications earlier in the year, is no longer able to do physical work in the orphanage so has been dedicating his time working

on legal activities, grant applications and House Rabbit Society work. Some current works in progress include the Myxomatosis campaign for legal action, drafting a proposal about new animal welfare laws in Australia to protect rabbits in shelters and private guardianship of rabbits as pets. The proposal will cover many aspects of rabbit care including boarding, breeding and research, and this has come about due to a number of gaps in existing legislation.

Bryce also spends his time on rabbit education and conducting the bunny dates, where these 2 buns decided his jacket was a safe place to become friends!

This, as well as applying for a DPI

grant and setting up the House Rabbit Society chapter will certainly be keeping Bryce busy!

Be sure to say hi to Bryce next time you're at the orphanage and see how these very important activities are progressing.



Bunny Education - See the links below for handy information about caring for your bun:

[Bunny Care Booklet](#) | [Responsible Bunny Ownership](#) | [The Myxomatosis Virus](#)
[The Bunny Diet](#) | [Bunnies as Indoor Pets](#) | [Companion Bunnies](#) | [When a Bunny Needs a Vet](#)

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