

Welcome to the **July 2014** edition of Rabbit Run-Away Round-up, our quick monthly newsletter...

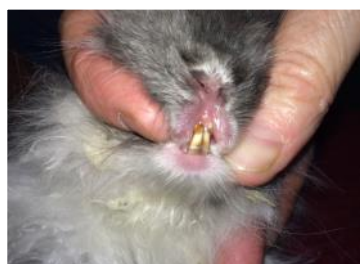
It's a wrap - RRO's Annual Trivia Night

On Saturday the 19th of July, Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage held its annual Trivia Night, with the theme "Christmas in July" at the Yarraville Club. A wonderful night of fun was had by all and \$8,700 was raised for the orphanage. A special thank you to our volunteer Lisa Pitt and her team who organised the night, and our MC's and the Yarraville management team who provided the delicious catering.



Orphan of the Month - Moses

Little Moses was dumped outside a pet shop and surrendered to the orphanage when he was approximately 8 weeks old. This was possibly due to his dental issues – (before and after pics seen below). He has been treated by The Rabbit Doctor and is now a much brighter, happier bunny. Further information about fostering one of our other special needs buns can be found on the website - <http://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/vib-bunnies/>



Vet Tip



Did you know rabbits produce urine that can be (almost) all colours of the rainbow! Rabbit wee can be clear, cloudy, white, yellow, pink orange or red - the colours are often due to which plants a bunny has been eating. Red urine could be normal, but it can also be the sign of a urinary problem, or in un-desexed female bunnies, a sign of uterine cancer.

If you are not sure if your bunny's urine is normal, bring a sample to your vet - a quick test can reassure you!

Dr Gerry Skinner BSc BVSc PhD MRCVS MANZCVSc - The Rabbit Doctor

Volunteer of the Month

A big congratulations goes out to Lisa Cheetham who is our Volunteer of the Month for June 2014!

Thank you from RRO

A huge thanks to all of our sponsors for the 2014 RRO Trivia Night – we couldn't do it without you all! To see this year's sponsors, please visit our website here - <http://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/rro-trivia-night-2014-sponsors/>

Who's who at RRO?



This month we feature RRO's Treasurer, Tanya Meldrum.

1. How did you find out about the orphanage?

About eight years ago, I adopted an RSPCA bunny which I named Oreo. It saddens me to recall that despite

the best of intentions, I was ignorant of many of the basic needs of bunnies, including their need for companionship of their own kind. Thinking a guinea pig would make a suitable companion, I introduced a little piggy named Chino, but Oreo didn't take to him very kindly, so I had to separate them. I figured Oreo was just not a terribly sociable bunny and preferred to be alone. I'd had Chino de-sexed, so being concerned that he was lonely, I went to AAPS in Keysborough to adopt another guinea pig. It was there that I met my first bunny expert to whom I told my story. I came home with a new piggy companion, Latté, and a referral to contact a lovely couple named Judi & Bryce, who would help me find an agreeable companion for Oreo. This was in the days before they moved to Olinda and officially started the Orphanage. I have been so grateful for the knowledge and understanding I have gained, and was amazed at the transformation in Oreo's personality and attitude once she had a companion.



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June 2014

This certificate is awarded to

Lisa Cheetham

in recognition of valuable contributions to



Signed: Dr. Judi Inglis, President Rabbit Runaway Orphanage

Oreo & her partner, Amaretto, have since passed away, and I always hope that Oreo forgave me for my misunderstanding of her in the early days.

2. What do you do at the orphanage?

Most of what I do for the orphanage is done from my home. As the treasurer, I am responsible for keeping tabs on all the money coming in and going out, ensuring everything is accurate and fulfils legal requirements. This includes annual financial accounts, fundraising compliance and reporting, quarterly BAS statements and registration requirements.

I also run the eBay store and handle online calendar orders, as well as other bits and pieces that I feel able to help with as the need arises, such as the trivia night fundraiser.

3. What is the best thing about volunteering?

The short answer is.....feeling that I am making a difference, even if it is only in a small way. I see so many injustices in the world, and I want to make it all stop, but there is only so much each of us can do. Being a bookkeeper by trade, my skills really lie in what most people would consider the "boring" or "scary and confusing" stuff! So, I enjoy being able to take on a role that many others seem to dread, and relieve the burden from the shoulders of other volunteers, thereby freeing their time for the hands-on tasks.

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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