



Rabbit Run-Away Chronicles



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Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage & HRS Australian Chapter



Welcome to the latest edition of Rabbit Run-Away Chronicles, our newsletter for Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage and the House Rabbit Society Australian Chapter...

Rabbit Runaway Orphanage 2018 Trivia Night



Theme: In a Winter Wonderland

- * **Date:** Sat 4 August 2018
- * **Time:** 6.30pm—11.30pm
- * **Venue:** Collingwood Town Hall
- * **Tickets:** \$45 (includes a warming platter, soft drinks, tea/coffee)
- * **Wine, beer, Champaign at \$5**
- * **Silent and live auctions, goods for sale, raffles and prizes**



HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR TICKETS YET?

There are still tickets available. You can support the vet care of our special needs rabbits, through this fun event by bringing family and friends for a fun night out. Come in your favourite winter wear or whimsical winter wonderland attire, or colours of blue, silver or white and enjoy warming platters and fun and laughter in a winter wonderland setting. Book individual seats or a table of 10 now. <https://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/trivia-night>



TRIBUTE TO: James (Hopper) Bolton RABBIT HOLLOW REFUGE

On the 6th July 2018, the rabbit rescue community lost one of its silent warriors. Rabbit Hollow Refuge was run by James (Hopper) Bolton. James gave permanent safe haven to at-risk pet rabbits. He worked quietly with his rabbit refuge, and was also active in rabbit welfare. To James's family and friends we send our condolences and I am sure James work will leave an indelible memory for those that knew and loved him. RIP silent warrior. he rabbit rescue community has lost a valuable carer of our most vulnerable pets. RIP James [Rabbit Hollow Refuge](#)

Big thankyou to Dr Gerry Skinner, The Rabbit Doctors, who coordinated the rehoming of James rabbits into good indoor foster homes. The Orphanage has some of the buns with health needs and we will be seeking permanent homes for them in the future.



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Celebrating our Trivia Night Volunteers



With our Trivia Night fast approaching we thought it appropriate to interview three of our volunteers who are working tirelessly to make it a wonderful night for all.

Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage
In a Winter Wonderland TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 4th August 2018
Collingwood Town Hall Ballroom
140 Hoddle Street Abbotsford
6.30pm arrival for 7pm start
Tickets \$45
Early Bird Tickets \$40 (before 4th June)
Winter Warmer Platter, soft drinks, tea and coffee included BYO snacks only. Cash Bar - wine, beer and champagne at \$5
Book online at trybooking.com/VLXG
or through our website www.rabbitrunaway.org.au
Please call 9751 1229
or email events@rabbitrunaway.org.au
for more information
LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS
Please bring gold coins for games

Chia, Monica and Cassie, have been working hard to help with the donations for prizes and other elements for this year's In a Winter Wonderland Trivia Night.

The ladies are all adoptees, volunteers and long term supporters of the Orphanage, who have each been volunteering for at least 2-4 years, and help with a range of activities from cleaning, gathering donated goods, online media publishing and running fundraising campaigns.

Hi Chia, Cassie and Monica, do you have any buns of your own?

Chia: I have three bunnies now, two of which are from the Orphanage. The newest member, Sandy, came to me one month ago.

Sandy was a long-term resident at the Orphanage. I was cleaning his cage one day and just decided this boy should be with me.

Cassie: I have two buns. I bonded Mr Bojangles with Abby, a little otter from the orphanage. They are such a close bonded pair and are inseparable!

Monica: I have six buns. One from the Orphanage, one from Bluey and Alice's Refuge, and one from The Rabbit Sanctuary in NSW, and three others.

You are all helping with the Trivia Night at the moment, what are you enjoying doing for this fundraiser?

Chia: The more I speak to the public about the Orphanage, the more I experience the difficulty of running an animal shelter, but it is absolutely crucial to our society. Our community is fantastic in supporting and I really look forward to approaching more businesses to donate toward our Trivia Night.

Cassie: Approaching businesses for donations towards the trivia night is interesting. I love meeting people that instantly connect with what we are doing. I had a great chat with a lady in a local gift shop who has bunnies herself, and who was super passionate at advocating for rabbits and education around rabbit care.

Monica: I'm helping gather donations again this year for the auctions and prizes... and making a few decorations if there is time. I've been enjoying the theme of the trivia nights mostly.. Bunnies in Bollywood was so quirky and just made people laugh when I told them.. this year it has been fun exploring all things Winter and thinking of companies and

businesses to approach for sponsorship who would suit the theme.

What are you really looking forward to at the Trivia Night?

Chia: I can imagine everyone enjoying the night with a great, humble crowd, and taking away some prizes. It will be an extravagant night for both bunny supporters and the Orphanage.

Cassie: I can't wait to see our work come together with some fantastic hampers for the night, that will be a reward in itself! I am also looking forward to meeting a few new faces of volunteers and our supporters. And the decorations!

Monica: Two things... making lots of money - FUNDS for the BUNS!! I'm hoping money falls from the sky like snowflakes and covers the Orphanage like a big warm blanket!! On the night I'm also hosting a Meetup group called 'Melbourne Animal Rescue', which is a group established to attend charity events that support and raise funds for animal rescues in Melbourne and Victoria. We will be there at table 18... yay.. Go Team!

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR TICKETS YET? ...TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Date: 4th August

Place: Collingwood Town Hall

Theme: In a Winter Wonderland

Join us in an icy world of silver, white and blue, so dress for the occasion or don your most whimsical winter outfits. All proceeds go to supporting vet bills for the orphanage bunnies.

A HUGE thanks also goes out to our sponsors – [see our website](#) to secure your ticket and read about all our wonderful sponsors.



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[Responsible Bunny Ownership](#)

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Volunteers needed to help with our trivia night on Saturday 4th August. If you can help please contact Judi on 9751 1229

Recognising our Volunteers

Each month we recognise the valuable contribution that our volunteers make to the running of the Orphanage. Without volunteer help we would not be able to continue to look after the rabbits. We thank all of our volunteers and recognise all of your support of the rabbits.

Volunteers of the Month

MAY 2018: CHIA LEE.

JUNE 2018: CASSIE HOGG

Both Chia and Cassie work full time and have worked tirelessly both onsite each week at the Orphanage, as well as behind the scenes to prepare for the 2018 Trivia Night. They are just two of our unsung heroes that keep the Orphanage functioning. A BIG CONGRATULATION AND THANKYOU TO THEM BOTH.

Best Wishes

CHIA AND JACK: Special thoughts to Chia and Jack who are travelling to their home country to celebrate their wedding with family and friends back home... we will miss you both and hope you have a wonderful day.

EMILY: All the best to Emily, who is travelling overseas for life changing surgery. We are all hoping that this will be a wonderful success Emily. Thankyou for your work with the buns whilst facing physically difficult restraints. You're a champion.