



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....



2018 TRIVIA NIGHT Rabbit Runaway in a “Winter Wonderland”

Our much anticipated trivia night will be held this year on Saturday 4th August, 2018. Last year we were unable to run the trivia night as we struggled to pay off a backlog of vet bills. Tickets will go on sale on 7th May and information will be available on our website and Facebook page soon. Take advantage of our reduced rate by booking before 4th June to receive our early bird rate.

As a no-kill rescue, we have bunnies with health issues come to us directly from the public, as well as from other rescues, where we are providing an option to euthanasia for these bunnies.

This event is an important fundraiser toward vet care for more than 200 special needs bunnies in our foster program. These bunnies have their vet care covered by the Orphanage for life and are placed into permanent foster homes, where the carers receive ongoing support for the bunnies in their care.

So, gather your friends and join us for a fun-filled evening in a “Winter Wonderland” setting and lets raise some much needed funds for these bunnies!

Would you like to be a Sponsor for our Trivia Night?

Our trivia night will have 200 attendees, eager to support the welfare of our rabbits and the companies that support us. We can provide exposure for your business in our trivia night program, on our Facebook page and in our newsletter, and exposure to our 200 attendees on the night of the event. We would be grateful for any sponsorships or donations to contribute to the success of the event. BIG thankyou to **NAJO DESIGN** for the “Winter Wonderland” poster.

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

LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS
Please bring gold coins for games

Book online at
trybooking.com/VLXG
or through our website
www.rabbitrunaway.org.au

Please call 9751 1229 for more information

Can you Sponsor:

- Props to create our Winter Wonderland
- Venue hire, food or drink for the event
- Donated goods/services for our silent and live auctions and prizes

We also need the help of volunteers to:

- Approach businesses for donations of goods and services for our live and silent auction and prizes
- Help on the evening of the event to decorate and set up the venue space, help during the evening and the clean up at the end of evening.

If you would like to assist with this event, or with donations please email us at:

events@rabbitrunaway.org.au

TAX TIME!!

Who does your tax? Please consider a tax company that is passionate about rabbit welfare and is a solid supporter of the stray and abandoned rabbits at the Orphanage.



Fortiz Accounts is a corporate sponsor and has gone beyond its commitments to help the

Orphanage. They have not only sponsored an enclosure at the Orphanage, but have also donated a vehicle for the transport of the rabbits, when the Orphanage car was written off in an accident in late 2017. We encourage you to support the businesses that support the lost and abandoned pet rabbits.

- ♦ Fortiz Accountants is a personalised and strategic accounting firm that provides individuals and businesses with sound taxation & business advice that is easy to understand.
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- ♦ When you engage Fortiz Accountants, you work only with their highly qualified CPAs, each with more than 18 years of experience. The owner of Fortiz Accountants is a rabbit lover, who also owns Willow Woods Bunny Boarding.

Their services include:

- Personal Tax Returns
- Business Tax Returns & Business Activity Statements
- Bookkeeping & Payroll
- Business Consulting
- Superannuation & SMSF Advice
- Owners Corporation Audits

Monthly fixed fee packages are available for businesses.

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- Phone: 0468 782 283 (Jelcy, Admin Coordinator)



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Discount Benefits for your Donation

Fortiz Accountants have generously offered a discount of \$25 off each personal tax return for all those supporters that have donated a minimum of \$25 to the Orphanage in the last 6 months. All you have to do is to produce a receipt for your donation which is dated not less than 6 months previously.

Terms & Conditions:

- Donation receipts may not be split for the purpose of receiving multiple discounts
- The discount is applicable only to the person named on the donation receipt.

LITTLE BOY LOST Pebbles is missing

Pebbles went missing from his foster home in Nth Balwyn on Anzac Day (April 24th 2018).

This little bunny is in our foster program and has health issues. We are asking all of our supporters to please help us find Pebbles.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Monitor FB lost and found sites, community notice boards, rabbits for sale on Gumtree and Trading Post, Pet Rescue and other rescue sites that may have buns like Pebbles.

Please contact Judi at the Orphanage if you see any bunnies that look like him from anywhere.

<https://lostpetfinders.com.au/pets/73504>



Easter at Rabbit Run-Away



We had a very busy Easter at Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage.

The local Leader newspaper did a wonderful story on rabbits and Easter. The story showed empathy and sensitivity to the plight of the pet rabbit and helped to spread the word not to buy rabbits for children at Easter. A link to the article is [on our website](#). The front page of the paper featured little Bella. Bella and her family are foster carers for the Orphanage, and were very happy to help the bunnies by being in the photo.

3AW requested a brief talk with the Orphanage regarding rabbits and Easter, unfortunately the presenter Neil Mitchell did not seem to be briefed regarding the Orphanage, and did not seem to understand why he was talking to us. Luckily, we were still able to get our message across and provide exposure to the Orphanage.

EASTER RAFFLE RAISES \$645 FOR THE BUNNIES

Two beautiful Easter hampers were put together by our volunteer, Adrienne. Congratulations to the winners – Eliza Smith and Steph Clarke! Well done to Adrienne and our supporters.

BUNNIES VISIT THE SHERATON AT EASTER

On Easter Sunday, Judi and Bryce and three little bunnies visited the Sheraton Hotel. The bunnies, Violet, Sooty and Pumpkin, were set up in a quiet area and visitors came to see them and ask questions regarding rabbit care. The Easter message regarding impulse buying at Easter was delivered whilst the bunnies received head pats from a few of the visitors.

Big thankyou to our volunteers Maigan, Cassie and Chia stayed at the Orphanage on Easter Sunday to allow us to attend.



Our little Easter bunnies, Violet, Sooty and Pumpkin (pictured) were surrendered together. Violet is the mother of two sons, Sooty and Pumpkin. The bunnies are Netherlands dwarfs and will be rehomed together. They are sweet and gentle and a little curious.

If you are interested in fostering these little bunnies please visit [our website](#) and fill in the bunny wanted form.



SPONSORS: Thankyou to our wonderful sponsors

Meet our Corporate Sponsors

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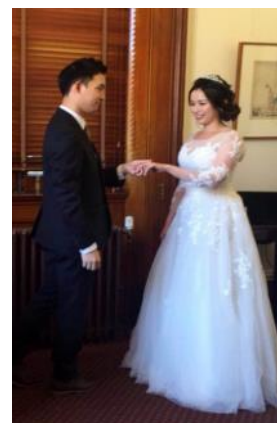
Thankyou Hampers, Cloud BT, Loan Base, Merindah Art, Salesforce.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteers needed to help with our trivia night preparation. See our front cover story for how you can help .



Congratulations to to our volunteers, Chia and Jack on their wedding day and to Cassie and Matthew on their engagement. We wish both couples much happiness for their future.



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. A special recognition in this edition goes to:

MARCH 2018: ISHAN WAN.

APRIL 2019: NICOLA ROBBINS

Both Nicola and Ishan have gone beyond the call of duty to assist us over a difficult period with a shortage of assistance onsite.

Both of these wonderful people have stepped forward to help us and the bunnies selflessly. Without their help over the last two months the rescue was at risk of closing.

A HEARTFELT
THANKYOU
TO YOU BOTH.



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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