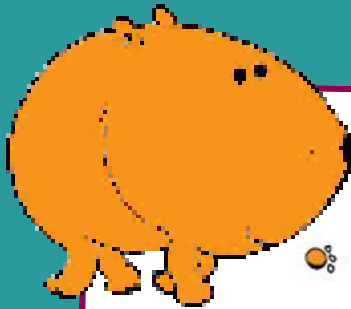


Clatter's Corner



April 2006

Welcome

This is our first issue of Clatter's Corner and we will be bringing you this little update once a month on our business and on Clatter's friends.

If you do not wish to receive any further copies of this newsletter, please send us an email.

Saving Clatter's Friends

The Wombat Group name was created from our passion for wombats. Our mascot, Clatter, is the cute little wombat at the top of this page and is the brainchild of our very talented artists Tim & Shelley Mellish. Clatter has big ambitions to be the next 'Humphrey Bear' or 'Blinky Bill' and has no intention of being a quiet little wombat who hides away in the bush. He is going to promote the education about and preservation of his Northern Hairy Nose Wombat friends.

There are about 113 Northern Hairy-nosed Wombats left alive. This animal is Queensland's most endangered mammal. Once found south to the Victorian border, the Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat is now found in only one place – 300ha of Epping Forest National Park in central Queensland.

Clearing has severely reduced suitable Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat habitat. Competition for food from sheep and cattle has diminished their chances of survival. The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service is overseeing research on wombat ecology, physiology and genetics, reproduction, interactions with predators and competitors, habitat management, supplementary feeding, translocation and captive management.

The sex ratio is highly biased to males. The population contains only about 35 females, of which only 25 are of breeding age. The variety of native grasses they feed on has been reduced by Buffel Grass infestations. They will not accept food hand-outs when conditions are poor.



How Can I Help?

Construction of the Wombat Research Centre is well underway, with Stages One and Two completed, but more funds are needed for research.

The Intensive Research Facility and the Free Range Unit is completed. However the Wombat Education Centre is currently not funded.

Your contribution will be a great help. Any donation however small will help feed and care for the wombats. Please send your donation to:

Wombat Survival Fund
Qld Parks & Wildlife Service
PO Box 3130
Rockhampton Shopping Fair Qld 4701

Or if you would like to purchase Wombat merchandise:

- T Shirts
- Cards \$1 each (featuring the Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat)
- Caps
- Posters \$5 each

Contact: alan.horsup@epa.qld.gov.au
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We will endeavour to keep you updated with the research on Clatter's friends in this section of our newsletter.

Wombat Facts

- A new-born wombat is as small as a bean.
- Wombats and koalas belong to the same family.
- Wombats' teeth keep growing all their lives!
- Wombats bulldoze the soil away from their burrows by walking backwards.



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The Wombat Group entered the children's cubby house market in August 2004. Having four young children ourselves we searched all over South East Queensland for an affordable, good quality product but were unable to find one. Eventually in Melbourne we discovered Aaron's Outdoor Creations who custom make fantastic cubbies and forts at a reasonable price. We are now freighting these cubbies up from Melbourne. We hope that you like our range of forts and cubbies and can find one suitable for your needs.

Manufactured from arsenic-free Australian grown treated pine and jarrah our cubbies and forts are safe, durable, and easy to assemble. There are 9 models of cubbies to choose from, 7 of these models have verandahs. You can elevate your cubby from 300mm up to 1.5 metres allowing room for a sandpit underneath. Our cubbies have a colorbond roof in a choice of Caulfield Green or Heritage Red (other colors optional extra). All cubbies come with 3 sliding perspex windows, with window frames made from Australian Jarrah and come in a kit form to enable easy installation or you can utilise our professional installation service. There is a cubby/fort to suit any size backyard or patio.

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Lay-bys

We now have a hassle free lay-by service available, for up to 12 months!

On Sale This Month

Tyre Strap Swings (Old Style)

These tyre strap swings are the end of a line so we are selling them at a reduced price. There are only 2 of them left, so be quick! They are normally \$70 each, but for this month they are only \$50 each! If required, the pigtail hooks are an extra \$10 per hook.



Homestead (Display Stock)

This Homestead has been on our display site since we opened in September. It is fully stained, has a 600mm elevation kit, extra window, skylight, and 2 flower boxes. Normally \$2130 .. For this month only \$1937! It is now dismantled ready for pickup. Delivery/installation is extra.

