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Another year over and another just begun



Welcome to the first issue for **2025** as we wish a huge Happy New Year to all our supporters and followers!

inside, you'll find highlights from our successful Annual High Tea, heart warming dog adoption Success Stories and a recap of our fun-filled Painting With Pets event. Don't miss our revamped BARRC by Numbers page on page 10!

At BARRC, our mission is to rescue and rehome dogs, giving them a second chance at life. We're proud to support our foster carers, educate the community on responsible pet ownership and offer programs like sterilisation assistance to families doing it tough. In 2024, we saw the highest number of requests for help with both rehoming and sterilisation, in the years we've been operational. Funds for our Sterilisation Program commenced with the support of a SavourLife grant and now is run solely from generous donations through our Scheme Number at *Containers for Change*.

Thank you for being part of this journey and helping us change lives, one dog at a time!

Scheme No. C10301414





A MESSAGE FROM OUR TOP DOGS

As we bid farewell to 2024 and welcome 2025, it is a time for both reflection and anticipation. The past year has seen its share of challenges and triumphs, moments of joy and sorrow. Yet, it is in these reflections that we find the strength to move forward with renewed determination.

The cost of living and the ongoing housing crisis have significantly impacted not just our rescue operations, but those of many other rescues. Despite our best efforts and unwavering dedication, the limited resources at our disposal have made it impossible to save every dog in need. The heartbreak that accompanies the tough decisions we have had to make is immeasurable. Conversations filled with difficult choices have left us feeling helpless at times, and tears have been shed over the lives we could not save.

However, even amidst these trials, we remain steadfast in our mission. Every dog we have been able to rescue and place in a loving home serves as a beacon of hope and a testament to our resilience. It is this hope that propels us into the new year, eager to face the future with courage and compassion.

As we turn the page to 2025, we carry with us the lessons learned and the unwavering commitment to our cause. With a clean slate before us, we embrace the fresh hopes and new ambitions that the year promises. We are determined to continue our work, to advocate for those without a voice, and to ensure that every effort is made to provide a safe and loving environment for all the dogs in our care.

Together, we can make a difference. As we step into this new year, let us do so with hearts full of hope and a renewed sense of purpose. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our mission.

Here's to a brighter future for all.



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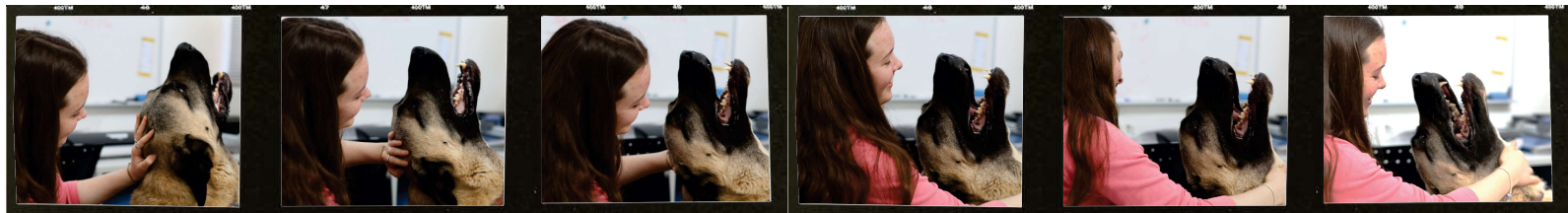
A huge thank you to the incredibly talented “Imperfect Painter,” Gabby, for hosting the Paint Your Pet event, with proceeds generously supporting BARRC’. It was a fantastic evening filled with creativity, community spirit, and love for animals. Linda and Jenni from BARRC stopped by with their furry friends, Bindi and Harrow, to personally thank Gabby and meet the talented artists as they worked on their colourful masterpieces. The variety of painting styles and vibrant colours showcased everyone’s unique approach to capturing their pets on canvas. Linda was given a spare canvas and it was great to see Bindi come to life under her brush. We do believe that each and every one will have a little bit of Harrow hair embedded into the paint but thankfully the artists did not seem to mind the shedding coat!

Thank you for all involved for such an interesting and fun evening





Jenni and Harrow representing BARRC, made a special trip out to Dalyellup Collage to meet with the amazing Jessica and Debbie her Education Assistant. Jess had raised nearly \$300 for BARRC making snuffle mats and we wanted to thank her in person.



Just over 2 years ago, Jessica was diagnosed with Covid, a diagnosis that brought with it a profound and unexpected side effect: a rapid and complete loss of her vision. At the time, doctors were unsure of how long the effects would last, leaving Jess and her family in a state of uncertainty. The exact condition that Jessica exhibits is unprecedented. As such, there are no known treatments and Jessica does not have a prognosis for the future. This condition completely prevents Jessica from functioning under normal circumstances. For a teenager who had always been academically driven and high-achieving, the prospect of continuing her education without the ability to see was overwhelming.

However, Jess was determined to continue her studies. Rather than giving in to frustration or defeat, she began the challenging process of adapting to her new reality. With unwavering resolve, Jess repeated her Year 11 ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) subjects, determined to work through the challenge with the right methods of learning. At first, she struggled with traditional classroom materials, such as textbooks, content on the board and handwritten notes, but she and her Education Assistant, worked tirelessly to find the best approach for her.

Through a process of trial and error, they experimented with alternative ways to access the curriculum.

Her resilience paid off when she repeated her Year 11 and Year 12 ATAR courses, achieving exceptional results, achieving awards in both Economics and Psychology. Her success has been an inspiration to her peers, teachers, and the wider school community.

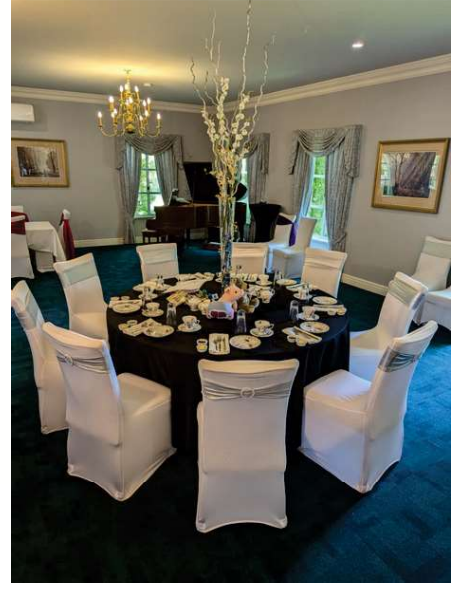


Annual High Tea Fundraiser

A heartfelt thanks to Teresa for her tireless efforts and to Peel Manor for hosting our Annual BARRC High Tea in October.

This event raised an incredible \$2,600 through ticket sales, raffles, tombola and games. A true testament to the generosity of our supporters. We extend our gratitude to the businesses and individuals who donated items, making this event a resounding success.

This year, the funds were directed to helping a heavily pregnant mum who came into care just in time to deliver 11 beautiful puppies. Both mum and her pups required extra medical attention and your support has been instrumental in giving them a healthy start. We look forward to October this year when we can do it all again!



BARRC Online Auction

Continuing with our fundraising efforts, our Christmas 2024 Online Auction raised just over \$1,800.

Huge thanks to the amazing individuals and generous businesses who donated items and helped make it a success. And a very special thanks to Teresa who oversees our BARRC Online Auction Facebook page and puts together the packages.

Thank you



BARRCING SUCCESS STORIES

What's in a name?

Well for these pooches it would appear quite a bit, here are some of our most fun name changes this year.



Dudley *Patch*

After moving from NZ, we set about making Australia our home. Settled in our new home found we had a gap in our lives. We happened upon the Barrc website and spotted Patch. We changed his name to Dudley as it was a better name for him. He has the run of our whole property and house. He seems happy and content. We would have no problems in going through Barrc again, the process was awesome.

Little Bear *Ricky Baker*

Our family recently decided to add a second dog to our household. While browsing through available options, we came across a picture of a dog named Little Bear, who is now known as Ricky Baker. Instantly, my daughter felt a connection and believed that he was the perfect addition to our family.





Sparky

Sarky

She is such a joyful soul, with fantastic recall! Poor thing has had to settle in twice though, as we recently made a move to the country. But she has taken it all in her stride & loving the new found freedom of acres to explore. Still a little clumsy around our old boy, but he's finally taught her his play style, and they are getting along wonderfully.



Miss Piggy

Gabby

We instantly fell in love with Gabby after adopting her. She quickly adjusted to her new home and discovered her passion for the beach. Her favorite toy is a pig, reflecting her original name, Miss Piggy. Gabby graduated from puppy school, made a dog friend, and enjoys playdates. She loves car rides with her head out the window and playing with tennis balls at the oval. Gabby's energy and affection make her a cherished part of our family.



Barnaby

Baxter

One year on we have had so many adventures together. He has eaten our plants, he has destroyed beds, driven us insane and given us a whole new purpose. He is full of love, curious, confident and so quirky. We feel so blessed to have him!





Stories from our Vollies

Xmas Catchup 2024

In December every year we have a BBQ catch up in the park for all of our volunteers. It is always held at a dog friendly off lead park. Some of the local dogs smell those sizzling snags and make a run for it, forgetting to hear their owners calling and chasing them to come back.

Good thing we love dogs!

This year was a bit quieter than last year. It was windy which made it hard to put up decorations and we did get a brief shower of rain which was freshening to some of us. The kids enjoyed the big park to play some footy and let off some steam.

Some vollies came down with their pooches this year which was nice, especially as a few of them were BARRC foster fails (where the foster carer decides to adopt the dog in their care). Everyone was well behaved and all dogs were tuckered out by the time they finally reached home.





A Fresh Start for Our Long-Termers

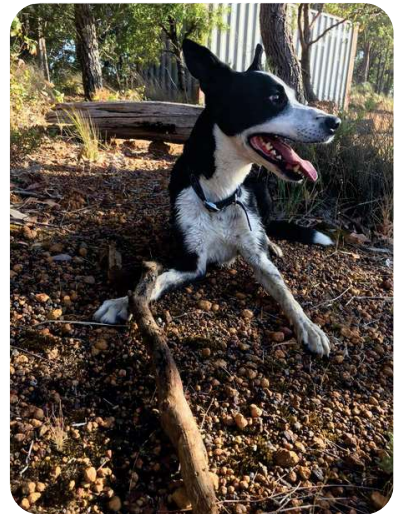
2024 brought challenges for our long-termers, with no adoption interest and a waitlist longer than an Akita's tail. To help these dogs find homes, we introduced a \$50 adoption fee for select dogs.

In our April 2024 edition, we highlighted reduced adoption fees for long-termers. The success from that campaign made it worthwhile to do again in September.

While this reduced fee means we absorb a financial loss, it also provides new owners the chance to invest in training and support, ensuring a smoother transition for the dog into their new home.

Thanks to this initiative, some of our long-term residents are now enjoying their fresh start, giving these deserving dogs the second chance they need and whilst we're thrilled for those who found their forever homes, Sunny and Digby are still waiting patiently for theirs!

Missy - Sunny - Digby - Ruefus - Azura - Marnie - Kelly - Monica - Selkie - Barbie - Spirit - Sassy





~~BARRC BY NUMBERS~~ NAMES

Most common name for a female is still Rosie followed by Bella and Buddy and Rocky for the males

The most unusual names have been Mufassa, Guddumal and Django

Shortest names have been Oz, BB, Bat, Nic and Nox. Longest name must be Mrs Potato Head or Mr Pricklepants.

More names begin with the letter B (108) and the next letter is M (75)

Names most suited to animal - Big strong dogs Tank and Tyson and little dogs Tinkerbell and Princess

We have had sets of names like Burger and Chips and Mustard and Custard and Tic Tac Toe - Not so good once they separated and found new homes!

It is not recommended you call your dog SHARK if you frequent the beach regularly - it causes panic when you call your dog.....

Naming of litters is always a fun time. The foster carers usually choose the names.

- We had the chocolate litter which included Pollywaffle, Twirl, Crunchie and Snickers*
- The Woody litter with Forky, Slinky, Bo Peep, Mr Pricklepants*
- Irish names for 6 Irish Wolf Hound puppies included Milsean and Sorsha*
- We have puppies named after artists - Dali, Picasso, Monet*
- Puppies named with celestial names like - Zodiac, Comet, Phoenix, and Halley*
- We had 7 puppies who were all called seven in different languages Zeven, Sept, Saith and Sju*
- The toy litter included Care Bear and Lego*
- A recent litter of 10 all had French or Italian names*
- Wendy's Ice Cream litter with delicious names like Passionfruit Bliss and Mango to Go Go. Wicked Chocolate and many more to make your mouth water*

THANK YOU!

Caring for our pooches is often a thankless task and we would like to take the time to acknowledge the wonderful teams at the following organisations for their support and advice:

Bunbury and Eaton Vet Clinic

Ocean Keys Vet Hospital

Larkhill Vet Hospital

Blair St Vet

Heritage Vet Hospital



Donation of Goods

BARRC gratefully accept items of clean usable items for our dogs.

Clean blankets (We regret we are unable to accept quilts, pillows or sheets)

Sturdy play pens

Indoor dog beds

Medium to large dog harnesses

Worm & flea treatments

Dog Treats

Tough dog toys

These items can be left in the donation bin situated at Pet City cnr Strickland Street and Zaknic Place, Bunbury

Your Time

Volunteering for BARRC is a life-changing experience for the animals and a rewarding one for our Foster Carers, Kennel Hands and helpers. These people are crucial for our operations. We also welcome administrative, media and event helpers.

Events

We are always looking for volunteers to help out at such events as:

- Christmas in the City
- Colour Frenzy
- Markets
- Educational days
- Training sessions
- and much more

If you are interested head over to our web page and become a volunteer today



MONEY

Your support is important to us. Whether it is \$5 or \$5000 your gifts are truly what saves the animals. We can't thank you enough! Adoption fees help but don't cover all the costs of preparing our dogs for adoption. Some animals need very little, perhaps just a health check and vaccination, whilst another may need thousands of dollars in medical care. Yours gifts make forever homes possible.

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