

<p><b>THE INSIDE SCOOP</b></p>	<p><b>GILBERT'S POTOROO RECOVERY PROGRAM REPORT</b></p>
<p>UPDATE FROM CHAIRPERSON 2</p>	<p>What a fantastic six months it's been for the potoroo! The Gilbert's Potoroo Recovery Program has moved ahead in leaps and bounds, mainly due to the remarkable success of the Bald Island translocation. After years of trying a whole range of ways to increase potoroo numbers, we now have a strongly growing new population that can supply colonists to claim back the former haunts of the species.</p>
<p>PUBLIC AWARENESS 3</p>	<p>On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March, seven potoroos were released into our 380-hectare enclosure at Normans Beach, Waychinicup National Park. They joined a male and a female potoroo that had been released there three weeks earlier as pioneers to make sure all was OK and that we had chosen the site well. These animals had been fitted with transmitters and released in the "core habitat" that is a little piece of the prime Two Peoples Bay potoroo habitat – dense <i>Melaleuca striata</i> heathland with sedges beneath, forming a solid mass of vegetation, perfect for hiding in. A fungi survey had shown that potoroo food (underground fungi or truffles) were abundant in the enclosure. All we needed was the potoroos' seal of approval.</p>
<p>SOCIAL EVENTS 3</p>	<p>The two potoroos settled in the core habitat and when the male was recaptured a week later he had lost only 30 grams – an insignificant amount after the a big change in lifestyle, after having had food dished up every afternoon in captivity. This gave us the green light to go ahead with the major release.</p>
<p>WINE SELECTION 4</p>	<p>Meanwhile, on Bald Island, our most recent trip in November 2009 resulted in the capture of 29 potoroos, including seven of the original 10 released between 2005 and 2007! The potoroos are spreading up the island from their original stronghold near the south-west end. The next trip, in March 2010, will concentrate on setting up new traplines so we can better monitor the full extent of the population.</p>
<p>MEMBERSHIPS &amp; DONATIONS 5</p>	<p>Thanks to the Gilbert's Potoroo Action Group for all your support over the years. It's really been worthwhile and we look forward to a continued fruitful relationship between GPAG and DEC.</p>
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## GILBERT'S POTOROO RECOVERY TEAM MEETING FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6TH 2009

The GP Recovery Team consists of representatives from DEC (Albany and Head Office), community members and specialist scientists including a member from Adelaide University. GPAG is invited as a community group. I have summarized below the major reports and outcomes of the meeting.

- 1) Funding for the Bald Island, Normans Beach enclosure and the Two Peoples Bay Projects will continue for the moment, but is under threat. Lack of funding has brought the “captive breeding” and the “cross-fostering” projects to a closure.
  
- 2 a) In 2005, two animals were translocated to Bald Island. In total 10 have been added. It is exciting to report a major success on Bald Island as numbers have grown to 27. Since the removal of 7 to the mainland, a most recent survey has found 29 animals.  
  
b) Following erosion damage to the Normans Beach enclosure, a major task has been to repair the enclosure and to ensure that it is free of feral pests (cats and foxes) prior to translocating animals to this site.  
  
c) A major concern now is to find a third translocation site by 2010 so that the existing sites do not reach habitat saturation and thus threaten the reproduction rate of the Gilbert's Potoroo. These sites would need to be areas unburned for 40 years and with similar vegetation types to existing sites.
  
- 3) Details were provided and discussed for a “prescribed burn” proposed for Two Peoples Bay within the next 18 months. Very high fire risk areas were identified.
  
- 4) GPAG reported on its activities in fund raising, volunteering, and awareness raising [educational]. Since February 2004 \$30,000 has been allocated by GPAG to projects identified as high priority by Dr Tony Friend. A major allocation in January 2009 was to replace radio tracking towers at a cost of \$14,500.

In concluding this report, despite the threats from withdrawal or reduction in funding [at both Federal and State level] the recovery of the Gilbert's Potoroo, especially on Bald Island has been quite spectacular and we hope this augurs well for the success of future translocations.

RJ Dorn

Chairperson – GPAG

25 November 2009





## PUBLIC AWARENESS

### OFF THE WALL

For two weeks in September the "Off the Wall Gallery" in Albany featured a display of paintings and "Potoroo Conversations" sent to us by year 7 students from St. Peter's Anglican College, Broulee, N.S.W. The display was much appreciated and admired, especially as it was an indication that the plight of Gilbert's Potoroo was known about interstate.

### CHILDRENS WEEK

On Saturday 24th October the Albany Public Library became of mosh pit for children who were celebrating Children's Week. The theme this year was native animals, in particular the Gilbert's Potoroo and Western Ground Parrot. The Gilbert's Potoroo Action Group and the Friends of the Western Ground Parrot set up their displays telling children about potoroos and ground parrots. Sandy O'Doherty read her book "A Potoroo's Tale" to an enthralled audience and many children took time out to sit and colour in a potoroo picture. Much to the delight of the young and old, Gilbey made an appearance and joined in the mosh pit of dancing and playing with children!



Ken Blechynden having a dance with Gilbey at Children's week!

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### WALPOLE WEEKEND

This long awaited week end away finally happened in July this year. Ken and Jenny, Bev and Arthur, Wendy, Chris and Barb, Sara and Akaisha, Neil and Georgie, Rebekah and Ben and Aiden, Val and Pauline ventured to the wilds of Walpole on this wintery week end away. The Che Sara Sara chalets were north of Walpole and we all spent a lovely winter weekend there on the banks of the Frankland River which was in full flood due to heavy rains over the winter. What a pretty spot and quite secluded. We had three cabins which were well appointed and warm and big enough to fit every one in for our Friday night BBQ and Saturday night bring food and share. Some of the group went over to Walpole on the Thursday to take advantage of the WOW cruise (Wild Over Walpole) with the ever boisterous and very knowledgeable Gary Muir as the host. Gary was jetting off the next day for a trip to the wilds of Costa Rica or Honduras to work on a rehabilitation project. On Friday afternoon, we were joined by the rest of the party who arrived at various times and spent time catching up and then having a evening BBQ. On Saturday the rest of the group went on the WOW cruise and there was lots of walking and exploring of the area and the town of Walpole. Circular Fall was a bit of a hit or as some of us called it Cappuccino Falls as the wild water turned to froth after its wild ride. The highlights of the weekend were the relaxation and the friendship, the lovely area and the Bakery in Walpole. Planning is now underway for out next week end venture.



Arthur Davis and Merrilyn Dorn at Circular Fall





# GILBERT'S POTOROO ACTION GROUP 2009 WINE SELECTION

## A SPECIAL CASE FOR AUSTRALIA'S RAREST MAMMAL

The Gilbert's Potoroo is a critically endangered marsupial, thought to be extinct for over 100 years but rediscovered in 1994 at Two Peoples Bay, on the south coast of Western Australia. For many years, the only Gilbert's Potoroos known to exist in the wild were confined to this single population, comprising less than 50 individuals. However, recent conservation action under way, to move Gilbert's Potoroo back from the brink of extinction, has included the establishment of a second population on Bald Island, which has now grown to over 20 individuals. Three fabulous wines from the award winning Jingalla Winery have been specially labeled to feature the Gilbert's Potoroo. Profits from the sale of the wines will directly support the recovery of this species and the ongoing work of the Gilbert's Potoroo Action Group Inc. Unfortunately, this year, we are unable to offer a shiraz but, by popular demand, we again offer the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tawny Port.

**2009 LIMITED OFFER - ALL ORDERS IN BY 15th APRIL 2010**

Minimum 1 case order (1 dozen bottles)	Bottle Price	No. Bottles	Case Price	No. Cases
Price				
Cartons may be mixed (incl GST)	(incl. GST)		(incl. GST)	
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10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tawny Port	\$17.00	_____	\$204.00	\$ _____
<b>Total No. Bottles</b>		_____	<b>Total No. Cases</b>	
<i>(Total order, even dozens only)</i>				
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>				\$ _____

Delivery Charge (**per carton**): Perth & WA South \$13; WA North \$15; Sydney \$20; NSW country \$22; Adelaide \$20;

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Please ring 0409 443 331 with any enquiries.

**FREIGHT** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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PLEASE COMPLETE IN FULL and email/fax/post with payment to:

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Albany WA 6331

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Gilbert's Potoroo 2009 Wine Selection is an initiative of the Gilbert's Potoroo Action Group and is supported by Jingalla Wines.







## MEMBERSHIPS & DONATIONS

Gilbert's Potoroo Action Group is open to anyone who wishes to help save Gilbert's Potoroo from extinction and our annual membership subscription is currently only \$10 OR \$150 for a lifetime membership (Australian dollars). The group currently meets once a month in Albany, Western Australia, however all members have access to our Potoroo Group mailing list where we post group meeting agendas and minutes, notices and news. Opportunities for volunteer work with the recovery program are generally first notified to the group through the list and members can also use the list to discuss ideas and proposals for group activities and strategies. Lack of funding is one of the greatest difficulties now facing the effort to save Gilbert's Potoroo and so fund raising is one of the three key objectives of our group. Gilbert's Potoroo Action Group is a not-for-profit community volunteer organisation; none of our members or officers are paid by the group, so if you make a donation to our group you can be sure that the money will be used directly to progress actions identified in the Gilbert's Potoroo Recovery Plan.

To join Gilbert's Potoroo Action Group or to make a donation please fill out the attached forms.

“Gilbey” GPAG’s Mascot



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PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST HERE

Yes, I/ We..... Of  
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Gilbert’s Potoroo Action Group Inc  
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Albany, WA 6331

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**





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To become a member of the GILBERT'S POTOROO ACTION GROUP Please fill out the form below and enclose your subscription.

NAME.....

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Email..... Would you like your newsletter sent by email YES / NO

Annual Subscription \$10

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## DONATIONS (TAX DEDUCTIBLE)

As a Nationally Registered Environmental Organization, the Gilbert's Potoroo Action Group Inc. offers tax deductible\* donation facilities.

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# SPONSOR THE GILBERT'S POTOROO PROJECT

By sponsoring a Gilbert's Potoroo project you can help contribute to the survival of the species.

## PERSONAL SPONSORSHIP - \$50.00 (ANNUAL)

By sponsoring the Gilbert's Potoroo your money will go directly to the three current projects, Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve, Bald Island and Norman's Beach Enclosure involved in helping to save Gilbert's Potoroo. With each sponsorship you will receive a "Sponsorship Certificate", an annual subscription to the Potoroo Postings newsletter which will inform you of how the sponsored projects are progressing and items that have been contributed as a result of sponsorships. As a sponsor you will be invited to a "Meet the Scientist Day" where you will meet other sponsors and spend the day learning about potoroos, visiting the Captive Breeding Centre, Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve and Normans Beach Enclosure and maybe even see a potoroo.

## SMALL BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP - \$100.00 (ANNUAL)

With a Small Business Sponsorship you will receive a "Sponsorship Certificate", an annual subscription to the Potoroo Postings newsletter which will inform you of how the sponsored projects are progressing and items that have been contributed to this projected as a result of sponsorships. As a Small Business Sponsor two staff will be invited to a "Meet the Scientist Day" where you will meet other sponsors and spend the day learning about potoroos, visiting the Captive Breeding Centre, Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve and Normans Beach Enclosure and maybe even see a potoroo. Your Business will also be recognised in Potoroo Postings.

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# PRODUCTS

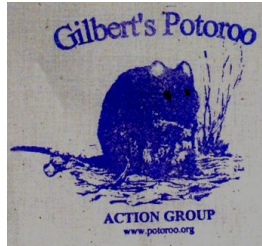
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**CARDS:** Quality hand made cards featuring a Gilbert's potoroo (blank inside, picture from a watercolour by Jann van der Helder). \$3 ea

Quantity

Total amount ...\$ .....



**CALICO BAGS:** Made by GPAG members from calico with a potoroo stamp. \$3 ea

Quantity

Total Amount...\$.....



**STUBBY HOLDERS:** Designed by GPAG members featuring graphics of Gilbert's Potoroo. \$10 ea

Quantity

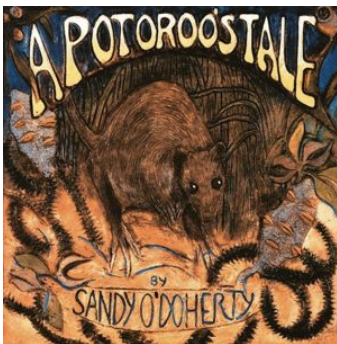
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**CAPS:** Front of cap "Gilbert's Potoroo" Back of cap "save us." \$10 ea

Quantity

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A delightful book written and beautiful illustrated by Albany artist Sandy O'Doherty. All profits from the sale of the book will go to GPAG.

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