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Copy or return this form with your payment details to AMWRRO so that we can post a copy of receipt.

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AMWRRO (Australian Marine Wildlife Research & Rescue Organisation)

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Donate or volunteer and help us to save our marine wildlife!

### Australian Marine Wildlife Research & Rescue Organisation Inc (AMWRRO) was officially

launched in 2010, continuing the work of Project Dolphin Safe Assoc Inc (PDS) which was started in 1998 after the killing of six Port River dolphins.

The initial objectives of PDS were to patrol the Port River estuary and associated waters, to act as a deterrent to those wanting to inflict harm on marine wildlife and to remove floating debris that could pose a risk to these creatures and their environment.

In the years to follow PDS incorporated several additional objectives which were considered important for these animals and their habitats.

#### **Objectives included:**

- Restoration of sensitive habitats;
- Removal of rubbish that had contact with tidal movements;
- Educational awareness activities;
- Revegetation;
- Rescue response;
- And, most importantly, on-ground relevant research that would actually help animals into the future.

Within the first five years of patrolling the Port River Estuary, PDS officials found and rescued several pelicans. Soon after, Australian Seabird Rescue's (ASR) founder Lance Ferris held a workshop with several PDS officials attending. Immediately thereafter the South Australian Seabird Rescue (SASR) was started as a sister initiative, utilising pre-existing PDS resources.

PDS and SASR jointly became South Australia's response to injured marine wildlife and the only organisation licensed in the state by the Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH) to rescue and rehabilitate seabirds, all sea turtles and all seal species. Due to the ever-growing number of marine animals rescued and rehabilitated, the organisation built the Natural Wetland Rehabilitation Facility - the first of its kind in Australia – for injured marine wildlife. This amazing facility has seen hundreds of animals pass through, showing unbelievable recovery time plus the ability to maintain the wildness required to survive in their natural environment.

After 10 years PDS had outgrown its name, and a decision was made to rename the organisation. Constitutional objectives were amended to incorporate all that we had done over the years, and PDS became the Australian Marine Wildlife Research & Rescue Organisation (AMWRRO).

AMWRRO has been called on for assistance and advice in VIC, NSW, QLD, WA and TAS, as well as in SA. The organisation is well known across the continent for our ability to rescue, rehabilitate and successfully release marine wildlife that would normally be euthanised due to lack of resources, facilities and expertise required.



## How to get hands on

AMWRRO is a not-for-profit organisation run by members and volunteers. If you'd like to join the team, to get hands-on with some amazing animals, and to be trained by South Australia's top marine wildlife rescue organisation, simply become a member and start volunteering today.

Application forms can be downloaded from the web at www.amwrro. org.au and payment can be made by EFT, cheque, money order or by credit card.

Once you are a member of AMWRRO, access to Torrens Island can be arranged and you can start to get hands-on and help the many different species of marine life that require our assistance each day. Seal pups, dolphins, sea turtles and hundreds of different seabird species receive our help each year: if you want to be a part of that important team of people, then sign up and get ready to get down and dirty – it can be a messy job!

Whilst volunteers may, at times, be asked to assist in rescue operations, the rehabilitation and general management of animals in care is of the upmost importance. General cleanliness is one of the hardest things to maintain in this line of work, but it needs doing . . . so if you're keen to make a REAL difference to marine wildlife, sign up and get started today!

# Membership

Members receive their own "I support" AMWRRO t-shirt, hat and quarterly newsletters that will keep you updated on local marine wildlife issues, upcoming events and access to special offers. Once you are a member of AMWRRO you can gain access to our unique facility on Torrens Island which is strictly members-only!

AMWRRO memberships are a great and affordable gift idea and a way to make a real difference to the many animals who have no voice and who rely on you for support.

Not all members need to become actively involved – you may prefer simply to support the work AMWRRO does on a daily basis and enjoy reading about the animals you've helped simply by becoming a member: every little bit of support helps and is greatly appreciated.

# Sponsorship Options

Individuals, families or businesses can also support AMWRRO by way of sponsorship. This can be tailored to suit your needs by "Sponsoring Cage Care". The AMWRRO facility has 12 large caged care areas that surround the wetland facility – this is where marine animals are housed whilst on antibiotics or requiring intensive care before being released into the large wetland area.

By sponsoring a cage you are kept updated as to the progress of the animals housed in that cage. Ultimately this sponsorship means you have actually saved an animal's life by allowing us to provide it with the best care facility possible, including feed, vet assessments, on-going check ups and the medication needed throughout its rehabilitation.

Sponsorship options can also allow for designated people to be present when "your" animal is released back into the wild and share the amazing feeling and sense of satisfaction that comes from knowing that you've played a part in the rescue, rehabilitation and release.

Cage sponsorships are priced from \$100 to \$5,000, and they include photos of the animal when rescued, its rehabilitation and release.

All cage sponsorships allow your name to be displayed in that cage throughout your sponsorship period. All animals housed in that particular cage during your sponsorship will be photographed and copies of the photos sent via email to the sponsors.