

NRAS Newsletter – #2 /2021

WELCOME to the mid-year NRAS newsletter. Yes we're actually at the half-way point with no signs of activity at the Rescue Shelter slowing down.

As we go to press, the team have been grappling with the load after taking in 18 puppies in the space of a week. That's right – **EIGHTEEN!!!**

Litter #1 consisted of eight Lab X puppies approximately five-weeks-old.



Feeding time at the Zoo took on a whole new meaning with these little guys ...

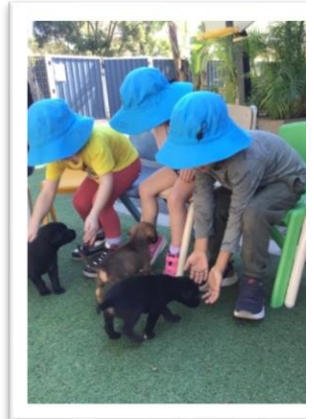
They have also been a HUGE HIT around town and a major PR machine having visited a local childcare centre, popped into the Paradise FM 20th anniversary morning tea and created cuteness chaos at the June Adoption Day.



The Puppies won many a heart at the **Paradise FM 20th Anniversary** morning tea, none more so than that of **Station Manager, JENNY**



The puppies also had an outing to **Me & My House Day Care Centre**, Alstonville to help NRAS Shelter Operations Manager, Sarah, collect a basket of donated food.



Litter #2 consisted of ten, "one day old" Kelpie X pups. Mum delivered her first litter at the ripe age of 10 years and, according to her super foster Mum, Tania, she has done a stellar job.



"The first three days she couldn't move. I was bringing food and water to her bed. Now she is great ... feeding, cleaning and a real happy girl. She's an angel."

Every single one of our foster carers is "super" but Tania is extraordinary ... with three of her own rescue animals, and two NRAS foster cats, Tania still put her hand up to take on Mum and the pups until they find their forever homes.



AND, whilst on the subject of puppies ... back in February NRAS took in another eight-pup litter of Bull Arab X. Some of which were re-homed in pairs.

On the approach to their 3-month birthday, a lovely beach reunion was organised where five made a playful appearance and caught up with their sibs.



WINTER CLOTHING APPEAL



The **NRAS Op Shop**, located at 268 River Street, Ballina is in need of winter clothing (men, women & children).

If you have suitable clothing to donate, please drop off at the Op Shop **Tuesday, Thursday** or **Saturday**.

If you have any questions, call or email
T: 6686 7069 E: NRAS.Opshop@gmail.com

The Op Shop has also started a customer Loyalty Program giving participants access to "early bird" notice of flash sales, promotions and news.

Ask one of the friendly Op Shop vollies how you can sign up for a NRAS Loyalty card.



If you follow the NRAS Facebook page you would have read that the folks at **Stone & Wood** brewery held a fundraising tasting earlier this year, raising a **whopping \$3000** which was donated to NRAS.



This generous donaton paid for an urgent operation for one of our gorgeous pooches.

And if that wasn't enough ... four of the **S&W** team decided to volunteer for a day at the Rescue Shelter.

Dog Coordinator, Trish wasted no time in teaching them the fundamentals of operating the hydrobath for a bit of dog washing ...



With "payment" being the **BEST** canine cuddles!!!!

It's a DOC's life ...

D585 Doc came into care suffering an unexplained pelvic fracture.

Further investigation found that there was injury to the socket causing Doc a lot of discomfort.

On the advice of the Vet, NRAS agreed to surgery to relieve his pain and whilst not guaranteed, it is likely that a successful outcome means he will not require ongoing pain relief medication and anti-inflammatory intervention.

Fast forward to a [post-op email from Doc](#) (now Eddie) penned by his foster Mum, **Vicki**.

Just wanted to give you a quick update on my surgery recovery.

*The team at **Ballina Vet Hospital** (including a visiting specialist who performed the surgery) looked after me very well.*



I went home with a little less than I arrived with ... a ball joint that is.

But hey, it's not the first time I have left BVH without a ball or two



Day 4 in recovery ... I am now peeing and pooing on my own, which is good news. The first two days I had to go back to have my bladder expressed as the epidural I had can sometimes cause urine retention, but my "bits" are now all flowing as they should. I am only allowed to be out on the grass on a lead so that I don't get a spurt of energy and try to play with my host brother Charlie.

I spend all night in the crate, and last night I slept through, which was apparently a relief for the humans in the house. I spend all day on my bed, as I'm told to. I do play with sticks and toys on my bed, but I do just want to run around the yard.

I am house / crate-bound with pee walks in the yard on a lead only for the first 2 weeks, then from 2 – 4 weeks I can do 10mins around the yard on a lead.

After 4 weeks I can start to go outside and attempt small inclines and some stairs to try to strengthen my legs. All throughout this time, the ball joint that was removed is re-growing in the form of fibrous tissue.

Hopefully at 6 weeks I will be as good as new, although still very cautious on my new joint. So, a long road ahead with plenty of drugs to keep me pain and infection free and a very patient host dog and foster family to aid recovery.

At the end of this journey I am moving to live with my new family, along with a cat !! I do hope Ash likes to play as much as Charlie does 😊

*So again, **THANK YOU NRAS**. I know this is what you guys do all day every day ... rescue abandoned, injured and sick dogs and cats, but I wanted to thank you for agreeing to put all that time and money towards my surgery and recovery. I really do appreciate it.*

*Lots of love **Eddie xxx***

Footnote: And NRAS really appreciates Eddie's foster Mum, **Vicki** and her family (including fur baby, Charlie) who have patiently nursed him through this challenging period.



Eddie had the chance to get out and about in his new "recovery" wheels ...



NRAS has exciting things planned for its **20th anniversary** ... The weekend of **8-10 October** will have

some serious **FUR BABY** celebrations happening such as "**Back to NRAS Day**" so dogs adopted from NRAS can come back and join the party. We hope you can too. More details to come.



RITCHIES LAUNCHES NEW COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Thank you to those who have previously selected NRAS as their preferred charity with Ritchies supermarkets.

Under their new brand they have also launched a revised Community Benefits program.

Existing members can download the Ritchies Card App from App Store or Google play on their mobile phone or go online to www.ritchies.com.au/loyalty to register. Once you have an account set up, you can nominate NRAS as your chosen charity and collect your physical card in-store.

We really appreciate your support and the wonderful initiative of Ritchies.



For a number of years now, NRAS has partnered with vets in the Northern Rivers to provide a subsidised de-sexing program.

Quarterly financial allocations to our VET PARTNERS means that responsible pet owners in our community can apply for financial assistance to have their dog or cat de-sexed. It's simple!!!

Funds are still available in the 2020/2021 financial year Subsidised De-sexing Program allocation.

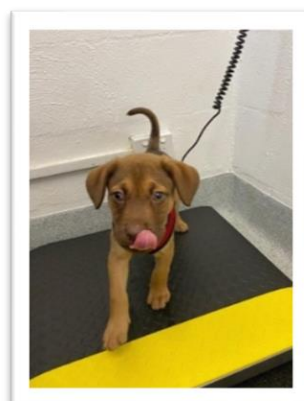
Check out the NRAS website for details of our VET PARTNERS or call the office on 6681 1860.

www.northernriversanimalservices.com



Coinciding with Petstock's National Adoption Day in March, the **East Ballina Lions Club** held their usual sausage sizzle at the Ballina Homemaker Centre with proceeds donated to NRAS.

Their wonderful \$500 donation enabled NRAS to purchase proper "veterinary-standard" scales to weigh its animals for accuracy when administering medications.



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This issue's **VOLLIE IN VIEW** is **ANNE** who joined the NRAS Op Shop team as cashier & front counter volunteer following the COVID lockdown in 2020.

Anne had previously worked with the former Op Shop Manager and was asked to move across to NRAS.

"I'm so glad she did as I've enjoyed every moment," said Anne.

"The best part of volunteering," continued Anne, "is the NRAS crew. Interacting with the Op Shop Manager; other volunteers and customers. They are all so friendly and it's a bonus that we allow dogs into the shop, so I get to give them a treat."

Whilst Anne would love to have a pet of her own, she says that she is "flat out looking after the BIG pet she already has ... her husband." 😊

Prior to retirement Anne worked as an assistant to the accountant at two Sydney car dealerships.

*When not being a super NRAS Vollie, **Anne** is an avid gardener and busy Grand-mother of eight and Great-Grandmother of five.*



With recent celebrations of **National Volunteer Week** & ALWAYS, we salute you Anne, and all of our wonderful volunteers.

Speaking of which ... here are some snapshots from the June Adoption Day of the awesome NRAS "purple" crew in action.



Taurus, Alex, Joy (hiding in the background), Peter & Kirsty.



Tash, in the "kitty" play pen.

NEXT ADOPTION DAY

Saturday 3 July

10:00am – 1:00pm at the
NRAS Rescue Shelter
61 Piper Drive, Ballina

Baby it's cold outside

NRAS once again has the beautiful hand-made dog coats in stock to keep your pooch warm on these chilly nights.

Made with love by the lovely Alison from donated wool blankets, these dog coats are available from X-small to X-large from either the NRAS Op Shop or Shelter.

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There has been a lot of puppy love in this issue but don't forget ... we also have some beautiful pussy cats waiting for their forever homes.

Check out the website to see the felines in foster care.

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TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

If you would like to go onto the invitation list or to hear more about the upcoming **20th anniversary celebrations**, please call or drop us an email with your contact details.

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NRAS Membership for the 2021/22 financial year will be open from 1 July to 30 September.

For a nominal annual fee of \$2.00 you can be a MEMBER of the NRAS organisation with voting rights at the Annual General Meeting held in December.

Membership forms and payment is accepted at either the Office or Op Shop.