

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP
on the occasion of the launch of the
Native ARC Animal Management System
on 3 August 2015

Good Morning

Thank you for the opportunity to be here today to share in another significant achievement at Native ARC.

Today we have heard from several guest speakers about the importance of the work being done at Native ARC and how that contributes to the growth and resilience of our community with the aim of rehabilitating sick, injured and orphaned wildlife and the strengthening of partnerships that support these outcomes.

Many of us receive regular newsletters that go to the heart of the volunteering effort at Native ARC and that clearly articulate the investment of time, energy, enthusiasm and learning that each volunteer contributes to ensure the Centre provides the best possible response to the community.

Improvements to the building fabric, the enclosures, the hospital, equipment, work processes and other aspects that lead to improved outcomes have been driven by the volunteers and through the established partnerships with our local government, not-for-profits, local businesses, corporates and the community.

The partnership model continues to evolve and place its own individual stamp on what is quite a unique service in our community and further afield.

I'm certain that Bankwest who allow their staff to volunteer and share their expertise are all the richer for the opportunity for them to apply their knowledge and skills in an environment that is somewhat distant from the mainstream of finance and banking.

It's amazing how project management can, and is, closely linked to everyday events that we all take for granted. It's a matter of structure, application, system design and commitment to get the desired result that wins through on the day. Being in the field watching, listening, enquiring and collaborating with the eventual user of the system provides value to all concerned and ensures that minor software adjustments required at a later date are easier to introduce.

I congratulate the Board, Staff and volunteers of Native ARC for successfully partnering with Bankwest to produce an Animal Management System that will lead to improvements in the care and welfare of wildlife and bring additional skill sets to the many volunteers who bring their passion and enthusiasm to this Centre on a regular basis.

I congratulate Bankwest and their staff for their community engagement efforts and for bringing their expertise to the table.

At a time when greater accountability is required by not-for-profits the Animal Management System will assist in the collection and reporting of animal related data at Native ARC and assist in meeting those objectives.

Specifically, the system is expected to provide efficiency improvements in record keeping, reporting, information reliability, accuracy, paperless operation. The collection of more reliable and readily accessible data is likely to enhance research activities and applications for future grant funding.

I now have much pleasure in launching the Animal Management System developed with the expertise and guidance of the Bankwest Team and the volunteers of Native ARC – a joint initiative worthy of celebration.

Thank you.