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An old friend  
returns and gets a  
new home ...

A Tui chick that  
doesn't play by  
the rules

An egg is rescued  
mid-hatch - check  
out the pics!



## New Zealand Bird Rescue Charitable Trust Newsletter

SEASONS  
GREETINGS



With 2011 wrapping up, we would like to thank everyone for all their hard work this year. We are very lucky to have a group of volunteers who give up their time to help Lyn and the birds at the Centre. A big thank you to Miriam Whelan who does a fantastic job as our Volunteer Coordinator. A volunteer herself, she commits countless hours to ensure the smooth running of the volunteer roster (among a lot of other things!). Thank you to everyone for all your dedication and hard work this year!



The team would like to recognise Vi Watson whose generous monthly donations of supplies from our Wish List contribute immensely to the continuing operation of our centre. Especially during the busier seasons donations like this help to ease the financial pressure. Thanks Vi for your tremendous support!

NZ Bird Rescue is a haven for lost pet birds. Thank you to Niki, who did an amazing job canvassing West Auckland and successfully reuniting "George" with his family - all the hard work paid off! Also, a Bird Rescue thank you to Catherine, who took time out of her personal life to do a letterbox drop in Glen Eden in an effort to reunite a Cockatiel with its family. Great job guys!

"... and a Pukeko in a Ponga tree"

### White Tui Chick



An unusual little Tui chick (which we jokingly call our Magpie-Tui cross). The Tui on the right shows the normal colouration for a chick of this age. We intend to monitor it over the next month or so to see how it turns out!

### Ricky's Return & Rehoming!

Around the beginning of November an Eastern Rosella was brought into the Centre. This bird was cold, miserable and really hungry – and looked strangely familiar. It was semi tame and seemed to recognise Lyn, responding remarkably well to its environment – just like old times!

It seems that poor Ricky had returned to us and unfortunately for this bird it was a case of déjà vu. Ricky's first arrival at the centre, well over a year ago, occurred under similar circumstances - rescued after being found in suburban area, miserable and starving.



We are pleased to report that there is a very happy ending to this story. Ricky has now been sent to a forever home and is doing really well there. Ricky's new owner has a lot of experience with Eastern Rosellas and Ricky is the 7<sup>th</sup> rescued addition to the family! "Woohoo"



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone ... especially to all the lovely people that have rescued birds this year and brought them in to us!**



## Blackbird Chick rescued mid-hatch :



A young boy named Bailey saved this little Blackbird from a terrible fate. This egg was found mid-hatch on the ground and was kept nice and warm as it was rushed to a nearby Bird Rescue drop off centre. Keeping chicks warm is incredibly important and can mean the difference between life and death! The egg shell had dried to the tiny chicks skin but soon enough it was successfully hatched. Great job to rescuers Dee, Brooke and Bailey!

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Budgies by Dana Franklin

## Knowing when to help a bird :

### Rescue a bird if:

- \* An injury is visible
- \* The bird is having trouble standing or flying
- \* One or both of its legs are dragging
- \* The beak is damaged
- \* A baby or fledgling is orphaned
- \* It is covered in oil
- \* It is trapped and cannot free itself
- \* It is entangled in fishing line, string, cotton
- \* It has hit a window or been hit by a car
- \* It has been attacked by another animal
- \* It is unconscious or cannot move
- \* The bird has difficulty breathing

**If you can catch a bird in the wild then it is probably sick**

### FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!

#### Can you help?

The Green Bay Centre is running at full capacity! Over the last few months a number of rescue centres have closed down which means that our workload has increased.

We need people who can provide short term foster homes for ducklings or baby birds.

If you are interested or think you might be able to help, please visit our website for more information or email : [info@birdrescue.org.nz](mailto:info@birdrescue.org.nz)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need more volunteers to help care for the birds at our Green Bay Centre. Volunteers assist with the care and cleaning of the birds and other general duties at the centre.

Volunteers are ideally able to commit to helping us for a morning/afternoon weekly, fortnightly or monthly. To assist, you must be over 16 and a non smoker.

To volunteer or for more information contact Miriam (027) 472 0038 or email: [volunteer@birdrescue.org.nz](mailto:volunteer@birdrescue.org.nz)

### Our Wish List:

- Tin/sachet kitten food
- Sprats - fresh/frozen
- Paper towels, tissues
- Plain farex
- Bird Seed - all kinds
- Washing powder
- Tins of baby food
- Harrison's food
- Pellets, wheat, maize
- Puppy food/dog biscuits

### Our Centres

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### Phone Calls

While we are always happy to help, the number of calls we receive is overwhelming. If you are calling about a wild bird needing care, please drop the bird straight in to us.



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