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LITTLE BLUE PENGUIN

On April 14th 2012 the Green Bay Centre received a Little Blue Penguin.

It arrived in shock and very cold as it was delivered to NZBR in a bucket full of water. The rescuers, though well meaning, had mistakenly assumed that this was the correct method of transporting a Little Blue Penguin. It is actually the worst way to bring a bird into a rescue centre.

Despite the arrival the Little Blue Penguin was very lucky to have been found by its rescuers. There was a large gash on its lower back which was probably the result of having been hit by a boat propeller. Unfortunately this type of injury is very common in sea birds and sea animals. After a trip to the Mt Albert Vet Clinic to be stitched up by Berend it then spent the next 5 months recuperating at the Centre. A few of the NZBR volunteers who helped Lyn ended up becoming experts in the art of feeding a very grumpy little Penguin.

The Little Blue Penguin was finally ready to be released on Saturday, September 15th and as a thank you to all our volunteers the invitation to attend this release was extended to them. The LBP was reluctant to get in the water but eventually the team were able to watch it swim away.



Little Blue Penguin at Maori Bay, Muriwai
- photo by Pete Bennett

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 email : volunteer@birdrescue.org.nz

LITTLE BLUE PENGUIN RELEASE



Ready for release! The Little Blue Penguin after its last feed at the centre



Martyn says a final goodbye to the Little Blue Penguin who has been at the centre for 5 months



A team of our volunteers wait and watch as the Little Blue Penguin bathes and gets ready to go

OUR CENTRES

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HOURS :

**Green Bay
Centre**
8 a m - 5 p m
7 days

Outside of these hours
by arrangement.

SYDNEY THE GALAH



Sydney the Galah was a well known and much loved resident of NZBR Green Bay.

On Friday 17th August, old Syd passed away after a long battle with cancer.

His passing has left a big hole at the centre!

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!

If you have ever been interested in fostering birds, now is the time to contact us! It is duckling season and we are struggling to cope – can you help?



Your family members (children, cats, dogs etc) must be bird friendly and you would need a pen (hutch) or a safe fenced off section. The ducklings eat crumbled chook pellets and love lettuce (if not on grass), unfrozen corn and peas and cat or dog food as treats each day.

We can advise how to release them and help with the release if needed! Please help us, we cannot cope!!!

Please email info@birdrescue.org.nz if you are interested!

OUR WISH LIST:

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

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005: Fantail, Tui, Kiwi
006: Penguin, Morepork, Kiwi
007: Tui (triple)
008: Tui (single)
009: Mother Paradise Shelduck

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