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What a ripper Steve Irwin Day!

November was an awesome month of fundraising for Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors, with both the [Steve Irwin Day Gala Dinner](#) and [Steve Irwin Day](#) raising incredible funds for the treatment of patients at the [Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital](#).

VIP guests included Australian Wallaby and Queensland Reds rugby player Quade Cooper, as well as Kate Gosselin from *Kate Plus 8*. We were also treated to stand out performances by Australian muso Xavier Rudd (pictured right at the wildlife hospital).

"I met such great people doing good work," Xavier said. "I was blown away that the hospital does not get any federal or state funding."



Backyard Wildlife Warriors - FeralScan

Help put an end to out of control feral species and their adverse affect on Australia's native species and natural environment by logging onto [FeralScan](#)! This community website is citizen science at its best, where you can help map feral animals and the damage they cause in your local area.

Anyone can use [FeralScan](#) anywhere in Australia to map rabbits, myna birds, pigs, cane toads, foxes and even camels: all introduced pests that impact on our native wildlife, domestic animals and pets, primary producers, the community, recreational areas and culturally significant sites. Head to www.feralscan.org.au



Love it UP!

Love it UP! is a daily deals site who loves to give back to the community, and is all about experiencing and sharing, coming together as a community to pay less, do more and give more! With amazing daily deals offering up to 90% off regular prices, and 5-10% of proceeds donated to charities including Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors, what's not to love? Check it out today at www.loveitup.com.au



Charity Greeting Cards

It's not too late to get organised for Christmas! Order online from [Charity Greeting Cards](#), choose Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors as your nominated charity, and 40c from every card you buy will come straight to the [Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital](#).

Check out the extensive range of beautiful designs available online: www.charitygreetingcards.com.au



Think Globally, Act Locally

We're dreaming of a green Christmas! Is it really necessary to purchase cheap manufactured plastic Christmas decorations year after year? Try your hand at making gorgeous and sustainable decorative knick-knacks (like the magazine Christmas tree pictured), to both save you money and provide hours of fun!

Recycled paper chains and tree hangings are a great place to start for the kids - you can even make use of last year's Christmas cards.. the possibilities are endless!



Cathy's Captions (Wildlife Warriors USA)

When we see a plastic bag taking flight as we drive along the streets, we normally only notice the mess. But, when we think a bit further to the risk it poses to wildlife, it is very disconcerting.

Several US states are working on banning plastic bags, and I recently signed a petition from California worried about injuries to dolphins. While at the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital I also witnessed a couple of sea turtles being treated after ingesting plastic bags - this is definitely a worldwide epidemic. At this time of year many of us are doing more shopping, and getting **more** plastic bags!

Please be responsible with your bags by recycling them, or not using them at all. Take advantage of some of the awesome reusable material bags on sale at most stores. I hope everyone has a very happy and safe holiday season!



Meet the AZWH team - Claude (Veterinary Services Manager)

Claude joined the [Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital](#) as a veterinarian in March 2008. Originally from Quebec, Canada, Claude obtained her veterinary degree from the University of Montreal in 2000. Her passion for wildlife and zoo medicine was already obvious at school, and she completed multiple externships in zoos and rehabilitation centres throughout both Canada and the USA.

Working as a zoo veterinarian has allowed Claude to become familiar with many animal species, including African, South American, Asian, and Australian species. She has published many articles in veterinary journals, including on polar bears and elephants. Her experience, knowledge and organisation skills have been a great addition to the hospital, where she has completely fallen in love with all the Australian native species (including the adorable koalas pictured on the right)!



Join the global wildlife force

By joining our monthly giving program you can become a Wildlife Warrior, joining thousands of others around the world working hard to preserve our natural environment. [Sign up](#) to become a regular giver for wildlife conservation! Donations start from as little as \$2.50 per week, and can go to your choice of any of our conservation projects. [Download the membership form here.](#)

Are you a backyard Wildlife Warrior?

Are you or someone you know making a difference in your community? Or perhaps you have a great Think Globally, Act Locally tip or environmental product? We want to hear about it! You could be featured in the next edition of *Warrior Times*. Send through your stories and pictures to info@wildlifewarriors.org.au

We hope you enjoyed this edition of *Warrior Times*! Thank you for your continued support - it's passionate people such as yourself who truly are making a world of difference. Happy holidays!

Yours in conservation,

The Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors crew

