



Rabbit Run-Away Chronicles



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Welcome to Rabbit Run-Away Chronicles, our newsletter for Rabbit Run-Away Orphanage and the House Rabbit Society Australian Chapter....

What's New!

Unique gifts for the passionate animal carer or supporter, so start gathering your gifts now for that special Christmas surprise or just treat yourself, knowing you are helping our buns.

Merchandise

We are launching a range of merchandise and will be adding more themed items over the coming months. You can now purchase the first of our Animal Welfare Series: Connect (featured below) as well as the Rabbit Runaway Series for adults, children and babies.

All items from the merchandise link will be sent directly to you from the manufacturers and 25% of each purchase will be directed to the Orphanage. Visit our Online Shop and click on the [Merchandise](#) link.



Thanks to the generosity of The Rabbit Doctors, our Calendar will be available for 2022. [The Rabbit Doctors](#) have kindly sponsored the calendar, to help us raise much needed funds for our VIB buns. Covid has had a devastating impact on our ability to meet our vet care for these animals. The calendar will be available through [The Rabbit Doctors](#) as well as through the Orphanage through our [Online Shop](#).

Hand Crafted Bunny Dolls by

Thea A unique but limited range of bunny dolls have been lovingly crafted with their own character and charm. No two babies are the same. Visit our [Online Shop](#) and click on Physical Shop.



Celebrating Our Volunteers

Since COVID- 19 intercepted our lives in early 2020, many of our volunteers forfeited their opportunity to celebrate major events in their lives at the time. We will spend the next few months celebrating our wonderful volunteers and recognising important milestones in their lives.

Cassie & Matt

Cassie has been volunteering with Rabbit Run-Away for 5 years now, and is also a permanent foster carer. Cassie is very talented and has also designed our calendar for 2022.

We had a chat to Cassie about her life, plans and impact that COVID has had in the last year. She is the proud bun-Mum of Abby (adopted) & Chisel (permanent foster), and former bunny Mr Bojangles (RIP).

Cassie has been with her partner for 7 years, and when COVID hit in 2020 it put their wedding plans in disarray and they had to postpone from October, until May this year.

Happy to say that they ended up having a wonderful day, and look forward to future honeymoon plans in Hamilton Island. Abby and Chisel will also have a mini-break while they're on honeymoon —back at the orphanage keeping Judi & Bryce company!

Cassie feels that volunteering has helped her greatly on a personal level improving her confidence, and in turn her outlook on life.

We wish Cassie and Matt all the very best in their lives together—congratulations!



Celebrating Our Volunteers (continued...)

Michael & Beatrice

Beatrice and Michael are one of our volunteer couples! They have been with the Orphanage for approximately 2 years and recently celebrated their engagement—huge congratulations to you both!



We learnt a little more about them:

To start with they adopted their buns from the Orphanage.

How do you meet your partner?

Michael: I met Beatrice through Fiona (in photo), a mutual friend that will be a bridesmaid at the wedding.

What are your future plans?

Beatrice is now my fiancée after saying YES to me during an 'at home' proposal during the COVID lockdown. We are planning our wedding for March next year.

Anything else you would like to share with us?

Beatrice and I are devoted to helping the Orphanage and can't wait to join the group of married couples that volunteer together on site.

Michael and Beatrice have become much valued volunteers at the Orphanage, always stepping up to help when needed most. We wish them a long and happy life together and best wishes from all of us for their special day.

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FUNDRAISING CRISIS

COVID19 lockdowns are having a devastating affect on our ability to raise funds for the vet care of our 160 plus VIB buns.

As we enter our second year of COVID-19, we have found ourselves continuing to struggle with raising funds for the ongoing vet care of the vib buns. Vet care costs is the largest expense that the orphanage faces, and as such we have gone online with a new **GoFundMe campaign.**

There is absolutely no help offered or available for rabbit rescue, and we are not eligible for grants offered to animal rescues in the Government packages, as rabbits are not included under the Domestic Animal Act. We have exhausted our personal funds. Please help if you can as we cannot continue without funds. A link to our campaign is [here](#). Other ways you can assist are through a variety of options of gifts, items and virtual sponsorships or gifts from our [online shop](#).



BUNNY STARS

Our buns are contributing to our fundraising efforts by highlighting the impact of COVID-19 on our ability to operate. **Channel 10** did a brief segment on the Orphanage during the month. They contacted us during the storms, however we were unable to participate as we had no power or services. The **Herald Sun** also did a photo session at the Orphanage. The star of both media appearances was little Cuddles of course as well as all the other buns onsite.



Bunny Education - See the link below for handy information about caring for your bun:

<https://www.rabbitrunaway.org.au/hrs-information-sheets>

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