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# BARRCING MAD

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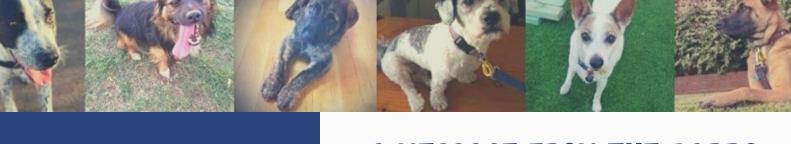
Welcome back to BARRCING Mad, where we're "going mutts" about our one-year anniversary, with March 8th marking the official celebration after the intake of our first dog Bobbie on that day back in 2019!

From small beginnings, a team of five animal welfare enthusiasts dreamed up BARRC, and now twelve months later they have helped save many a waggy-tailed friend.

Among this issue's success stories are adorable four-year-old terrier Zac, as well as 18-month-old mixed breed boy Red.

And with none of this possible without the help of our incredible volunteers and foster carers, keep reading to see our tribute to two such special people - Mark and Sophie.





# "EVERYONE THINKS THEY HAVE THE BEST DOG. AND NONE OF THEM ARE WRONG."

W.R. PURCHE















# A MESSAGE FROM THE BARRC TEAM:

In 2019, BARRC set out on a mission to educate pet owners and people who share public spaces with dogs in our community.

We are fulfilling this vision in small steps made possible through donations, volunteers and our networking with local businesses and councils.

As we continue to grow, we will be giving more and more back to our community through education sessions, sterilising programs, rehoming and advice.

We are slowly building our team of volunteers with a long term vision of a fully-inclusive network of people willing to put back into their community.

Thanks is extended to the rangers who we have built relationships with, to the rescue organisations we network with, businesses who support us, our adopters, donors and our volunteers who help out across a vast range of roles.

We look forward to a positive future where all animals are valued in our community.



## YEAR IN REVIEW





269 FOLLOWERS







# FIRST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

On March 8, BARRC celebrated their first official birthday, having spent twelve months helping rehome pup-tastic pooches throughout the south west.

The team marked the milestone moment during their March 7 Dog Information Session at the Graham Bricknell Shell.

Inviting volunteers, foster carers and members of the public to join them, along with their doggy friends, the day ended with plenty of laughs and even a delicious slice of cake.









#### DOG INFORMATION SESSIONS

On March 7th, free dog information sessions were held at the Graham Bricknell Shell and Bunbury Markets to educate and inform the general public on socialising, micro-chipping, sterilising and maintaining healthy pets.

Made possible by a generous grant from the City of Bunbury, the popular events featured guest speakers including Dr. Felicity Harradine from Harradine and Associates, K9 Connections' Renee Rice and the SW Catchment council's Jaya Vaughan. Senior Ranger Steve from the City of Bunbury also met the public with an aim to later speak on topics such as breaking the myths surround euthanasia and what 'reasonable effective control' looks like for dog owners.

Dr Harradine covered important topics such as CPR for dogs, the safe handling and transport of injured pets, and what to do in case of snake bites or toxic ingestion. And Ms Rice spoke about recognising body language signals in dogs and positive training for pups with anxiety. While Ms Vaughan provided information on limiting interactions between dogs and native wildlife, such as Western Ringtail Possums.

The second sessions scheduled for 21st March were postponed owing to the coronavirus health warnings. We are hopeful this event will go ahead in the near future.













Here at BARRC, volunteers and foster carers really are the backbone that make up our great organisation.

Whether it be opening their home to a vulnerable dog – sometimes with little more than a few minutes notice – or pounding the pavement with our canine companions every week, we really couldn't do what we do without them.

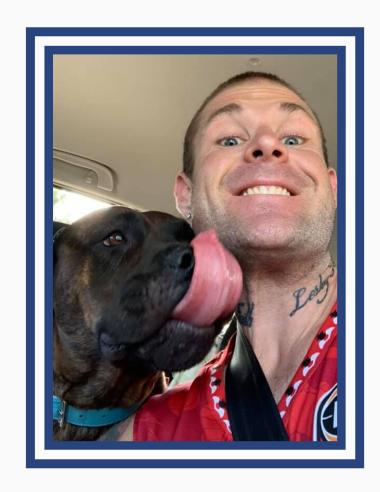
So, this issue, we want to introduce you to two remarkable humans who help us make BARRC so great – foster carer Sophie and volunteer Mark.

#### MARK

Mark has been with BARRC since the early days of the organisation and volunteers his time each and every week to take our pooches for walks and awesome adventures.

The special outings he provides are a wonderful way for the dogs to be exposed to new sights and sounds, meet people who might like to adopt them, and provide the pups with a sense of 'normality' during the enormous changes that come with moving into care or a new home.

Among his most recent exploits was a visit to Dome with the gorgeous Bella to grab some fish and chips, which – as you can see – definitely went down a treat!



# THANKYOU THANKYOU THANKYOU





Foster carers are a special breed and here at BARRC one person that certainly embodies that spirit is sweet Sophie.

Among the dogs she has helped is the gorgeous Red, who she first met while helping out as a kennel hand. After falling in love with him, she contacted BARRC's Foster Coordinator and practically begged to have him come home with her!

When he first arrived he was a little bit timid, with loud noises and fast movements giving him a fright. But it didn't take long before he settled in and became part of the family – enjoying dinners with his humans, doggy play dates and even Christmas celebrations.

One of the pair's favourite memories is going on holiday to Augusta, where Red went for his first swim, sending the whole beach into stitches as he awkwardly paddled out after Sophie.

And while Sophie was sad to see Red go, after Corey and his Great Dane, Zelda, drove four hours to meet and adopt him, she knows not only has he gone to a wonderful family, but that there'll be plenty more delightful dogs like him waiting to be welcomed into her foster home soon!









# ADOPTION A-PAW-TUNITIES &





Female American Staffy X 2 years old Dog social LOVES TO SAY HELLO



Female Kelpie X Catahoula 7 months old Child social **ZOOMIES CHAMP** 



Female Border Collie X 18 months old Very active ALL ABOUT FARM LIFE



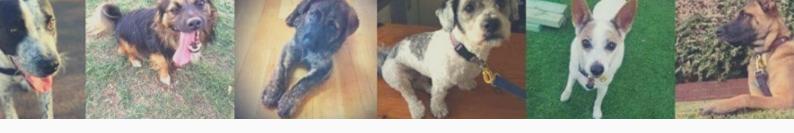
Male Sharpei 8 years old Housetrained SMART AND SNUGGLY



Male American Staffy X 7 months old Dog social FOOD MOTIVATED



Male American Staffy X 1 year old Loves cuddles ADVENTURE BUDDY



# SUCCESS STORIES

Want to share in your own happily ever after?

BARRC welcomes temporary **foster** carers and those hoping to **adopt** their own awesome pooch.

There's no need to worry about costs with fostering – with food and vet care provided by BARRC.

For more information, or to apply, just email **barrccarers@gmail.com** 

#### ZAC

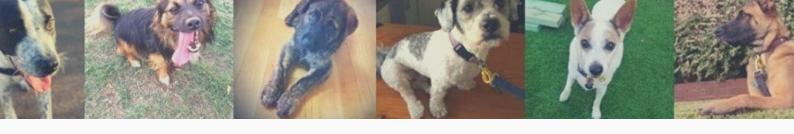
It was love at first site for Kathleen and Colin when they met little Zac back in August 2019.

A terrific terrier mix, Zac quickly took to life with his new family, enjoying plenty of cuddles and walks.

The spoilt boy even joined in a trip to York recently, making sure to give his paw-rents one of his special super-duper kisses as a sign of appreciation upon their return.







# UPCOMING EVENTS



#### \*CANCELLED\*

Unfortunately, the following events have been cancelled due to the coronavirus health warnings. We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

March 21 - Information Sessions

April 4 - Walk on the Wildside

May 3 - High Tea Fundraiser

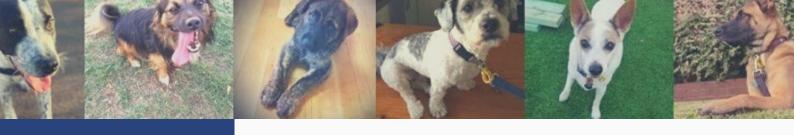
**May 5** - New Owner Puppet Show Meet and Greet

**May 6** - New Owner Puppet Show Meet and Greet



### "MONEY CAN BUY YOU A FINE DOG, BUT ONLY LOVE CAN MAKE HIM WAG HIS TAIL."

KINKY FRIEDMAN



#### **THANKS**

Caring for our lovable pooches can often be a thankless task, so we would like to take the time to acknowledge the wonderful teams at the following veterinary organisations for their support and advice.

**Blair Street Vet** 

**Eaton Pet Vet** 

Larkhill Vet Hospital

Ocean Keys Vet



# HOW CAN I HELP?



You can **donate** at this *link*.

**Foster carers** and volunteer **dog walkers** are crucial to BARRC's success. If you would like to enquire about either of these roles, please email:

To Foster - barrccarers@gmail.com

To Dog Walk – barrckennels@gmail.com

