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SUNNY



Some dogs impact the BARRC volunteers more than others and Sunny was certainly one of them! He was naughty, he was cheeky and he was most definitely so full of personality he shined-Sunny by name, Sunny by nature!

This is his story, he arrived with bad manners and a crazy zest for life. He was rough, strong and a big boof, but it didn't take long for us at BARRC to fall in love with him. He was in our care for 222 days and spent the majority of that time at our kennel facility. With twice daily training, guidance and love from the kennel hands, he started to thrive, learn and shine. Then one day, just like a page out of a fairytale, a lovely couple thought he might be a good match for them. From the moment he walked through the door, their lives changed forever. He fit into their little family like he was always meant to be there. Needless to say, he never left and is living his best life every day.

The best thing now is that his parents bring him to see us at events, our vollies see him out on his daily walks, and we get updates on what he gets up to... he is still a mischievous goofball and we will love him forever!

"We didn't just adopt a dog,
we found a missing piece of
our family. Sunny, you've
stolen our hearts forever.
Thank you for
choosing us."
-Sunny's
Parents





A MESSAGE FROM OUR TOP DOGS

To start this July's edition, we want to say a big thank you to all of you who continue to support BARRC—whether you're fostering, volunteering, donating, sharing our posts, or just cheering us on. It means a lot, especially right now.

We are continuing to see a steady increase in the number of animals needing to come into care. At the same time, the number of suitable available foster carers is dropping. It's something many rescues are facing at the moment, and unfortunately, we're not immune. Every week, we're having difficult conversations with desperate doggy parents, who have no option but to surrender their dog. It is heart-breaking telling them we have no room.

To help ease some of the pressure, we have secured a grant to build new kennels. Work in the background is already underway. Kennels have been ordered and the juggle to get all the tradespeople in and lined up has started. We're aiming to have them completed by August, but with the trade shortage we may need an extension, fingers crossed. We will keep you updated on the progress in the next few months. While this won't replace the need for foster homes, it will give us a little more breathing room during peak periods and allow us to take in more dogs when foster carers aren't available.

That said, we still urgently need more foster carers. If you have ever thought about fostering, now is a great time to get involved. Even short-term care can make a huge difference.

We are also desperate for volunteers to help with admin and market stall volunteers. We need support with things like answering emails, managing Foster Carers, posting on social media, and helping us reach more people in the community. If you have a few hours a week and some admin or creative skills, we would love to hear from you.

Rescue work is tough, and it's easy to feel overwhelmed—but having the right people around makes all the difference. We are incredibly grateful to those who have stuck with us through the ups and downs, and we're always keen to welcome new faces to the team.

Thanks again for your support. We couldn't do any of this without you.

The Top Dogs





STILL NEED

Volunteer Opportunities

Market Event Person

Love dogs? Love talking to people? We need you!

BARRC is looking for a Market Volunteer to help represent us at the Bunbury Markets on the **first Saturday of each month**.

Duties:

- 🐾 Chat with the community about BARRC and our rescue efforts
- 🐾 Set up and display printed materials (Officeworks card provided)
- 🐾 Transport and set up the marquee, trestle table and market items

Criteria:

A vehicle large enough to transport the market equipment
Confidence in speaking with the public about dog rescue



Admin Person

Love dogs? Love to keep things organised? We need you!

BARRC is looking for an Admin Volunteer to help us keep our systems in order and make sure our documents are current and in order.

Duties:

- 🐾 Read and possibly write manuals and work instructions
- 🐾 Manage some of our documents and make sure they are named correctly
- 🐾 Look for opportunities to improve our systems and stream-line our filing

Criteria:

Access to the internet and a good understanding of document control
Be comfortable in a range of programs including word, excel and canva



Media person

Love dogs? Love all things media? We need you!

BARRC is looking for a Media Volunteer to help us keep our media streams current, including Wix, Facebook, Insta and photos (especially photos!).

Duties:

- 🐾 Manage photos of our dogs and get them looking the best they can
- 🐾 Manage facebook post creation and facebook ideas
- 🐾 Look for opportunities to improve our systems.

Criteria:

Access to the internet and a good understanding of media platforms
Be comfortable in a range of programs including wix and canva



This is a great way to support rescue dogs and raise awareness.

If you're interested, please reach out to us via email

bunburyrescuerehome@gmail.com



BARRC Receives Support from Dan Murphy's Regional Giving Program.



We are delighted to have been selected as a recipient of the Dan Murphy's Regional Giving Program!

Each year, Dan Murphy's teams from across Australia nominate and vote for grassroots organisations making a real impact in their local communities. This year, BARRC was proudly chosen for the work we do to rescue and rehome dogs throughout regional communities.

As part of the program, BARRC has received a \$1,000 Visa Voucher, which will go directly towards supporting our ongoing rescue, rehabilitation, and rehoming efforts. Whether it's veterinary supplies, dog food, or improvements to our facilities, every dollar helps us provide care for more dogs in need.

A heartfelt thank you to Dan Murphy's Bunbury for nominating and supporting us. We couldn't do what we do without the generosity of organisations like yours.



**BEACH
WEBSITES**

Exciting News – BARRC's New Improved Website is finished.

We're happy to announce that the BARRC website has had a little makeover – and it's looking better than ever!

Thanks to the wonderful Pepita at BeachWebsites, our webpage is now more user friendly, easier to navigate, and full of helpful features for our followers and potential adopters. Whether you're looking to adopt a pet, foster, donate, or simply learn more about what we do, everything is just a click away. The new design works smoothly on both desktop and mobile (something we struggled with before), and has made the information about how you can support BARRC by volunteering or donating a heap clearer. Pepita also changed our events/other stuff page, hopefully making it easier to keep up-to-date by turning it into a blog (sounds easy...right?)

We're so grateful to BeachWebsites for helping polish and clean up the BARRC webpage and making it easier for people to connect with BARRC online.

Check it out now at www.barrc.info and let us know what you think!



Marceline-Warrior Puppy



MARCELINE WAS 4 WEEKS OLD WHEN SHE ARRIVED IN CARE WITH HER MUM AND SIBLINGS. 900GMS OF PURE HAPPINESS, TOTALLY UNAWARE SHE WAS A LITTLE DIFFERENT.

AFTER A VET VISIT IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT SHE HAD NUTRITIONAL DEPRIVATION CAUSING GROWTH DELAYS. AS SHE HAS GROWN, WE HAVE MONITORED AND MANAGED HER CONDITION WITH HYDROTHERAPY AND PHYSIO TO HELP BUILD UP HER MUSCLES

RECENT X-RAYS INDICATE THAT SHE IS GOING TO NEED EXTENSIVE SURGERY WHEN SHE HAS DONE A BIT MORE GROWING BUT FOR NOW SHE IS HAPPY LIVING HER BEST LIFE UNDER CLOSE SUPERVISION



BEHIND THE SCENES: STERILISATION PROGRAM MAKING AN IMPACT

At BARRC, we're not just about rehoming, we're also working hard behind the scenes to stop the cycle of unwanted litters before it begins. In addition to offering free sterilisation for the parent dogs of surrendered puppies, we also run a low profile but powerful Sterilisation Program that supports dog owners doing it tough.

Why are we so quiet about this program? Because the demand is far greater than the funding we currently have. The program began in 2023 thanks to a kickstart \$5,000 donation from SavourLife, to which we matched a further \$5000. While we receive discounted rates through partnerships with a small number of supportive veterinary clinics, BARRC pays for every procedure. In some regional areas, a single sterilisation can cost us well over \$600, depending on the dog's size, condition and the vet availability in that area.



This initiative is referral based only, with Rangers and the RSPCA connecting us with dog owners whose pets have a history of unplanned litters or are at high risk.

This program may fly under the radar, but its impact is lasting. We're creating a long term solution that benefits the animals, the community and our already stretched rescue network.

The program currently operates from funds raised through public donations to our Containers for Change Scheme. If you'd like to help us continue this important work, please consider donating via our website or contributing through our Containers for Change account. Every dollar helps us reach another dog in need.

*Thankyou to our regular supporters -
Rose Hotel, Nandos, Happy Wife Cafe, Pet Barn
plus many individuals who donate their cans to us*



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BARRCING SUCCESS STORIES

Beach Dogs

These are 5 of our awesome dogs who've found their forever homes, thriving and enjoying life with their new families.

Whether it's chasing waves or digging in the sand, these beach-loving pups are living their best lives.

We've checked in with their humans to see how they've settled in—and the smiles say it all!

Rachael D0601 – 1 year after adoption



Rachy comes with us anywhere we can take her. She loves the beach (except the water), she is intrigued by the horses of my sister in law and sits in the paddock for hours just watching them. We have had many people meet her and say 'Oh boy she has such expressive eyes, I bet if she could talk she would have a lot to say' :) She is our best friend and a highly valued family member.

Chopper D0745 – 1 year after adoption

Choppa is the best and biggest smoochy boofhead pup ever and we absolutely love him! He is so great with the kids and my old staffy girl loves to play with him too, he keeps her young at heart. Choppa aka Chopface loves nothing more than to be with the family, he is like a tail...following us around the house or the garden. He does also love an exploding toy and the occasional bed.





BARRCING SUCCESS STORIES

Kiah D0864 – 3 months after adoption



We had been waiting a long time for KIAH. We knew the perfect pooch for our family was out there just waiting for us. KIAH is just the sweetest little thing. She is very affectionate and playful and loves to sleep on my bed. She loves her walks and gets a little too excited when she sees other fur babies. She loves a short swim and looks forward to her human sisters coming home from school. She is such a blessing, and we are just so grateful for her.

Ranger D0821 – 3 months after adoption

When I first saw Ranger's photo his loveable face and soulful eyes just screamed LOVE ME. He is a beautiful boy who has a love of water loves playing in the waves running after seagulls. When at home he plays in his plastic pool to cool down. We walk along bushtracks, sniffing every tree, bush, sticks & leaves. He enjoys being in the car going for drives to visit his cousins for play date. Ranger likes to have afternoon sleep on the bed with his human dad enjoying being in aircon, especially whilst having a heat wave in Perth.



Ollie D0799 – 3 months after adoption



What a gorgeous little boy! Within 2 days I knew I had to keep him. He will sleep on the floor next to my two guinea pigs and they are completely safe, although I do have to make sure he doesn't pinch all their vegies. He only chased the chickens once and has not done it since. He is one of the sweetest dogs I have come across. He loves all people and all dogs and I am regularly calling out to people to ask if we can approach them when out walking, as he wants to meet every dog, even the dogs that are huge.



BARRC were invited to attend the recent Love The Lesch. Community Festival. The event is hosted by the Leschenault Catchment Council and has a focus on celebrating the natural and cultural values of the Leschenault Estuary combined with education and engagement in the care of the general environment and how important responsible pet ownership is in the community.



The event was very well organised and the weather was perfect and was very well attended by both local families and visitors from around the neighbourhood. Many people brought their beautiful dogs with them, which came in all shapes and sizes! We also had a few of our own BARRC foster and adopted dogs drop in for a visit and the chance to get petted and fussed over by lots of people.

It was great to meet and chat with so many dog owners and people considering becoming dog owners. There was a lot of interest in how people could both foster or adopt a dog through BARRC. Many people were really interested to know that fostering is completely free of charge and very flexible and were not aware of just how much need BARRC has for more foster carers. In addition, people were surprised to learn that they could adopt a dog through BARRC and have a two week trial to make sure that it was going to work for them and the dog.

All in all, it was an enjoyable day and a great chance to let the community know how they can help us continue to save dogs lives and give them another chance. We will be back next year for sure!

Origins Markets

86 West St, Busselton WA
3th May
9am-2pm

Origins Markets - An inspirational space to visit, hang out and meet the locals – the artisan, butcher, baker and the candlestick maker, as well as the vintner, coffee roaster, weaver, and ice cream maker.....and us, the dog rescuers.








**Smiling Sunny
and baby Sorsha**



We were recently invited to a pop-up market at Origins in Busselton. It was a quiet day overall, but the real highlight was getting to catch up with the owners of two of our much loved BARRC dogs—Sunny and Sorsha.

We didn't get to see the dogs themselves, but hearing about how they're going was almost as good.

Sunny was one of those dogs who was always a bit cheeky and a bit naughty, but full of character—we all adored him. Sounds like he's still got a bit of mischief in him, but has mellowed out and now loves a good cuddle on the couch.

Sorsha, has absolutely blossomed—and now even has her own Instagram page! We saw videos of her with her hair blowing in the wind which has turned a lovely light grey colour, quite different from when we last saw her.

A big thank you to Coralie, Aiden, and Shannon for stopping by and sharing updates. It's moments like these that remind us why we do what we do.



Big girl Sorsha

Donation of Goods

BARRC gratefully accept items of clean usable items for our dogs.

Clean blankets (We regret we are unable to accept quilts, pillows or sheets)

Sturdy play pens

Indoor dog beds

Medium to large dog harnesses

Worm & flea treatments

Dog Treats

Tough dog toys

These items can be left in the donation bin situated at PetO cnr Strickland Street and Zaknic Place, Bunbury



THANK YOU!

Caring for our pooches is often a thankless task and we would like to take the time to acknowledge the wonderful teams at the following organisations for their support and advice:

Bunbury and Eaton Vet Clinic

Ocean Keys Vet Hospital

Larkhill Vet Hospital

Blair St Vet

Heritage Vet Hospital

Your Time

Volunteering for BARRC is a life-changing experience for the animals and a rewarding one for our Foster Carers, Kennel Hands and helpers.

These people are crucial for our operations. We also welcome administrative, media and event helpers.

Every container counts toward improving our communities and the environment. But why not take it a step further? Collect containers from your workplace or office and register them to our scheme number!



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MONEY

Your support is important to us. Whether it is \$5 or \$5000 your gifts are truly what saves the animals. We can't thank you enough! Adoption fees help but don't cover all the costs of preparing our dogs for adoption. Some animals need very little, perhaps just a health check and vaccination, whilst another may need thousands of dollars in medical care. Your gifts make forever homes possible.

BARRC IS A REGISTERED NOT FOR PROFIT CHARITY WITH DGR STATUS. DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

