

Flight centre opens

by Rebecca Chave

If you've ever been compelled to pull over and assist an injured animal then you'd understand the motivation of Bev Langley's wildlife rescue centre, Minton Farm, in Cherry Gardens.

Bev has been rescuing wildlife for 27 years and recently completed building a \$60,000 'freedom flight' aviary allowing birds with injured wings the chance to rehabilitate, rebuild strength and practice flying before being re-released.

The farm is holding an official opening for the new freedom flight facility on Saturday, April 6 serving as a chance for the community to see the benefits of the architecturally designed facility.

"The opening day will be a major opportunity to invite all the vets, zoos, wildlife centres and fauna rescuers to come and see the facility so if they have a bird in their care that needs rehabilitation with flight we can do that as a free community service," Bev said.

The importance of using the freedom flight as a form of physiotherapy treatment is paramount for birds' survival in the wild.

When Bev releases them they need 100 per cent physical fitness to hunt, mate and defend territory.

"There's essentially no end in sight to the circular flight so the birds have continuous flight which builds up levels of strength," Bev said. "The flight is designed for wedge-tail eagles but smaller birds can use it as well and there's a central pavilion in the middle that's designed as a holding cage for a species that's not quite ready to fly."

The impact the sanctuary has had on the survival of fauna in its 27 years is remarkable.

"We've just tipped over 12,000 animal rescues at our farm so we hope to have done some good in the environment and by educating the public about the rescue of animals," Bev said.

"We have so many people that bring in birds that have been attacked by their cats who say 'there's no blood, it should be fine, right?' and we have to tell them that cats have bacteria on their teeth and claws which needs just a pin prick transferred to seriously wound a bird.

"We have only five hours to get antibiotics to the bird otherwise it will go into paralysis and die a really painful death which is a horrendous cruelty for the animal to go through.

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BRINGING TECHNOLOGY TO THE REGION

by Stephen Shotton

In my August articles I talked about commuting to and from Adelaide and the congestion issues that come with a growing Hills population. One solution I discussed was better utilization of our roads by encouraging public transport patronage and how that might be achieved with on-demand bus services which pick travelers up from their front door.

Whilst on-demand bus services are being encouraged for our region, the large-scale introduction of such services is most likely to occur when autonomous (driverless) buses are able to operate on our roads.

The technology being developed around autonomous vehicles is also likely to bring advanced vehicle to vehicle communications which will allow closer gaps between vehicles for more efficient travel and improved road utilisation.

South Australia is the national leader in autonomous vehicles via forward-thinking policy-making, encouragement of research and development and the attraction of industry leaders.

Tapping into the South Australian governments Future Mobility Lab Fund program, RDA last week launched the world's first trial of an autonomous vehicle in a retirement village setting.

A battery-powered Aurriigo pod (www.aurriigo.com) capable of taking four passengers at speeds up to 24km/hr will operate within the Lendlease owned Elliot Gardens. The retirement lifestyle village in Port Elliot is ideal for the trial with 326 residents in 194 homes spread across 24



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hectares with an excellent internal road network.

The pod, named Elliot by the village residents, will travel on pre-determined circuits of the village and can be hailed or booked by residents to visit friends, attend social functions, go to the library, the postbox, the communal gardens, bowls club or any other facilities within the village.

The aim of the trial is to improve residents' lives by improving their mobility and thus enabling greater social participation. The trial will give us a chance to get user feedback on the real-life experience of an automated transport service.

To help monitor those experiences, the Global Centre for Modern Ageing will undertake surveys with residents, their families and other users including students from a nearby primary school who will be invited to bring classes to the village to experience this new technology.

RDA brought this trial to the region to demonstrate the capability of driverless vehicles, test the benefits for residents in a retirement village setting, and to increase awareness of the technology across our community. To stay up to date on RDA's activities get our newsletter at www.rdahc.com.au

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