

Life's a walk in the park for rescued poodles

By DANIEL TANG

POODLES seized from a Waterford property in January 2008 were finally adopted out last Wednesday after nearly two years of legal proceedings.

The RSPCA seized 104 dogs from breeder Geraldine Robertson after inspectors allegedly found them living in inappropriate conditions. That number increased to 147 poodles after some of the pregnant dogs gave birth.

The RSPCA recently held a morning tea to thank foster carers, groomers, vets, shelter staff and volunteers who looked after the animals.

Chief inspector Michael Pecic said it had been an incredibly long process.

"Thankfully the dogs were under the care of the people who have gone above and beyond the call of duty," he said.

"This morning tea is really the only way we can effectively say thank you.

"It's a heartfelt gesture but it's really almost impossible to adequately express our sincere gratitude to all concerned."

The poodles have cost the RSPCA more than \$1 million in veterinary treatment, medication, food and lodging.

Ms Robertson is facing 149 charges under the Animal Care and Protection Act (2001) in Beenleigh Magistrates Court after she lost her final appeal on October 30.



BRIGHTER DAYS: Sally Dunn and Emily Norcross with poodles Zen, Kali and Dana at the RSPCA, Fairfield, last week and, *inset*, one of the many dogs seized last year. CM181540
Picture: Chris McCormack

Bahrs Scrub study 'a waste of money'

By KOREN HELBIG

A NEW group lobbying against a large housing development planned for Bahrs Scrub has likened the Logan City Council proposal to the Traveston Dam debacle.

Save Bahrs Scrub spokeswoman Petrina Maizey said thousands of ratepayer dollars would be wasted on preliminary studies and impact statements needed to

assess the 4000-lot development's viability.

She said such studies would prove that the 510ha zone bordered by Wuraga and Sharton roads was environmentally significant and that "exceptional" flora and fauna must be protected.

"Ratepayers' money will have to be used by the council only to find what our preliminary investigations and other studies have already made abundantly clear -

that this development is not viable physically, environmentally or economically on 70 to 80 per cent of the selected site," Ms Maizey said.

Planning and Development Committee chairwoman Cherie Dalley said the council last week created a special steering committee of councillors and bureaucrats to guide planning.

She said that while no members of the public were invited to join,

the views of residents would be canvassed when plans went out for public consultation.

"This is something we've done with every one of our local area plans, it is normal process," she said.

"Our role is to look at what the planners tell us and make decisions."

■ Phone Ms Maizey on 0412 771 935 or email bahrscrub@laca.org.au

Horseman 'saves' rivers body

JOSEPHVILLE horse breeder Dale Anderson has been credited with saving the Logan-Albert Rivers Catchment Association (LARC) from collapse.

The group looked set to fold after its volunteer committee quit as government funding dwindled.

But Mr Anderson stepped forward as the new president at the LARC annual meeting on Monday night.

Read about Mr Anderson's plans to pull the ailing group out of trouble - and work towards a brighter future for the local river system - in this Friday's *Albert & Logan News*.

Logan Funerals

Employee excellence award winner

Please call
Bryan and Michelle Staunton and their family
3341 4111
2998 Logan Road Springwood
A Family Understands

All prices and information can be found at
www.loganfunerals.com.au

Christmas Clearance Sale

26th, 27th, 28th & 29th November
8.30am to 4pm

DRIZA-BONE

104 Riverhills Road, Eagleby

Springwood **Apollo homemakers** Jindalee
furniture and bedding

Christmas Gift Ideas
15% - 20% off all stock

Hometown Centre, Lexington Rd, Springwood. P: 3341 0100
www.apollohomemakers.com.au

YOUR LOCAL **LA BOY** SPECIALIST
Homemakers Centre, Goggs Rd, Jindalee. P: 3376 5666
www.apollohomemakers.com.au