

POLICE REPORT

Case Number: 534952	Date: 18 th July, 2016
Reporting Officer: Snr Constable Michael Morton	Prepared By: Catherine Wilson
Incident: Suspicious Death of <i>Podargus strigoides</i> at Brewongle Environmental Education Centre	

Detail of Event:

At approximately 6:30am yesterday morning, police received a call reporting the death of *Podargus strigoides*, a.k.a. The Tawny Frogmouth. The body of the bird was discovered that morning by the staff at Brewongle Environmental Education Centre. A staff member found the body lying prone near the bbq and immediately informed police. Police interviewed several people in relation to the mysterious death of *Podargus strigoides* and have provided the following information.

Interviews:

<p><i>Zoe (The Cleaner):</i> "I saw Tawny drinking from the ponds two days ago and he appeared to be acting a little strangely".</p>
<p><i>Mr Atkins (The Gardener):</i> "I was setting traps for feral animals in the forest last night, when I saw Tawny swoop down at something in the leaf litter; he appeared clumsy and off-balance".</p>
<p><i>Mr Edwards (The Principal):</i> "I always enjoyed watching Tawny catch the moths as they circled our BBQ lights at night. Once, I even saw him catch a mouse as it tried to sneak into the house".</p>
<p><i>Mr Body (The Teacher):</i> "I know that Tawny was angry about people calling him an owl, he insisted that he was not a member of the owl family".</p>
<p><i>Mrs Brown (The Administration Manager):</i> "I saw strange footprints in the mud after it rained the other day, maybe this has something to do with it. It certainly wasn't me, I love owls".</p>

Areas for Investigation:

Three areas of suspicion have been identified for further investigation: the sources of FOOD, WATER and SHELTER for the Tawny Frogmouth. The Crime Scene Investigation Team will conduct a thorough investigation into each area and report back at the conclusion of the day. Meanwhile, our forensic veterinarian will investigate blood samples of the bird.