



## Duck shot by arrow didn't pull through

A DUCK shot by an arrow in Cedar Vale as reported in the *Jimboomba Times* last week has died.

Andrea McSweeney rescued the duck on August 17 on Dennis Road.

She nicknamed him "Archer" and took him to the Brisbane Bird and Exotic Veterinary Service.

After a lengthy operation to remove the arrow, the duck was taken into the care of Pelican and Seabird Rescue, who renamed the duck "Pommey" after Mrs McSweeney's husband, who found the bird.

"He started passing blood on Friday so was taken to Brisbane Exotic and by the time the vets got to him he had died," she said.

"They did x-rays but you can't see tissue damage and the organs that were hurt inside.

"It's really really sad, it's heartbreaking.

"All that hard work. We're all very upset."

Mrs McSweeney, who is a bird carer with the Brisbane Animal Rescue Network, said the people who shot the duck did not realise the damage they had done.

"Ducks mourn," she said.

"I've seen a female duck run over and she had

to be euthanased, and I drove past every day and there was the male by himself not with any ducks.

"And they do the same thing every day."

Mrs McSweeney said the veterinary hospital did the operation on Archer free of charge, while the carers themselves paid for all other expenses, including any medication, food or shelter that was needed.

She said the organisation was always looking for donations of shelters and/ or money to assist.

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