

ALTHOUGH COLD OUTSIDE IT'S TOO HOT FOR MR BURNS

A galah nicknamed “Mr. Burns” was plucked from a fireplace in Sorrento last week and has been recovering from severe burns in the Currumbin Sanctuary Wildlife Hospital.

To the astonishment of the household, the galah suddenly appeared squawking in the fireplace shortly after the fire was lit. It is assumed “Mr Burns” had been seeking warmth in the chimney and fell into the fire whilst trying to escape the thick black smoke.

Fortunately for “Mr Burns” his feathers protected most of his body and only the exposed feet suffered severe burns. Dr Michael Pyne, Senior Veterinarian at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary said “If it wasn’t for his feathers it’s very doubtful this galah would be alive today.”

Mr Burns is recovering well with the aid of powerful pain relief and antibiotics but he may not be released for another 12 months until he moults out all the burnt



feathers and new feathers grow in their place.

This is a timely reminder for humans and animals to be careful with open fires.

