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Welcome to
**NATURE'S
NETWORK NEWS**

Connecting wildlife volunteers,
sharing knowledge, and building
a supportive community.

MEET THE TEAM

Welcoming Our New Volunteer Non-Executive Directors



After a highly successful recruitment campaign, we're delighted to introduce the three newest members of WNT's Board. We also want to thank every single person who applied—your passion for wildlife and willingness to contribute your skills to the sector is truly inspiring.

Dr. Peter Richardson – Peter is a veterinarian with experience across clinical practice, government, and research, with a strong interest in wildlife health, One Health, and biosecurity. He brings a systems-level approach to animal welfare and is passionate about strengthening connections between vets and wildlife rehabilitators.

Peter also has university level qualifications in zoology and has conducted further training in wildlife medicine. He is committed to improving access to quality training and consistent care standards for other veterinarians faced with injured wildlife. His approach is thoughtful and collaborative, always seeking practical, evidence-informed solutions.

As a WNT board member, Peter offers both strategic insight and compassionate governance, helping shape a sector that better supports wildlife and the people who care for them.

Sandra Theis – Sandra is a brand strategist and data expert with over 15 years of experience driving growth across a range of sectors. With expertise in analytics, market research and digital strategy, Sandra brings a collaborative, values-led approach to governance. She currently works at Taronga Conservation Society, and volunteers with WIRES as a wildlife rescuer and carer.

Sandra is passionate about using technology and data to strengthen community connection and support the work of wildlife volunteers. Her combination of professional skills and hands-on experience in the wildlife space makes her a valuable contributor to WNT's mission.

Ian Vanderbeek – Ian is an experienced business leader and non-executive director with a background in aviation, risk management and organisational strategy. A Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, he brings a calm, long-term perspective to governance, with a focus on people, systems and sustainable outcomes.

Ian has served on a diverse range of boards and is known for his inclusive, strategic approach. He brings a deep respect for community conservation and is committed to supporting WNT's mission.

His insight across sectors and passion for values-led leadership make him a strong ally in strengthening the network behind Tasmania's wildlife care volunteers.

Please join us in giving Peter, Sandra, and Ian a warm welcome to the WNT team. We are excited to see how their experience, ideas, and passion will help drive WNT and the wildlife care community onwards and upwards in the years ahead. 

A GENTLE REMINDER



Gentle Reminder: We're All in This Together

Working with wildlife is one of the most rewarding things a person can do. But it's also stressful, emotional, and at times, incredibly isolating. When passion runs high and pressure builds, conflict can creep into our community. Sometimes the words and behaviour we see online or in person can be hurtful. It's worth pausing to remember that behind every carer, every rescuer, every volunteer, is a person doing their best.

If we zoom out, we're all here for the same reason: to give wildlife the best possible chance. That's what unites us, no matter our differences. Not everyone will get along — and that's okay. Find your tribe, find the people who make you feel supported. This work attracts a very particular type of person — a bit quirky, a bit different — and that's something to celebrate. It's what makes our sector so unique and passionate.

We need to keep working at fostering a healthy, supportive community. A community where we can disagree respectfully, hold space for one another, and still remember the love of animals that brought us here. To help with this, we've created a short conflict resolution document with a simple step-by-step flowchart and links to trusted resources from across the wildlife sector. It's designed to give you a place to start when tensions arise, and to remind us all that conflict can be managed in ways that protect both people and wildlife.

I'll leave you with a favourite quote from Robin Williams:

***"Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about.
Be kind. Always."***

WNT Conflict Resolution Resources →

GOOD NEWS STORIES

Behind every animal rescue is a story of persistence, compassion, and connection. This edition we're sharing two heartwarming journeys—one wombat and one microbat—both of which remind us why we do what we do.



'No Fat' the Wombat

When Deb first met a frail young wombat walking down the highway, she was dehydrated, underweight, and struggling. With support from Lyndsey and the vet team, No Fat received vital fluids and care until she was strong enough to move on to a new carer, Cynthia. What started as a difficult case became something more—Deb and Cynthia formed a friendship through their shared love of wombats, now supporting each other through the ups and downs of wildlife care. Today, No Fat is known as Helen, thriving in the wild with a network of burrows, and has even been seen with her own joeys. A true testament to resilience—and to the power of carers working together. ❤️

— Deb



Chapel the Microbat: A Story of Survival

Not all rescues are straightforward. Some test every ounce of patience, faith, and compassion we have as wildlife carers. Chapel, a Lesser Long-Eared microbat, is one of those stories.

She came into care after being found stuck to a sticky fly trap. At first, it seemed like she might recover quickly — Bonorong's vet team gave her gentle washes over two days, and all looked well. But within a week, blisters began to appear on her elbow, hip, and wrist. Soon, these turned into open wounds, spreading across her delicate wing membranes. What followed was months of setbacks, determination, and love.

The blisters peeled, the membranes began to slough away, and she lost part of her second finger. At one point, 80–90% of both her wings had lost two of their three membrane layers. Joint infections flared up constantly. Chapel endured multiple rounds of antibiotics and pain medication, and I made weekly trips to Bonorong for reviews with the amazing Dr Tina. Every day became a cycle of

cleaning wounds, applying gels, giving medications, and praying that today might be better.

There were moments when I questioned everything. Was continuing fair to her? Was it kinder to let her go? Time and again, just as one crisis healed, another would flare. She was, more than once, on “death row.” Yet each time she showed me trust, resilience, and the will to keep fighting. And so we fought together.

After nearly three months, things began to change. The infections finally stabilised. No more antibiotics. No more constant setbacks. Her wings slowly began to knit back together, fragile but healing. That’s when the rehab really began.

For five months she lived in ICU. Every night I watched for signs of progress. Then it happened — she began to fly again. At first tentative, then stronger. And most recently, the milestone that brought me to tears: she began to hover. For a species that hunts by gleaning insects from vegetation, hovering is not just a trick — it’s survival.

Chapel still has a way to go, but she’s alive, she’s healing, and she’s showing the spark of wildness that may one day see her return home. The family who found her have followed her journey, learned about the dangers of sticky fly traps, and even visited her in care.

For me, Chapel is a reminder of why we do this. She has been through so much, and yet she trusted me completely. Caring for her has been a privilege, a challenge, and one of the greatest gifts of my time as a carer.

— *Julie*

✔ Here’s to Chapel — the little bat who refused to give up & Julie for your love, care, time and devotion to caring for Chapel.

RESOURCE CORNER



TOP RESOURCES FOR THE WILDLIFE COMMUNITY

UNDERSTANDING WOBBLY POSSUM SYNDROME

Wobbly Possum Syndrome (WPS) is a neurological disease that affects brushtail possums, causing loss of coordination, tremors, and difficulty navigating their environment. First identified in New Zealand and later in Australia, the disease is caused by a virus that targets the brain and central nervous system. Sadly, it is progressive and always fatal.

For wildlife rehabilitators, recognising the early signs of WPS is important—not only to provide appropriate care and prevent unnecessary suffering, but also to ensure accurate reporting and data collection. Typical signs include stumbling or circling, tremors, abnormal posture, and changes in behaviour such as disorientation or difficulty feeding.

While there is currently no cure, raising awareness of WPS helps carers respond with compassion, and contributes to broader understanding of its spread and impact on possum populations.

💡 Let us know if you have a go-to guide or resource you'd like to share in future issues!

Below we have a brief guide and information sheet on Wobbly Possum Syndrome

[DOWNLOAD HERE →](#)

TRAINING & EVENTS



UPCOMING TRAINING, WORKSHOPS & EVENTS.

Spring is here—and with it comes one of the busiest seasons for wildlife volunteers.

We're so proud to see the incredible enthusiasm across the state this year, with many of our training courses booking out quickly. Thank you to everyone who has attended so far, and a special welcome to the new carers joining our community through the Intro to Mammals workshops. Here's what's been happening, what's coming up, and a sneak peek at what's in the works.

Some snippets from our most recent workshops:



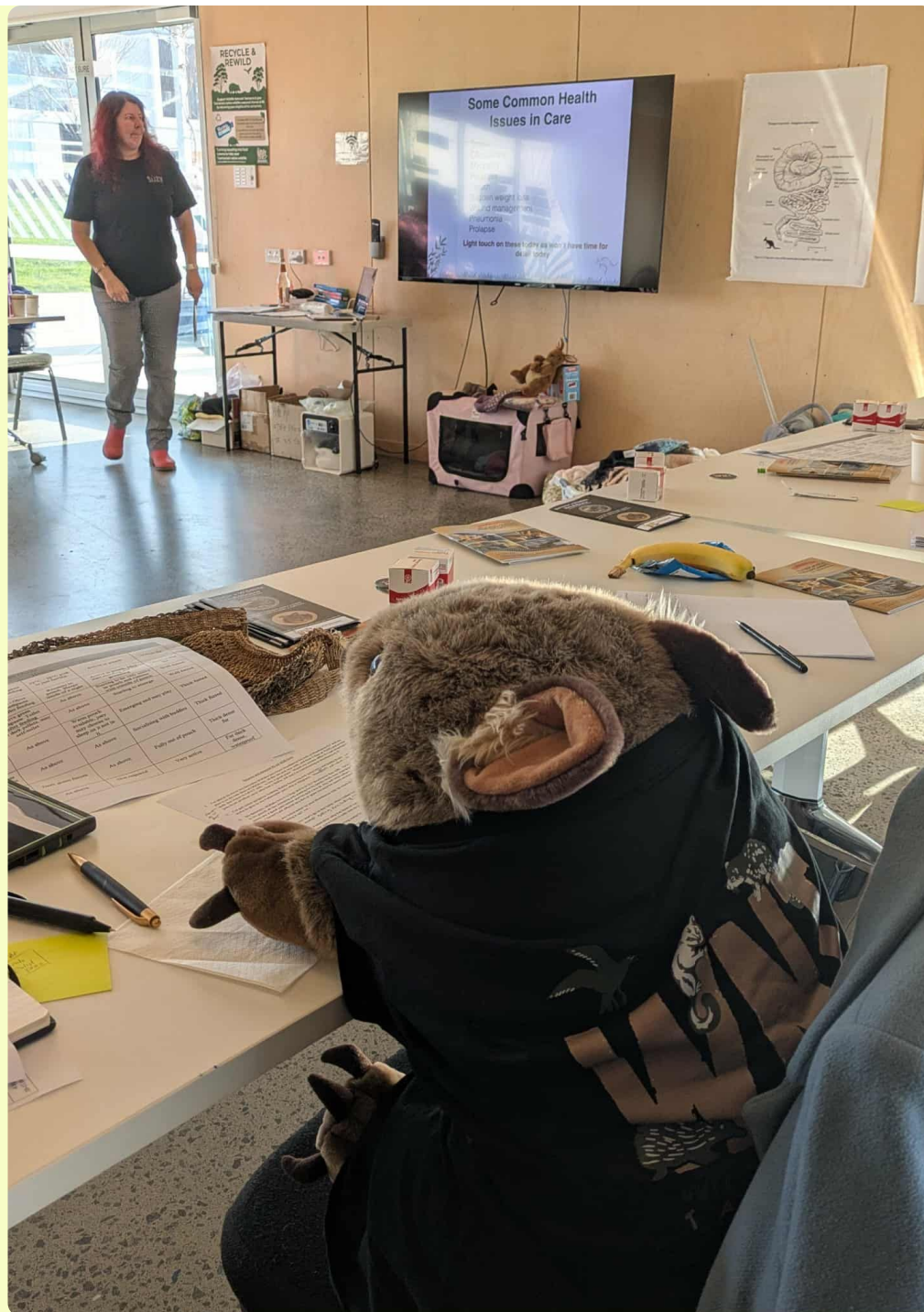
Intro to Mammals Face-to-Face in Kingston - June 2025



Intro to Wombats with Yolandi Vermaak - June 2025



Wildlife Unplugged: Bounce & Beyond with Suzy - July 2025



Our newly appointed WNT mascot, Doug the Wombat, enjoying learning about macropods



A GIFT OF GRATITUDE FOR ROBYN

On behalf of WNT and everyone who has joined one of our Wildlife Unplugged sessions, we were honoured to present Robyn Gates with this beautiful artwork by Tasmanian artist Belinda Kurczok.

Robyn, your wisdom, experience, and gentle nature make you a joy to learn from. The pure joy and excitement that shines through when you speak about the animals you love and adore makes every session not just informative, but truly inspiring. Thank you for the incredible time, effort, and care you bring to supporting rehabilitators across the state. 

We're excited to welcome Robyn back in October, when she'll be sharing her "*Ringy Tales*"—a deep dive into the world of ringtails. Bookings are open and places will be limited, so book now to join us for what's sure to be another unforgettable session. 

TRAINING & EVENTS: WHAT'S COMING UP?

CONFIRMED COURSES:

11 October – Intro to Mammals (Kingston).

This is the final step for those completing their Intro to Mammals journey, moving from online learning to a practical, hands-on workshop. While no live animals are used, you'll gain valuable skills, knowledge, and confidence to begin your journey as a registered wildlife rehabilitator. 

12 October – Wildlife Unplugged: Ringy Tales with Robyn Gates (Bonorong).

Learn all about our majestic tree climbers—the Ringtail Possums. With more than 20 years' experience, Robyn brings a wealth of practical knowledge and warm, engaging storytelling. This informal chat is the perfect chance to deepen your understanding of these fascinating arboreal marsupials. 

25 October – Wildlife Unplugged: Bounce & Beyond with Suzy Nethercott-Watson

Join us for an in-depth look at Pademelons and Bennett's wallabies. This workshop is designed for carers who want to build a deeper understanding of these species—covering their behaviour, care requirements, and the little details that help them thrive in care and in the wild. Suzy's extensive experience makes this session a valuable opportunity for anyone wanting to strengthen their knowledge of Tasmania's iconic hoppers. 

26 October – Wildlife Unplugged: Polly Waffle with Jess O'Connor

Join Jess, with more than 17 years' experience, for a lively session on all things parrots. From behaviour to care techniques, this workshop is designed to be both fun and informative. Expect plenty of colour, chatter, and maybe even some squawking laughter. 

9 November – First Aid for Snakes with Veronika Ross

Love our slithery, scaly friends? This workshop is for you. Learn how to provide safe and effective first aid for snakes when they're in need, guided by Veronika's extensive expertise. A must for anyone keen to expand their skills with reptiles. 

In the Pipeline:

-  Statewide Hydration Training – multiple dates and locations
-  Wildlife Unplugged Chats – more informal species sessions to come
-  Advanced Rehabilitation Workshops – focusing on possums and macropods
-  Lots more on the horizon!

TRAINING CALENDAR →

TASSIE BASED EVENTS!

I've scoured the web and found some other Tassie based events you might like.
Check them out. 



Lake St Claire, TAS - Image credit: Jessie Bailey

Junction Arts Festival

 **18 – 21 September**
 **Launceston, Tasmania**

 Art, Music & Pop-Up Performance in the City. Celebrate creativity with unexpected performances in public spaces, roving acts, live music, and family-friendly experiences.

 **More details:** [Junction Arts](#)

Table Cape Tulip Festival

 **11th of October**
 **Wynyard, Tasmania**

 Vibrant Tulip Blooms, Local Food & Music Enjoy a burst of springtime colours, artisan stalls, live entertainment, and stunning fields of tulips.

 **More details:** [Table Cape Tulip Festival](#)

Royal Launceston Show

 **9–12 October**
 **Carrick, Northern Tasmania**

 Rural Traditions & Carnival Fun Livestock judging, equestrian events, produce competitions, carnival rides, and showbags during a northern public holiday.

 **More details:** [Royal Launceston Show](#)

The Unconformity

 **16–19 October**
 **Queenstown, Western Tasmania**

 Contemporary Arts in a Rugged Landscape Experience site-specific installations, performances, and creative responses to the region's mining heritage.

 **More details:** [The Unconformity](#)

Tasmanian Nature Festival

 **18 October**
 **Kingston, Tasmania**

 Community Celebration of Nature & Local Life A day to honor our beautiful island with artisan stalls, interactive workshops, kid-friendly activities, music, and expert talks—at the Kingborough Community Hub.

 **More details:** [Tasmanian Nature Festival](#)

Royal Hobart Show

 **22–25 October**
 **Hobart Showgrounds, Tasmania**

 Agriculture, Desserts, Showbags & Fireworks An iconic celebration with livestock displays, sideshows, fashion parades, fireworks, and family-friendly excitement.

 **More details:** [Royal Hobart Show](#)

Huon Show

15 November
Ranelagh Showgrounds, Huon Valley

Local Produce, Alpacas & Family Festivities A beloved agricultural show featuring produce stalls, livestock exhibits, flower competitions, and community spirit.

More details: [Huon Show](#)

TIPS & TRICKS



Image credit: Janelle Olivia

INSIGHTS FROM THE FIELD

REMEMBER:

Any registered wildlife rehabilitator can sign up with **Newcraft** for great prices on their stocked items. They have a huge range of essential wildlife items. Email them at: sales@newcraft.com.au with your permit from NRE. They will establish a wholesale account with you. Visit www.newcraft.com.au to browse their online store.

Bonorong have sent us an updated pricelist on products that they stock. See the below pricelist.

DOWNLOAD THE PRICELIST HERE →

THIS EDITION'S TIPS:

Tricky Feeders

- Bandicoots: Normally, bandicoots are pretty quick to take to solid food — but some need a little encouragement. One trick that works wonders is using mealworms (apologies to the mealworms in advance!). Tear off the head and gently squeeze out the guts, then rub a little just under the bandicoot's nose. After two or three tries at each feed, most bandicoots find the smell irresistible and will happily slurp the guts up. 🤤 It's not glamorous, but it works!
- But if the above doesn't work and you've got a super fussy little “bandi-cute”, try this trick. Squeeze the guts from about 10 mealworms and sprinkle in a pinch of kangaroo Wombaroo powder. Roll the mixture into tiny, tasty balls—many young bandicoots will happily take these as a first step into solids.
- Ringtail Possums: Small ringtails can be challenging to introduce to the teat. Start by dripping a little formula onto their lips—this often encourages them to lick and begin feeding. You can also rub a small amount of honey on the teat to tempt them to latch.
- Another trick for these fussy feeders is to use the catheter leash from the butterfly needles (used for providing subcutaneous fluids), snip the needle off, and place the plastic end with a small amount of leash onto the end of a small syringe. Wiggle the soft silicone leash end into the cheek pocket of your fussy little ringtail, and squeeze small amount of fluid or formula in. This works by encourage the suckling reflex. It also works in mammals like bandicoots brushtail possums, or compromised animals. If in doubt, chat to your mentor.
- And just a quick note on providing subcutaneous fluid. If you often have small wriggly little critters in your care, try using the above mentioned

Butterfly Needles. Also great if you subcut critters by yourself.

- *Also called 'Winged Infusion set'*

Release Size Matters Tasmanian ringtails need to be much larger at release than their mainland cousins. While mainland ringtails can be released at around 500g, Tasmanian ringtails should be closer to 800g–1kg. The cooler climate and denser habitats here mean this extra size gives them a much stronger chance of survival.

💡 **HAVE A TIP, TRICK, OR TECHNIQUE YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE WILDLIFE COMMUNITY?** We'd love to hear from you—your insights could be invaluable to others.

SHARE YOUR TIPS & TRICKS →

REFLECTIONS FROM THE FIELD

Sometimes the most meaningful insights come not from statistics or reports, but from the people living the work every day.

This section is a space to celebrate the voices of Wildlife Carers and Rescuers across Tasmania—sharing thoughts, feedback, and moments of growth from training events, field experiences, and community connections.

Intro to Wombats - Campbell Town: "Having a highly experienced and knowledgeable carer like Yolandi present such valuable information in person was extremely helpful for my journey in caring for wildlife." - Natalie

Intro to Wombats - Campbell Town: "Having Yolandi come over from the mainland was a brilliant experience to listen to the knowledge that she shared with us, and hope that carers here could learn to be more accepting in sharing our information here be kind and helpful" - Anonymous

Intro to Wombats - Campbell Town: "Great course. It attracted a lot of people of different experience and skill and managed to engage everyone. I've been caring for 20 years and still learnt things!" - Jess

Wildlife Unplugged - Bounce & Beyond: "Really enjoyed this course dedicated to our beautiful Macs, some really interesting topics covered. Thanks so much Suzy 😊 and Janelle & Natasha from WNT" - Anonymous

Wildlife Unplugged - Bounce & Beyond: "Wildlife Unplugged: Bounce & Beyond with Suzy was a truly incredible experience. Her warm welcoming to everyone, no matter what our experience level, was calming. Suzy's extensive knowledge, expertise, passion & compassion for these sentient beings (aka macropods) was both impressive & amazing. I am grateful for all she shared with us so that we can be even better guardians to wildlife in our care. I would also like to thank Natasha & Janelle for once again providing exceptional support throughout the day - venue, snacks & email reminders leading up to this course. Blessings & gratitude to everyone involved in making today a successful & enjoyable experience. Looking forward to learning more in the future!." -Lori Anne

Wildlife Unplugged - Bounce & Beyond: "The Wildlife Unplugged: Bounce and Beyond training with Suzy Nethercott-Watson was as I expected--an informative session, delivered by an experienced wildlife carer and trainer. The knowledge I gained from the workshop can be applied immediately with joeys I have in care. I highly recommend this course to new wildlife rehabilitators starting out in the sector, carers who wish to refresh their knowledge/skills and experienced rehabbers who'd like to know the "science" or the "why" behind species evolution/anatomy or Suzy's methodology." - Carolyn

Wildlife Unplugged - Chick Chat: "These sessions are so key to both building confidence and also checking in with up to date knowledge and hands on tips and tricks. Drawing upon the experience of someone like Robyn is so amazing." - Jacqueline

Wildlife Unplugged - Chick Chat: "Thanks so much WNT I really enjoyed this course, it was especially lovely to see Robyn light up when talking about something she clearly loves." - Jodie

Intro to Mammals: "I did the Intro to Mammals Course in Kingston with Suzy and it was both fun and educational. Giving us opportunities to get hands on with our learning was an invaluable experience and the course content was delivered in an easy-going and easy to understand manner, with plenty of opportunity to discuss, clarify and ask questions." - Kiara

 KNOW A LOCAL HERO OR HAVE AN INSPIRING STORY?

If there's someone you'd like to nominate to be featured in the next newsletter, or have a beautiful story you'd like to share, we'd love to hear from you. Send us the story and let's celebrate some amazing wildlife moments together!

SEND IN YOUR STORY →

THANK YOU

I wanted to say a huge thank you to the team at East Coast Nature World for giving us a wonderful venue to host the Intro to Mammals face-to-face workshop on the weekend. Its both a beautiful setting, with warm, friendly and supportive staff. They were very accommodating on the day and we are so incredibly grateful to you. The day was informative & fun as always. We saw 14 new faces excited to learn about the basics in caring for Brushtail Possums, Bennett's Wallabies & our gorgeous little Pademelons. We hope to see you at some of the other upcoming workshops. And as always, we are here to support you through your journey into wildlife rehabilitation. We all know, it can be daunting to get started, but here at WNT, we are here to help guide you and support you with every step of your journey.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Vicki & Geoff at Pademelon Park for welcoming us so warmly. Your hospitality and generosity were truly appreciated, and it made our time up the East Coast even more special. The setting was beautiful, and the peace and quiet—shared with plenty of little hoppy friends in the evening—made it a stay to remember.

GOT QUESTION?
GET IN TOUCH

SIGN UP TO WILDLIFE
REHABILITATION

SECTOR UPDATES



ANIMAL WELFARE MATTERS

Animals are at the heart of everything we do. From time to time, you may see something that raises concern. It's important to know how to respond so those concerns can be addressed properly.

If you witness an animal welfare issue:

- 🌿 Document what you see — include as much detail as possible.
- 🌿 Report it to NRE by emailing: welfarereporting@nre.tas.gov.au
- 🌿 You can request a follow-up to ensure your concerns are heard. Please allow at least one month before following up on the case.

Together, we can make sure animal welfare remains at the centre of our work.

THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT WNT

- ☀️ WNT is a **Not-For-Profit organisation**. We're not here to make money from you — we're here to help, support, and stand alongside you.
- ☀️ All of our training events are heavily **subsidised**. This ensures that learning and upskilling stays as accessible and affordable as possible for every volunteer.
- ☀️ Our Board is made up of **nine dedicated volunteers**. Each one gives their time, skills, and heart to strengthen Tasmania's wildlife sector, and to grow and connect the community of carers and rescuers who make this work possible.

A SNEAKY BEHIND-THE-SCENES UPDATE

Shhh... 🤫

We've been quietly working away on something very exciting—a brand new WNT website! Fresh, simple, and easy to use, it will make finding resources, booking training, and staying connected with the wildlife community smoother than ever. We can't wait to share it with you soon. 🌿

🔍 Stay tuned for updates.

BIOSECURITY SNAPSHOT



Why it matters: Rescuing and caring for wildlife brings joy—but also responsibility. Injured animals can carry infections that spread not just among them, but to humans, domestic pets, and other wildlife. Practicing good hygiene and biosecurity helps protect everyone involved—from the animals in our care to the broader environment and community.

Quick Biosecurity Tip:

🧼 Always wash your hands thoroughly (soap and warm water) after handling wildlife or removing gloves. This simple step makes a big difference in preventing disease transmission.

Clean and disinfect equipment and enclosures regularly. F10 is a great product and is used in a lot of commercial and professional settings, like veterinary practices.

[READ MORE ABOUT BIOSECURITY HERE →](#)

NOMINATE TODAY



WORLD KINDNESS DAY – CELEBRATING WILDLIFE VOLUNTEERS

Across Tasmania, around 1,500 people dedicate their time and energy to rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing our native wildlife. It's one of the largest volunteer workforces in the state—quietly working every single day to make a difference.

This World Kindness Day (13 November), clothing company Black Pepper is running its annual *Kindness Search* to find and celebrate Australia's Kindest Person. We wanted to share this opportunity so that Tasmania's incredible wildlife volunteers can be recognised for the compassion and skill they bring to their work.

The winner will receive prizes for themselves and \$5,000 to donate to a charity of their choice. Whether the donation goes to WNT or another not-for-profit, it will help continue the work of kindness. But the true gift is the recognition — showing the community just how much these volunteers give to wildlife, and to all of us.

♥ Help celebrate kindness in action—consider nominating a wildlife volunteer you admire, and shine a light on the people who make our wildlife care community stronger every day.

July
17 Nominations close: 3rd September 2025

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION HERE

PARTNERSHIPS



A PARTNERSHIP WITH PURPOSE

We're delighted to be partnering with [Goodwill Wine](#), a social enterprise that pairs a love of wine with a love of giving back. Goodwill Wine sources high-quality, end-of-line wines from independent Australian winemakers and relabels them under the Goodwill Wine brand. The result? Delicious wines at great value, with a purpose.

When you select **Wildlife Network Tasmania** at checkout, **50% of the profits** from every bottle come directly to us. These funds help us continue supporting Tasmania's wildlife volunteers with training, resources, and community connection.

🌿 Sip with purpose — and raise a glass to Tasmania's wildlife. And don't forget to share this with your friends and family — the more people who choose WNT as their charity, the bigger the pool of funds we can create for Tasmania's wildlife sector.

Choose WNT at checkout
🍷 SHOP GOODWILL WINE 🍷

NEWS FROM THE BIG ISLAND & BEYOND



Image Credit ABC News via Parks Australia

BUT FIRST...LET'S LOOK LOCAL

📍 Midlands, Tasmania

Eastern Quolls Make a Comeback in Tasmania's Midlands

A bold conservation effort is underway: 24 captive-bred eastern quolls were released on a 5,000-hectare private property in Tasmania's Midlands. The goal? To strengthen wild populations and provide valuable insights into

future reintroduction efforts—potentially even back onto mainland Australia. This initiative is a hopeful step toward safeguarding one of Tasmania's iconic carnivorous marsupials for future generations.

[READ THE ARTICLE HERE →](#)

One Giant Leap for Bettongs

 Mount Gibson Sanctuary, WA

For the first time in more than a century, brush-tailed bettongs (woylies) have been reintroduced into the wild at Mount Gibson Sanctuary in Western Australia. The Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) released 147 animals into the 131,000-hectare sanctuary, marking a major milestone for species recovery.

Thanks to careful predator control and habitat restoration, Mount Gibson now supports the largest population of woylies anywhere—growing from 162 individuals in 2015 to around 1,000 today. Bettongs, sometimes called “nature’s little gardeners,” play a vital role in soil health and seed dispersal.

The release is also part of AWC’s ambitious plan to expand its conservation efforts to cover 5% of Australia’s landmass by 2035, creating safe havens for endangered wildlife across the continent.

 A hopeful step forward for one of Australia’s most endangered marsupials, and for ecosystem restoration on a large scale.

[READ THE ARTICLE HERE →](#)

Virtual Fencing: A Roadkill Solution?

 Eurobodalla, NSW

Eurobodalla residents are calling for virtual fencing to cut down on wildlife roadkill along high-risk roads. The system costs around \$10,000 per kilometre to install, but supporters say the benefits far outweigh the price—reducing wildlife deaths, insurance claims, and council callouts.

Each year, Australians lodge more than 7,000 insurance claims after kangaroo collisions, with repair costs topping \$28 million and excess payments adding another \$6 million.

Could this technology help protect both drivers and wildlife on our roads?

TRIVIA TIME

DOWNLOAD SOME NERDY FACTS INTO YOUR BRAIN!

I love learning—especially when it's about nature and wildlife! This section is here to share some light-hearted, nerd-tastic facts that are sure to spark your curiosity.

In each edition, I'll pose some fun and fascinating trivia questions to test your brainpower 🧠. The answers will be revealed in the following edition, so stay tuned and let's nerd out together!

ANSWERS TO LAST EDITIONS QUESTIONS:

What Australian animal can enter a state called “embryonic diapause,” where it delays the development of an embryo?

- A) Koala
- B) Kangaroo - CORRECT ANSWER
- C) Platypus
- D) Echidna

Which Australian bird is known to sometimes bury its eggs under warm sand or decaying vegetation to incubate them?

- A) Emu
- B) Cassowary
- C) Malleefowl - CORRECT ANSWER
- D) Lyrebird

What is the maximum recorded weight of a saltwater crocodile, the largest living reptile found in Australia?

- A) 600–800 kg
- B) 1,000–1,200 kg
- C) 400–600 kg

D) 800–1,000 kg - CORRECT ANSWER

NEW QUESTIONS:

What is the smallest species of glider in Australia, and how far can it glide?

- A) Greater glider; up to 60 m
- B) Sugar glider; up to 35 m
- C) Feathertail glider; up to 28 m
- D) Yellow-bellied glider; up to 40 m

What percentage of an echidna's diet consists of ants and termites?

- A) 40–50%
- B) 60–70%
- C) 80–90%
- D) 100%

Which marsupial has the shortest gestation period?

- A) Little Pygmy Possum
 - B) Bandicoot
 - C) Antechinus
 - D) Eastern Quoll
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CAPTURE & CONTRIBUTE



Mt Oakleigh, TAS - Image Credit: Jessie Bailey

HELP US BUILD WILDLIFE NETWORK TASMANIA'S IMAGE LIBRARY

We are seeking to build an image library for WNT and would love your contributions! If you have photos you'd like to share, please email them through. Images will be credited with your name unless you request otherwise.

We are seeking photos of:

-  Wildlife
-  Scenery
-  Anything to do with wildlife rehabilitation
-  Wildlife veterinary Photos
-  Creative images to suit various sections of the newsletter
-  Wildlife enclosures

Image Requirements:

- High resolution, clear (no blurry images)
- If people are in the images, we must receive **written consent** to use them

Thank you for helping us showcase the incredible work of Tasmania's wildlife volunteers & this beautiful state we live in!

SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS →

From the Editor's Desk

As I pull this Spring edition together, I want to pause and share something from the heart.

Over the past few months, I've been reaching out to many of you—asking for your tips, tricks, stories, and experiences. Every single time, I've been met with generosity, openness, and a genuine willingness to share knowledge for the benefit of others.

That spirit of collaboration is at the very core of what makes this community so special. It truly warms my heart to see people working together for and with one another—lifting each other up instead of working in isolation.

To everyone who has contributed, whether by passing on advice, sharing a personal story, or simply taking the time to encourage a fellow volunteer—thank you. Your kindness and your commitment ripple out far beyond the animals in your care; they strengthen this whole network of people and wildlife across Tasmania.

This newsletter is for you and because of you. I'm so grateful to be part of this community. 🌿

Warmly,
Janelle

FEEDBACK & SUGGESTIONS

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