

MINI SNAPSHOT

Friday, 11th September

If you can help or for any
reason...

Send an email to

committee@tvwc.org.au



Hi all

Here is the latest update. And a few other interesting things that are going on at the moment.

Unfortunately we have not had our AGM but **the annual report** is available via this link - <https://tvwc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/TVWC-Annual-Report-2020-FINAL-1.pdf>. Please click on this link to have a good read. Snapshot and the annual report can also be found in the TVWC website members' files.

Covid-19 restrictions for NSW but of course they can change at any time.

- 20 max indoors and outdoors
- 4 metres squared distancing everywhere
- Masks recommended

Our committee meeting is next week and we will let you know what we decide to do about the next orientation and rescue training. We have had a lot of enquiries and hopefully it will be going ahead in November.

In the meantime, we have been busy with accreditation and all the documentation that goes along with that.

The NSW Government is now on a mission to update all our governing policies. Here is a link to the new protected animals policy just released.

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/OEH/Corporate-Site/Documents/Animals-and-plants/Native-animals/rehabilitation-protected-native-animals-policy-200298.pdf>

Many updated codes of practice for different species will be coming very soon.

The Federal Government has just rushed new anti-nature laws through Parliament. BirdLife Australia has strongly condemned this recent move that deliberately aims to harm Australia's natural heritage by weakening the EPBC safeguards which protect our wildlife. To find out more, follow this link: <https://birdlife.org.au/media/nature-laws-weakened/>.

The EDO warns that all the risk associated with this new Bill is borne by the environment. This lack of federal responsibility is the exact opposite to the comprehensive and evidence-based reform needed to address our environmental decline and extinction crisis. The Bill has still got to be passed by the Senate so let us hope enough pressure can be exerted so that doesn't happen.

According to Birdlife Australia, a new report has revealed that more than 180 million Australian birds were impacted — either killed or displaced — by the devastating bushfires of last year. If this concerns you, please consider attending this webinar.



Big Scrub Rainforest Day 2020

SAVING OUR RAINFORESTS FROM FIRE

Lessons learned from Nightcap National Park

Watch the panel discussion online
Sunday, 20 Sep 2020, 6pm

Moderated by award winning journalists



Kerry O'Brien



Mick O'Regan

Featuring expert panelists:

- Dr Robert Kooyman
- Andy Baker
- Matt Wiseman
- Dave Kelly
- Olliver Costello
- David Milledge



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Watch and register for free at www.bigscrubrainforest.org

IF THIS IS INSPIRING YOU TO HELP WILDLIFE, TWO NEW GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE AND THEY ARE PROBABLY THE LAST THAT WE WILL SEE FOR A WHILE.

If you would like to apply, please contact me (Jan), Rachael or Yvonne for help.

1. SUPPLEMENTARY VOLUNTEER GRANTS FROM THE CENTRE FOR VOLUNTEERING

<https://www.volunteering.com.au/supplementary-volunteer-grants/>

Grants of between \$1,000 – \$5,000 are available to enable volunteer-involving organisations to strengthen community functioning by increasing participation in volunteering.



Applications close: 11.59PM AEST
Sunday 20th September 2020

Small equipment items:

- * Transport costs of volunteers with disability;
- * Fuel costs incurred by volunteers;
- * Training for volunteers;
- * Post COVID-19 re-engagement activities for volunteers.

Follow the link above for further information.

NSW WILDLIFE HEROES LARGE DURABLE ASSET GRANT

<https://wildlifeheroes.org.au/nsw-wildlife-heroes-large-durable-asset-fund-grant-guidelines/>

Grant requests should be between \$10,000 and \$50,000. Grants for assets worth more than \$50,000 will be considered where there is a co-contribution of funds or where two or more groups have partnered on an application.

Preference will also be given to projects where there is a co-contribution from the group, another charity, corporate donor or other sources.

Application period 9am 28th August – 5pm 25th September (AEST).

Eligible items the grant can pay for:

- mobile diagnostic equipment or intensive care units.
- trailers for carrying emergency response equipment.
- component of mobile wildlife hospital or emergency response vehicle (e.g. custom fitting or modification).
- purchase, construction, upgrade or repair of holding cages, pens and enclosures for housing and transporting animals.
- purchase, construction, significant upgrade or repair of large, fixed enclosures, particularly pre-release enclosures.

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. *Need*: why is this asset needed (i.e the value of the asset to the sector)
2. *Outcomes for wildlife*: how will this asset maintain and improve outcomes for wildlife rescue and rehabilitation in your area?
3. *Collaboration*: how will this asset help wildlife rehabilitators within a group or different groups better work together?
4. *Emergency response capacity*: how will this asset support improved emergency response in your area?
5. *Health and safety*: how will this asset support or improve volunteer health and safety.
6. *Planning*: value for money, project planning and funding co-contributions.

Priority will be given to:

- Assets that can be shared or used by multiple groups.
- Large pre-release or other rehabilitation enclosures.
- Assets that increase the group or veterinary hospitals capacity to respond to fire emergencies.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING:



*More photos and rescue stories for the Facebook, newsletter and website.

*Emptying the fishing line debris bins, especially at Tumbulgum.

*The Terragon fire rehabilitation project - see below for an update.

As soon as we are able, we will be back training and we could really do with some help organising that.

It looks as though this is shaping up to be a very busy summer.

If you can help, please contact Jan, Yvonne or Ron.



Over the last few weeks, Tweed Landcare and Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers started surveying the impact of intense bushfire at Terragon in the Tweed Valley. This is the first step in our efforts to support forest regeneration and provide wildlife relief. The survey will guide where on-ground activities including native food tree plantings, nest boxes, carved hollows and weed control occur.

The project is supported by the WIRES Landcare Wildlife Relief & Recovery Grants Program and the inGrained Foundation Large Grants program 2020 [@ingrainedfoundation.](https://www.ingrainedfoundation.org/)

