



Your state wide, inclusive wildlife rehabilitation Council for all DPIPWE registered wildlife carers

Christmas Greetings 2015

Since our first meeting occurred in October 2015 to establish our inaugural wildlife Council, we have been quietly working to cement the structure of our Council and meet with key Wildlife Management Branch (WMB) personnel in order to establish our legitimacy with DPIPWE which will provide a good foundation for success.

TWRC's main aim is to represent and provide a collective voice for all Tasmanian DPIPWE registered wildlife Carers.

TWRC is working towards several immediate and longer term goals:

- TWRC is already acting as an independent advisory Council to WMB & DPIPWE
- TWRC now has a logo designed by artist, Robin Wingrave
- TWRC website is in its design phase and will be launched in the new year
- TWRC has plans for a wombat carers workshop for south Tasmania in 2016
- TWRC will be offering training for registered novice and intermediate carers during 2016
- TWRC will be establishing a state wide rescue phone number- news soon!
- In conjunction TWRC hopes to instigate road signs advertising this number

TWRC also encourages those not registered with WMB as carers to do so in order to make use of the services & future benefits offered by Council.

TWRC, being a volunteer organisation, presents challenges to us all in meeting the expectations of its carers and as we are all active carers we are all time poor on occasions. No development can take place without people offering their time and skill sets!

But TWRC needs YOU to get involved and step up to assist. How can you do that?

- TWRC is now calling for volunteers (yes, all busy carers!) to form teams networking on a specific area of interest : Managed Portfolios: a hub of enthusiastic people, working flexibly and independently on a range of issues that face rehabilitators.
- Each Managed Portfolio would report prior to each TWRC Executive meeting and/or offer interim/status reports as requested.

TWRC MANAGED PORTFOLIOS and its working groups offer the opportunity for wider carer consultation and involvement

- **EDUCATION AND TRAINING:** are you an advanced carer and can develop and deliver courses to train other carers?
- **MENTORING :** can you mentor a novice by phone, Skype or visitation?
- **SPECIALIST CARING** e.g. Are you an experienced specialist who could mentor and train others? e.g. pinky caring; reptiles; other speciality wildlife?
- **WOMBAT MANGE MANAGEMENT:** would you be interested in assisting wombats in Tasmania suffering from mange? We need teams in wombat areas to assist in this endeavour
- **WILDLIFE EMERGENCY AND RESCUE / & EMERGENCY CARE UNITS-** this portfolio is being managed by Rachael Meyers and is well advanced as a portfolio. W.E.R.R. Unit is committed to providing a safe and coordinated approach to wildlife rescue (first response) during an Emergency/incident & ongoing recovery works after Emergencies/Incidents. The W.E.R.R. Unit will also provide assistance and support (where able) to wildlife carers inside the areas. Can you volunteer for training in supporting wildlife in times of bushfires and other crises?
- **RESCUE AND TRANSPORT TEAMS:** Are you unable to actively care for wildlife at this time? Could you offer to assist your district representative by assisting with wildlife pickups, transports to vets in your area, hold wildlife overnight or short term? Contact them!

Please contact TWRC to offer your assistance in managing a portfolio or joining a regional network of people who will work together to improve wildlife rehabilitation in Tasmania.

TWRC DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES make up the present Executive of TWRC. These people are YOUR district contacts. Can you help them? Please let them know. Our slogan is *Your Support, Our Strength* so we welcome every one's input.



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