

WOMBAT MANGE



WHAT IS WOMBAT MANGE?

Wombat Mange is a disease caused by the parasitic mite, *Sarcoptes scabiei*. It can cause significant health and welfare impacts for individual wombats and if left untreated mange can result in the death of affected individuals.

While mange may cause localised population declines of wombats, there is very little evidence to suggest that mange will cause wombats to go extinct in Tasmania.

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

- DPIPWE assists the public by providing advice on managing treatment of mange affected wombats.
- Community groups are making and providing kits to enable the public to treat mange.
- Wildlife carers are treating mange affected wombats.
- DPIPWE is monitoring wombat numbers and the prevalence of mange around Tasmania.
- The University of Tasmania is undertaking research to better understand what causes mange outbreaks and wombat population declines.
- The Tasmanian Government has provided grants to community groups to help treat mange affected wombats, to the University of Tasmania to investigate more effective treatment options, and to Conservation Volunteers Australia to help assess the prevalence of mange in wombats in key areas around the State.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Web: www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/wombats
Email: wildlife.reception@dpiipwe.tas.gov.au
Phone: (03) 6165 4305



HOW CAN I HELP?

- Report observations of injured wombats or wombats with mange to DPIPWE by calling **(03) 6165 4305** or via email: wildlife.reception@dpiipwe.tas.gov.au
- Treat mange affected wombats in your area – contact DPIPWE
- Drive carefully in “wombat country” to reduce the number of wombats killed or injured by cars
- Use non-lethal methods to manage wombats on agricultural land, including “wombat gates” to allow their passage through fences
- Prevent dogs from roaming in areas where wombats occur