

# 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 infected 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?

- NRE Tas assists the public by providing advice on managing treatment of mange-affected wombats.
- Wildlife carers are treating mange-affected wombats.
- NRE Tas is monitoring wombat numbers and the prevalence of mange around Tasmania.
- The University of Tasmania is investigating more effective treatment methods.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Web: [www.nre.tas.gov.au/wombats](http://www.nre.tas.gov.au/wombats) Email: [wildlife.services@nre.tas.gov.au](mailto:wildlife.services@nre.tas.gov.au)  
Phone: (03) 6165 4305

## HOW CAN I HELP?

- Report observations of injured wombats or wombats with mange to NRE Tas by calling **(03) 6165 4305** or via email: [wildlife.services@nre.tas.gov.au](mailto:wildlife.services@nre.tas.gov.au)
- Treat mange-affected wombats in your area – contact NRE Tas
- Drive carefully in areas where wombats may be present 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