



Wildlife Rehabilitation Sector Strategy and Action Plan 2022-24 Interim Implementation Body

Communiqué

Update on the Wildlife Rehabilitation Sector Strategy, 22 August 2022

Release of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Sector Strategy and Action Plan

The final *Wildlife Rehabilitation Sector Strategy and Action Plan 2022-24 (the Strategy)* is now available on the NRE webpage: <https://nre.tas.gov.au/wildlife-management/caring-for-wildlife/injured-and-orphaned-wildlife/wildlife-rehabilitation-sector-strategy>

A media event to formally release the Strategy was held at Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary with the Honourable Jo Palmer MLC on 11 August 2022. Thank you to those who attended the event at such short notice. Lisa Schimanski (Chair), Jo Palmer, John Dennett and Greg Irons all spoke about the Strategy to the media and guests.

The event received good media coverage, including The Mercury, WIN News, The Examiner and ABC radio Hobart.

Click on the link below to view The Examiner story:

<https://www.examiner.com.au/story/7857510/new-strategy-to-care-for-orphaned-and-injured-wildlife-in-tasmania/>

Click on the link below to view the WIN News story:

<https://www.leadstory.com/v/wildlife-protectors-hope-a-new-strategy-will-lead-to-better-treatment-of-tasmanias-native-animals-202281247?fbclid=IwAR1Q7m3Lov5am49UyjOce5a8Btp-1V6XNW0iNh3M894rTMgZYrzW0wdtM>



Work in Progress

- The Governance Working Group has determined that the legal structure of the Statewide Guidance and Implementation Body (SGIB) should be an incorporated association and the development of a constitution is underway.
- The Communications and Forums Working Group is examining the development of an online presence for the SGIB and planning quarterly sector forums.
- The Funding Working Group is examining the cost of rehabilitation for wildlife rehabilitators.
- The Mentoring Working Group is exploring options to train and recruit more mentors around the state.
- The Veterinary Working Group has been discussing the challenges around veterinary treatment for injured and orphaned wildlife.

Inaugural Wildlife Rehabilitation Sector Strategy Forum

Wildlife rehabilitators are invited to attend the inaugural sector forum on Tuesday September 27 from 6.30 - 7.30 pm. This event will be online using the Microsoft Teams platform.

These forums are your chance to help shape the many elements of the Action Plan, to bring us your ideas, your visions and your burning questions.

The first forum will explore the Strategy – how it was developed, what the Interim Implementation Body’s role is – and much more.

For more information on how to attend please contact: kellie.lovell@nre.tas.gov.au.

Members of the Interim Implementation Body are:

Lisa Schimanski	Volunteering Tasmania (Chair)
Leanne Taylor	WIRES
Sharon Smith	Wildcare Tasmania
Greg Irons/ Suzy Nethercott-Watson	Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary
Kristen Steele	Australian Veterinary Association
Lyndell Whyte	Tasmanian Wildlife Rehabilitation Council
Pam Doyle	Independent wildlife rehabilitator/educator
Honey McClay	Independent wildlife rehabilitator/educator
John Dennett	Independent wildlife rehabilitator
Jo Crisp	Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania