

## WILDLIFE HEROES

### What is the Wildlife Heroes Project?

Wildlife Heroes acknowledges the important work the volunteer wildlife rehabilitation sector does within the community. The project will support wildlife rehabilitators and provide them with the tools and knowledge to continue their important work rescuing and rehabilitating native wildlife. It will also give some support to private veterinary practices whose services are critical to the treatment of animals requiring care. Our aim is to increase the capacity of the wildlife rehabilitation sector to meet ongoing community demands for assistance with wildlife; meet improved animal care standards and ensure the ongoing sustainability of the sector.

*The project will run from November 1 2019 through to July 2022 with applications for grants opening from December 1, 2019 for wildlife rehabilitation groups and individuals in NSW.*

### Do I have to be in NSW to be eligible for a Wildlife Heroes grant?

Wildlife Heroes is currently funded by the NSW government's Environmental Trust. Applicants must have a NSW licence to apply for grants.

FNPW's vision is that Wildlife Heroes becomes a national program in future. We are looking for new funding partners and sponsors to help make that happen. If you are a wildlife volunteer from outside of NSW, feel free to join our mailing list to stay updated about opportunities in other states and territories.

### Do I need to be a licenced wildlife rehabilitator to be eligible for a Wildlife Heroes grant?

Native animals are protected in NSW by the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act).

Applicants must have a current group or independent rehabilitation licence issued by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Grant recipients are expected to comply with the Rehabilitation of Protected Native Animals Policy.



## **I am registered to rescue animals in NSW but live near a state border. Can I apply for funds to help with emergencies close to NSW borders? (e.g. Canberra, Wodonga or Coolangatta)**

Only grant recipients with a NSW group or individual licence are eligible to apply for Wildlife Heroes funding. Funds should be spent on operations within NSW.

## **How can I access funds for an emergency response?**

A secured funding pool has been developed as part of the Wildlife Heroes project that includes grants for groups responding to emergencies. The first round opened in late November inviting applications from NSW wildlife groups responding to bushfires. A second round will open in mid-December for other types of emergencies affecting wildlife.

Additional funds will be available in 2020 for vaccinations for flying fox rehabilitation volunteers. This will help to increase the number of responders for flying fox heat stress events.

Please email [wildlifeheroes@fnpw.org.au](mailto:wildlifeheroes@fnpw.org.au) for further information.

If you are in a state outside of NSW please contact us to register your organisation. If emergencies occur in your state we may be able to source emergency funds outside of the NSW Wildlife Heroes project.

## **Where do I find out more information about the Wildlife Heroes project grants?**

Sign up for the [Wildlife Heroes mailing list](#) to receive all the latest updates on the project and opening dates of grant rounds.

