

New South Wales Wildlife Council Inc.

Achievements October 2005- November 2006.

Website

This website was established within 24 hours of the first 2005 meeting.

Single Insurance Coverage

NWC negotiated a single insurance coverage for affiliated groups and IGLs.

The premium for the first term was covered by the Department of Environment and Conservation.(DEC).

The single coverage for NWC affiliates who have taken up the insurance has meant significant savings on annual insurance costs.

Minister for the Environment

The minister for the environment was lobbied to support a legislative change to reduce the seven day holding period for holding fauna by non-licensed individuals. The timetable for the consideration of changes to the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 is unknown.

State-wide Database

The NWC has a grant from the minister for \$5000 which is to go towards the development of a statewide database for wildlife rehabilitation records.

Payment for Carer Records

NWC secured payment from DEC for use of members' records in the 2006 state-wide NSW Wildlife Survey.

This payment highlights the importance and possible financial value of accurate wildlife rehabilitation records.

Alliances with other supportive groups and organizations.

A large number of introductory letters to organizations and government departments were written by the Secretary.

Guest speakers who have attended NWC meetings include:

Dr Paul Canfield, Professor of Veterinary Pathology and Clinical Pathology, Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Sydney who gave a short address covering his own work in wildlife and ways in which the Faculty might support the NWC.

Kelly Waples, Manager, Wildlife Licensing and Management Unit, Department of Environment and Conservation spoke on the general theme of the Department and the NWC working together.

Dr Dan Lunney, Principal Research Scientist DEC and Vertebrate Ecology Team Leader, with **Ian Shannon**, Team Statistician and **Jessica Bryant**, Project Officer

“Realising the potential of carer records to contribute to the conservation of wildlife in NSW – An ecologist’s perspective”

Patrick Connor, principal of Curious Developments Ltd. Presentation on Data Collection. He is developing web-based databases for the Australian Wildlife Health Network and WIRES.

Patrick Medway, AM National President of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia. The Society is trying to persuade the federal government to host a national research conference into roadkill issues. Patrick asked for the NWC’s support in keeping the roadkill issue in front of all levels of government: federal, state, and local as well as to road users.

Judith Hallinan President and Co-founder of the Wildlife Assistance & Information Foundation Inc. (WAIF) and Consultant Veterinarian, **Derek Spielman**. WAIF works to support and improve the health of wildlife individuals and the communities in which they live through health services, research and education.