

MEDIA RELEASE

The NSW Wildlife Council (NWC) which represents more than 4,500 wildlife rehabilitators in NSW is pleased to announce that its trial grant program has recently resulted in $5 \times 1,000$ grants being awarded to successful applicants:

Roz Holm; Native Animal Trust Fund

Diane Hansford and Alan Wylie; Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers

Ray and Marie Wynan; Wildlife Rescue South Coast

Howard Ralph; Native Animal Rescue Group

Sandy Norris and Wendy Attrill; Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers

In all, 11 applications were submitted. NWC Chair, Audrey Koosemen, said "This was a difficult decision for the representatives of all the member groups to make, because each application was a deserving one. Our choices were made on the criteria of need, excellence and value for money."

Most applications were for assistance for enclosures/aviaries for animals being rehabilitated or raised for release. These are expensive items and often out of the financial reach of individual rehabilitators. Successful applicants will be required to give updates on progress. The trial will run for two years and will continue if criteria are met and

funding is available. At present the funding for these grants is the result of collaboration with NWC and the generosity of one of its representatives.