

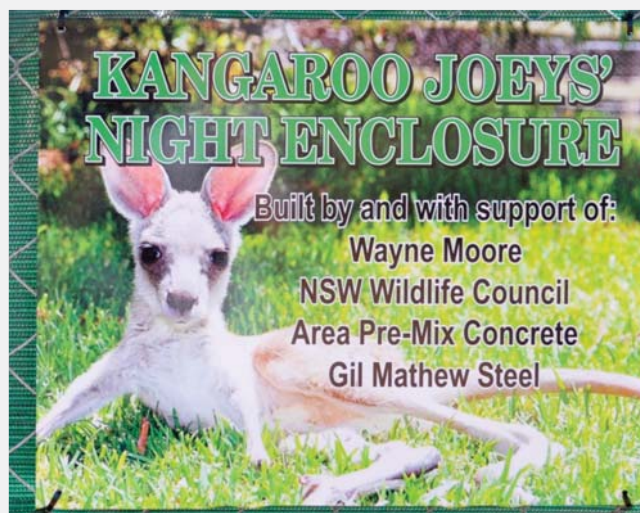
LINDSAY HAYES, IGL NARRANDERA —NWC 2017 Grant—JOEY NIGHT ENCLOSURE

The project, funded with the help of a NWC Grant, to extend the night enclosure for pre-release kangaroo joeys has been completed and is now in use. All that remains to be done is the planting of native grasses which will happen this month.

Sections of the enclosure will be temporarily cordoned off with plastic netting and plastic poles until the grass is established, and the netting then moved to the next section.

At present five joeys are housed in the predator-proof enclosure at night and four joeys, under 2kg, sleep in pouches in a portable baby cot inside the house at night. They will graduate to the enclosure when they are older, by which time the present occupants will have been released. If older joeys on grass come into care they will go into the enclosure at night as well.

Lindsay Hayes, Numeralla Wildlife Care



Pre-release joeys pose for a photo!



The pre-release joeys have an insulated shelter. Two still use pouches (background) occasionally. Until the grass is established they have Timothy hay and roo pellets. Have run out of the former, hence the Lucerne which they do not normally have.



The enclosure backs onto a flight aviary which predators have no access to. Hence there is shade-cloth only on the paddock sides



The kangaroo night enclosure has a chain mesh overhang and chain mesh in a deep underground trench to prevent foxes from gaining entry



Earlier releaseses with a couple of wild 'roos



The pre-release joeys' enclosure