NSW WILDLIFE COUNCIL GRANT REPORT 2018-2019—CHRISTINE NOLAN, FAWNA (NSW) INC.

This project to construct a 20m x 30m Wallaby and Pademelon release enclosure was delayed by fires that hit the Pappinbarra Valley west of Wauchope. An extension was granted and this is the final report made while a second lot of fires have hit our valley.



The design comprises two shelter buildings and a smaller yard for pademelons within a larger yard which will be mainly used for pre-release of red-necked and swamp wallabies, the endemic macropods to my area.

As well as shadecloth "day shelters" the shelter walls and roof are insulated and shock-absorbing materials have been used to cushion the joeys when they take that "giant leap" into their

hanging pouches.

Trees, grasses and vegetation hideyholes are being planted to provide natural shelter in both the "paddy" and wallaby yards.



The Pappinbarra Valley is an important area for macropods in the Port Macquarie-Hastings local government area on NSW's mid north coast. This extra facility relieves a big burden on FAWNA's





few existing macropod release areas locally.

I am grateful that the NSW Wildlife Council made this facility possible to spread FAWNA's macropod car-

ing and release loads. I am most appreciative to Toby from Red Shed Hire who gave a very good discount on the dingo digger hired to drill the post holes. The grant budget was fully expended with a small overrun.