

2019-2020 NWC GRANT REPORT

LORITA CLAPSON, WIRES SOUTH COAST BRANCH



This last 12 months have just disappeared, especially as we were impacted by the fires on the South Coast of NSW. We lost all our native bush land, a pre release compound and some of our released animals. Fortunately our home and the start of the Wombat enclosure was saved.

With the grant that we received from NWC, we were able to commence the Wombat enclosure prior to the fires. Because of the fires our needs have changed and the enclosure has evolved to a multi-purpose enclosure.

As well as the grant from the NSW Wildlife Council the near completion of this enclosure has been possible due to donations from Wires, Patty Mills, Dolphin Point Homes, Treading Lightly, Berry Turf Farm and the time from fellow Wires members and friends.

We are now able to care for wombats, kangaroos, small mammals, birds and raptors. I am really happy that Kevin Clapson's innovative enclosure design works so well and is suitable for multiple species.



The picture above shows how close the fire came to our new project—not all the trees will recover but our amazing Australian eucalypts are showing their epicormic sprouting indicating fire damage to the top, or crown of the tree.

