

ORRCA: *for the rescue, conservation, protection, and welfare of whales, dolphins, seals, and dugongs.*

NWC 2020-2021 Grant

Upon receiving the NWC Grant, ORRCA purchased 10 binoculars to be used by our research and rescue volunteers in NSW. These binoculars arrived just in time for the start of the humpback whale migration and have already been used by our research teams to spot several whales! The binoculars will be housed with active ORRCA members who are most active in assessments and participate in our research projects. The binoculars have been distributed to members in the following locations:

Port Macquarie
Newcastle
Central Coast
Sydney
Sydney South

ORRCA runs several research projects throughout the year and volunteers participating in these projects will be the primary users of these binoculars. The research projects are conducted at the peak of the northern migration, as well as the peak of the southern migration. Volunteers participating in the projects record all marine mammal species travelling along our coastline, making note of sick/injured whales, mums and calves, and any special interest whales.



These binoculars are a valuable asset to ORRCA and our members. This grant not only lessens the burden on volunteers in buying their own high quality binoculars, but also will increase the accuracy and therefore value of the data being collected.

ORRCA is very appreciative to the NWC for providing these valuable resources to our organisation and assisting in our mission dedicated to the rescue, conservation, protection, and welfare of whales, dolphins, seals, and dugongs.



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