

# WILDLIFE RESCUE SOUTH COAST – MACROPOD SHELTER - GABBI ARMSTRONG

I was extremely grateful to receive a grant from NWC to contribute to the new joey shelter we were building. I have been caring for kangaroo joeys just over 2 ½ years, working alongside WRSC Macropod Co-ordinator and Mentor, Kerstin Schweth.

Caring for these joeys has brought me immense joy. I call them 'My Happy Place'. However, about a year into wildlife care, I was diagnosed with an allergy to kangaroos. This meant dramatic changes to how I worked with macropods.

In order to continue caring for joeys, they need to be kept permanently out of the house. in specially designed outdoor 'Roo House' - structurally sound, insulated, powered and fenced to ensure safety. Then, once they become big enough, we move them down to our back paddock to a simpler shelter, appropriate for the older joeys.



NWC is happy with the changes required due to the allergy manifesting itself requiring that we went to a Plan B. Please know, my family and I are very

grateful to you for helping us in this way, and ensuring we are able to continue caring for these precious creatures.



Thank  
you, Gabbi

*The house is approx. 3m x 3m. It has barn style doors at the front and the side. It's on a cement slab, timber frame, timber outside, colourbond roof. It's fully insulated, and underneath the tarp flooring, there is rubber matting and carpet offcuts. There are also 2 flyscreened windows, and it is powered.*