

NSW Wildlife Council's Wildlife Carer Grant Scheme 2022

In 2022, Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers applied for a group grant of \$2000 to fund the purchase of a Brinsea Advance TLC50 ICU. The group was successful with this grant application, and with the funds provided by the NSW Wildlife Council we were able to make the purchase of this humidicrib.

The addition of this humidicrib within our group provided our carers with the ability to take on intensive care patients needing supplementary heat support. The crib provides 24/7 warmth at the required temperature, and a safe environment to house often young, or severely compromised animals.

Since purchasing this crib, it has been used to aid in the hand raising of native birds like Australian Wood ducklings, Rainbow Lorikeets, Noisy Miners, Australasian Figbirds and Olive-backed Orioles. It has also been used to aid in caring for young mammals like Common Ringtail Possums, a variety of Brushtail Possums, Sugar and Squirrel Gliders, and both Black and Grey-headed Flying Foxes. There have also been many compromised adults needing the security of the humidicrib during their early stages of rehabilitation, specifically birds and a few species of Microbat.

By having a humidicrib, it takes a lot of the stress off our carers as supplying additional heat can be inconsistent and risky when not monitored closely. We are now able to safely provide this level of care without risking the health or wellbeing of native wildlife in our care.

We are very grateful to the NSW Wildlife Council for the opportunity to provide our local wildlife with this additional support.

Sincerely,

Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers Inc.



Image above:

Humidicrib in use with light on. Housing two nestling rainbow lorikeets.

Image left:

Humidicrib in use. Housing three orphaned black flying-fox pups.