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# NWC 2021 REHABILITATION AND EQUIPMENT GRANT REPORT

Following the 2021 NSW Wildlife Council's Wildlife Carer Grants Scheme, I was awarded \$2500 for a transportable possum aviary. This aviary is to be used across the Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers group as needed to soft release possums, gliders and other small mammals.

The aviary was built by the local Men's Shed over a period of 6 months, following some difficulties finding someone to construct it and gathering materials post-flood. When it was completed, it was placed on a trailer to be transported. This is how the aviary will be transported in future between release carers depending on requirements for our native animals in care.

At this time, the aviary has been placed in Myocum for the soft release of a short-eared brushtail possum, following a long period of intensive care as an orphan.

Both personally and as a group, we are all appreciative of this grant and the new opportunities it provides to release our native mammals at different sites across the Northern Rivers.

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**FIGURE 1: COLLECTION OF THE AVIARY FROM THE LOCAL MEN'S SHED WHEN COMPLETED**



**FIGURE 2 AND 3: POSSUM RELEASE AVIARY SET UP IN MYOCUM FOR THE SOFT RELEASE OF A BRUSHTAIL POSSUM**