

F.A.W.N.A. (NSW) - ICU

Rehabilitators in FAWNA's Central Area on NSW's Mid North Coast were thrilled to know there was another Intensive Care Unit now available thanks to the grant from the New South Wales Wildlife Council. With one existing ICU being used to brood a batch of Masked Lapwing eggs at the stage of lockdown just prior to hatching, the 2nd available unit was in waiting for some more eggs coming in.

We hope the new ICU won't be needed for the purpose but we want to know there is an ICU available for any premmie or cold flying-fox orphans that might come in over the few months October to December. At other times it will be a great asset for any young or small wildlife patients that need the controlled temperature and humidity for best results.

This new unit is a slightly more expensive Brinsea TLC Eco; the Vetario unit requested was temporarily unavailable. The first patient was a very cold magpie chick blown out of its nest, and with parents not visible over quite a time there was no alternative but to bring the chick into care. "Arranbee" quickly warmed up and later joined "Tuscan", another magpie chick, for their hand-rearing journey with FAWNA carers. Named for the street name of the encounter location helps remind carers of their origins.



The work done by NWC in providing these grants to assist rehabilitators throughout the NWC Network is an enormous help to groups sourcing wildlife caring equipment that might be otherwise unaffordable to cash-strapped rehabilitators and groups.

Thank You NWC, from the FAWNA Team – October 2023
Andrew Ryan, Secretary