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Ms Meredith Ryan

Secretary

NSW Wildlife Council

Please find below report and photographs from NARG member Prof. Steve Garlick reporting on our recent NWC grant to assist with facilities at Possumwood.

NARG would like to thank the NWC for its ongoing support.

All the best,

Bill Waterhouse

President

Native Animal Rescue Group

Update report on grant 6G to Possumwood Wildlife (approved 13 August 2023) for metal fence panels to construct indoor enclosures.

Thirty-eight metal fence panels were purchased from Independent Steel in Queanbeyan to construct inside enclosures for wildlife rehabilitation following rescue and treatment. The enclosures were constructed inside a large shed (14m x 12m).

Indoor rehabilitation following treatment procedure is important at Possumwood for various reasons. First, outside stressors are minimised; second, wound dressings are kept dry in wet weather; and third, we have a very high influx of animals that require treatment and rehabilitation that need rapid additional accommodation beyond the formal recovery rooms that form part of the veterinary hospital. Fourth, the enclosures provide a useful intermediary step for wombats prior to going to large outdoor wombat enclosures, and lastly, they also provide flexibility that enable a quick housing solution at times when many animals might come in and then can be deconstructed when animals move to other accommodation when their rehabilitation is completed.

To date, 24 of the panels have been used to construct 3 enclosures 4m x 4m (see pictures). Two more smaller enclosures (2m x 4m) will be built shortly as housing needs continue to grow. The completed enclosures have housed 10 additional animals (kangaroos, wallabies, and wombats). We decided to use shade cloth instead of plywood for the inside lining as it enables the enclosures to be constructed and deconstructed readily as demand dictates it.

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Possumwood Wildlife
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