

NRWC Grant Report 2023/2024

Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers were the grateful recipients of a grant from the NSW Wildlife Council during 2023/2024. The grant was used to purchase a Brinsea TLC50 Advance Series II ICU Humidicrib.

The Intensive Care Units are designed to care for neonatal and juvenile wildlife. The technology provided by the units is essential for species with delicate developmental stages and is a significant factor in ensuring successful outcomes.

The current season has seen a significant increase in orphaned possums coming into care. We've had over 20 young possums raised by our volunteers.

The end of 2023 also brought a large number of orphaned Fly-foxes into care. The local bat communities appeared to be suffering from nutritional problems. The native trees were blossoming; however, they didn't seem to meet the nutritional requirements of the bats.

The humidicrib has literally been a lifesaver for our native bats and possums this season. Without the extra crib it would have been difficult for NRWC to provide the required specialised care for all the animals that we've accepted into care. While the cribs provide essential physical benefits to the animals in care, they also positively impact the well-being of our carers. The benefit shouldn't be understated. Without an ICU, it isn't easy to properly control the temperature of an animal's environment. Sleepless nights are common, caused by the constant concern about the animal being too cold or too hot. The peace of mind provided by the crib is priceless.

Images Some of the animals raised in I.C.U this season

Flying-foxes in the I.C.U.

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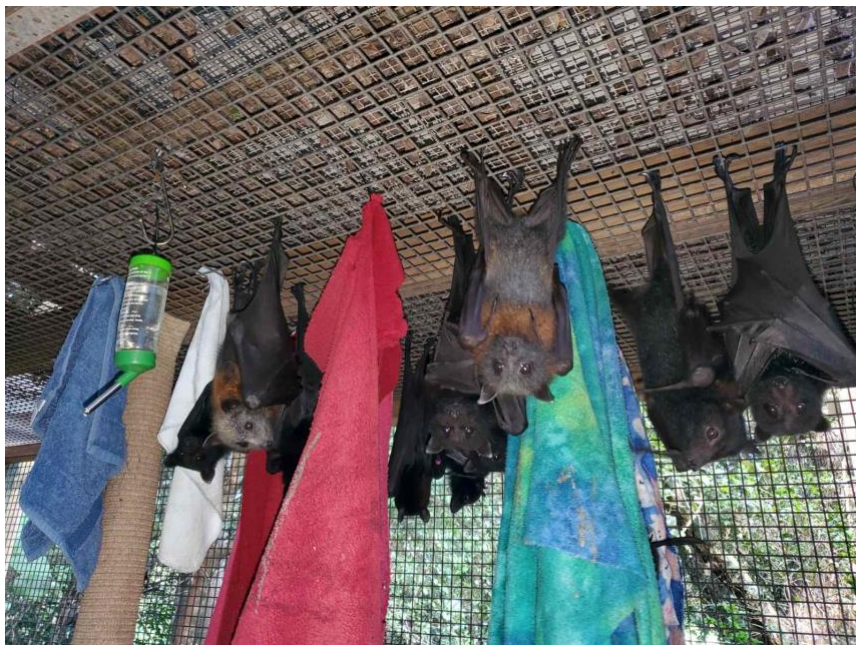


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Bat Creche (life after I.C.U)



Possums in the I.C.U.



Life after the I.C.U.

