

NSW WILDLIFE COUNCIL GRANT 2024-2025

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WOMBAT ENCLOSURE REPORT

Thank you NSW Wildlife Council for approving my wildlife wombat enclosure grant back in late August 2024. Finally now in Feb 2025 the enclosure is finished and the grant has paid for vital materials needed to bring this project to life. It was a process to ensure it met DPI standards and was built to last for many years to come.

We began by excavating the site and laying down 10 x 10 mesh to ensure the wombats could not burrow out. This excluded a section for their underground burrow.

Then we had to cover the mesh by hand over our 10m x 12m area. Next step was putting in posts and ground sleepers with concrete. Then came the construction of the frame walls to be able to enclose the area both inside and out with colorbond sheets.

We then created an overhang structure for the above the ground burrow and to provide shelter and shade in addition to the trees in the enclosure. This can be fully closed in, if required in the future but does not need to be. Next step was to load in an additional 10 tonnes soil to fully cover the entire area and start grass growth. This took a few weeks to compress in the rain and offer a solid enclosure floor.

Now the gates have been fitted as well as the above ground burrow and the below ground tunnel and burrow has also settled and the soil compacted. I have added water bowls, feeders, play logs and extra kennels for play. So it took 5 months but it looks great and is ready for rescue wombats pre release in the Southern Highlands.

I have paid \$16,139.91 in addition to the NWC grant of \$5,000 (grant covered 25%) making the total cost of the project \$21,139.9.

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