

30th Sept 2024

Dear Management Committee, NSW Wildlife Council,

Re: report for 2024/25 Wildlife Rehabilitation Enclosure/Equipment Grant from the NWC.

Australian Seabird and Turtle Rescue were generously awarded a 2024/25 Wildlife Rehabilitation Enclosure/Equipment Grant from the NWC. The grant funded the purchase of 24 pet carriers that provide critical capacity to our bird rescues.

We are pleased to advise that we have now purchased the transport carriers and that they are already in use. The transport carriers comprise soft material, off-the-shelf pet carriers/enclosures which are collapsible for storage. They are designed with vented sides to provide airflow and have top and side entry gates facilitating perfect cages to release birds after they have been rehabilitated.

Through the generosity of the NWC we have been able to provide carriers to our entire rescue team to rescue seabirds that range in size from small (shearwaters/terns) to large (Pelicans). We have had record numbers of birds being rescued over past months and existing carriers are needing replacement. The purchase of new cages, across a range of sizes secured, are a valuable part of the rescue tool kit at ASTR and aid our rescue effort overall. Thank you

As requested, photos are supplied (below) and a financial acquittal as follows:

- Twenty four bird transport carriers/enclosures with freight to ASTR --- \$1412

Once again, thank you for the support NWC has provided to ASTR on this occasion, in previous years and overall, to the wildlife sector of NSW.



Regards, Steve Whalan
General Manager, ASTR



Photos showing pet transport carriers and Pelican being transported in the carrier.