

NWC Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants Program 2024-2025

Grant Recipient: Wildlife ARC

Grant Number: 2425-04

Grant Amount: \$3,906.28

Project Description: 5 bank custom made reptile enclosure

Custom made reptile enclosures with lockable drop down doors, light fittings and thermostats were obtained thanks to the generosity of NWC's grant program. The enclosures are used for reptiles requiring intensive care and sick/injured venomous snakes.

The enclosures arrived just in time for the busy season when reptiles woke from brumation and wandered out looking for food and a mate. Dog and cat attacks, vehicle collisions and netting entanglements have seen numerous reptiles come into Wildlife ARC. The new enclosures have provided an appropriately sized, safe and hygienic environment for red-bellied black snakes, blue tongues, and other reptiles requiring specialised care.

One of the first reptiles to utilise the new enclosures was a red-bellied black snake who had sustained an injury after getting entangled in netting. The enclosure was large enough to enable the red-bellied black snake to move about and together with the correct heating and lighting ensured he/she could thermoregulate. After spending just over two weeks in care the red-bellied black snake was well enough to be released.

A story about the enclosures has been included on our website at:
<https://wildlife-arc.org.au/new-reptile-enclosure-20250108/>

Thank you for enabling Wildlife ARC to provide our sick/injured reptiles with safe and hygienic enclosures that include specialised heating and lighting equipment necessary for thermoregulation.



