



Who We Are

Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers is a non-profit, volunteer organisation that has been making a difference to the lives of the Tweed's sick, injured, orphaned and displaced native animals since 1989.

Our area is home to three world-heritage listed National Parks and two world-heritage listed reserves and boasts the most biologically diverse environment in NSW. We are the only group licensed under the National Parks and Wildlife Service of NSW to rescue and rehabilitate wildlife in this diverse area.

We offer the community a free public service 24/7, 365 days a year, rain, hail or shine.

Our members receive regular and certified training in the appropriate rescue, handling and rehabilitation requirements for the many and varied species we take into our care. However, saving our precious wildlife is an expensive task and our group relies almost exclusively on our members footing the bills for the work they do, as well as membership subscriptions and donations from the community to help us respond to the thousands of calls we receive every year. Learn about some of the Tweed's species, or read about some of our success stories, on our website at <http://www.tvwc.org.au>.

Why We Care

The rapid growth of our beautiful region means humans are impacting, either directly or indirectly, on our native wildlife at an increasing rate.

We run over them with our cars, they are attacked by our pets, we knock down their homes to make way for our own, we put barbed wire or discarded fishing line in their path, poison them with our chemicals or choke them with our plastic bags.

Although most of us don't intend to cause harm and may not even be aware we have done so, the urbanisation of our region means the conflict between humans and our native wildlife is inevitable.

Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers seek to return these animals to the wild, fully fit, so that they may have a second chance at life.



If You Find An Injured Native Animal

Finding a sick or injured animal can be very stressful for you as well as the animal. The initial steps you take can minimise this stress and greatly increase the animal's chances of survival.

- Place the animal in a cardboard box with a clean towel in the bottom. Echidnas should be placed in a plastic container and put in a cool area.
- Ensure the box has ventilation holes and close the lid securely to prevent the animal escaping
- Place the box somewhere warm, dark and quiet. Keep kids and pets away. Do not give the animal any food or water as doing so can harm its chances of survival.
- Call our 24-hour helpline immediately: 02 6672 4789

Specialist Animals:

Some animals, including wallabies, koalas, possums, bats and snakes require specialist handling to help the animal's rehabilitation and to ensure that the rescuer is not injured. Call our emergency hotline and do not handle these animals. Watch the animal and keep children and pets away until you receive advice or one of our specially-trained volunteers arrives.