



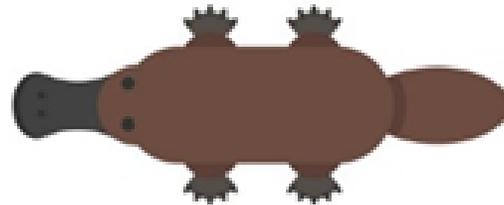
WIRES



Murray River Branch

celebrating

Volunteers Week 2020



WIRES Wildlife Rescue

NSW Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service

- **WIRES** is the largest wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, non-profit organisation in Australia. It provides rescue and rehabilitation for all native Australian fauna.
- It is funded by public donations and fund-raising efforts, and operates throughout New South Wales only.



Tawny Frogmouths just before release. All so different!

Wombat in pre release burrow.



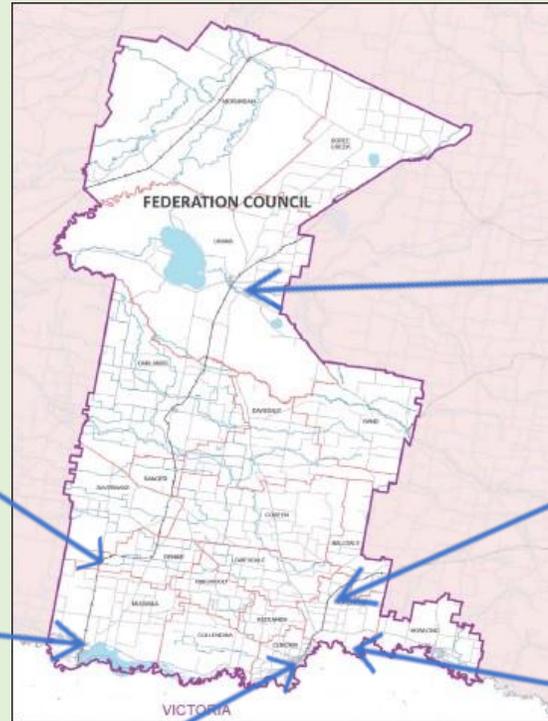
Sixteen residents of Federation Council Region belong to **WIRES Murray River Branch**.

They live in Corowa, Howlong, Savernake, Mulwala, Balldale and Urana.

Emu chick



Juvenile Tawny Frogmouths



Urana

Balldale

Howlong

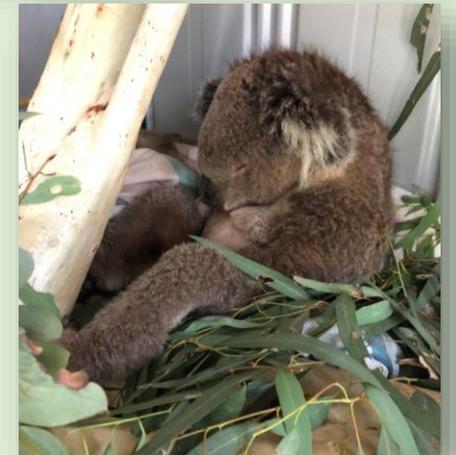
Corowa

Mulwala

Savernake



Dollar bird



Fonzie snoozing



The branch extends along the Murray River from Jingellic to Moama and north to Wakool, Jerilderie, Urana, Henty, Holbrook and includes Albury/Thurgoona. Our members are spread throughout this area of NSW, in towns and on properties.



All members are volunteers.

From gosling to release as a young adult:
The life of a Magpie Goose



The gosling is caramel and grey.



A friend is found who is an English Sebastopol gosling.



The plumage is beginning to change.



The geese were released together.



Full adult plumage.

WIRES obtains its licence from NPWS. People interested in joining **WIRES** must be adults [ie over 18 years of age] and live in NSW. They are required to complete an online course and a practical course before they can become a volunteer.



A puggle – a young Echidna



Azure Kingfisher chick



Young White Faced Heron



Frilled neck Lizard



Shingle back Lizard



Other courses specialising in different species are available if the members would like to handle snakes, look after flying-foxes, possums, birds, macropods etc.

Each species requires a different course to give you skills to care for them.



WIRES Murray River branch can cater for all Australian wildlife including emus, raptors, other birds, reptiles and macropods [kangaroos/wallabies].



Sacred Kingfisher with Bogong moth



Pobblebonk Frog



Turtle with injured neck



Brushtail Possum



Barn Owls



Young Tawny Frogmouth



Ringtail Possum



Chestnut Teal



Black Shouldered Kite - adult



Australian Wood Duckling



Pacific Black Duck family



Eurasian Coot

Australian Shelducks -
and a Pacific Black Duckling



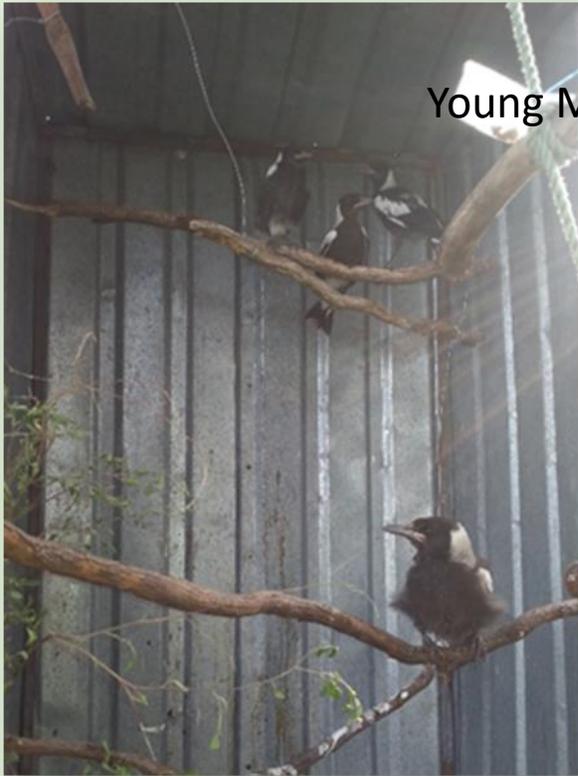


Federation Council Region members have facilities in their homes for wombats, emus, kangaroos and wallabies, possums, gliders, bats, snakes and other reptiles, as well as all birds except raptors [birds of prey].

These birds are taken to an Albury member for specialist care.



WIRES Murray River Branch has registered shooters [for humane euthanasing] and qualified snake catchers.



Young Magpies



Two magpies intently watching a raven who lost head feathers due to Attacks by other birds.



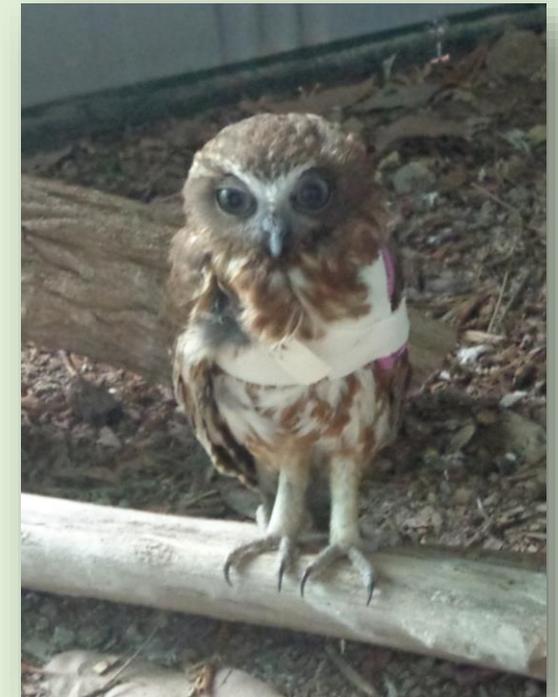
Peregrine Falcon



Kookaburra



Little Eagle



Boobook Owl with bandaged wing

Black Flying Fox



Little Red Flying Fox



FLYING FOXES
[aka mega bats] **and**
[micro] **BATS**

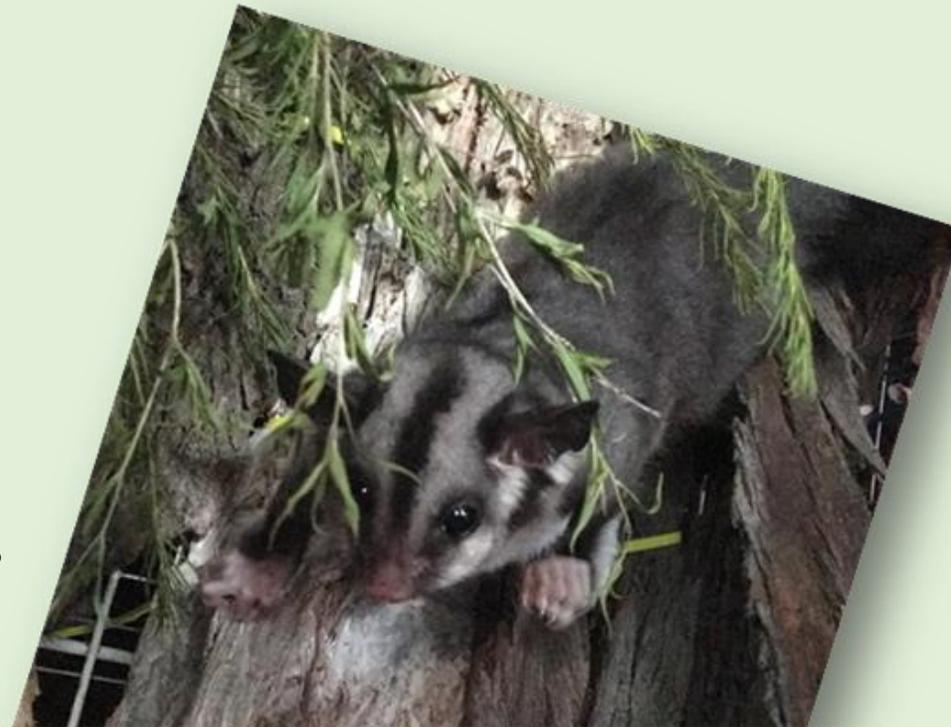


Little Red
Flying Foxes

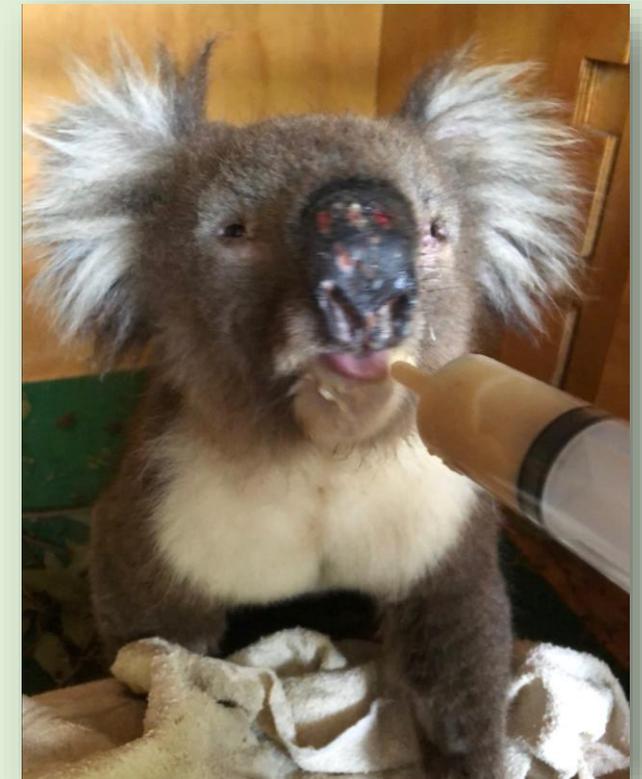
WIRES Murray River Branch operates a 24 hour phone rescue service with members taking the divert phone on roster each day. The rostered member takes all calls and finds a member closest to the caller to take on the rescue.



Young Black Faced Cuckoo Shrikes



Squirrel Glider



Koala enjoying his baby food.



Brushtail



Possums



Ringtail Possum in a drey.



When you find a native Australian bird that is injured, throw a towel or similar item over the bird, if it is safe to do so.

Minding its beak, especially parrots, scoop it up and place in a box with a lid that has airholes punched into the lid.

The towel could be left under the bird for comfort.

Do not worry about food and water in the short term.



Australian Hobby – injured when it flew into a window as it caught a crested pigeon.



Australian Wood Ducklings



Nestling Crested Pigeons

Vets, council rangers, NPWS officers, emergency services and police are of great assistance to **WIRES** as they are able to provide veterinary advice, machinery and personnel, firearm support and legal and safety backup.



Boobook Owl chick

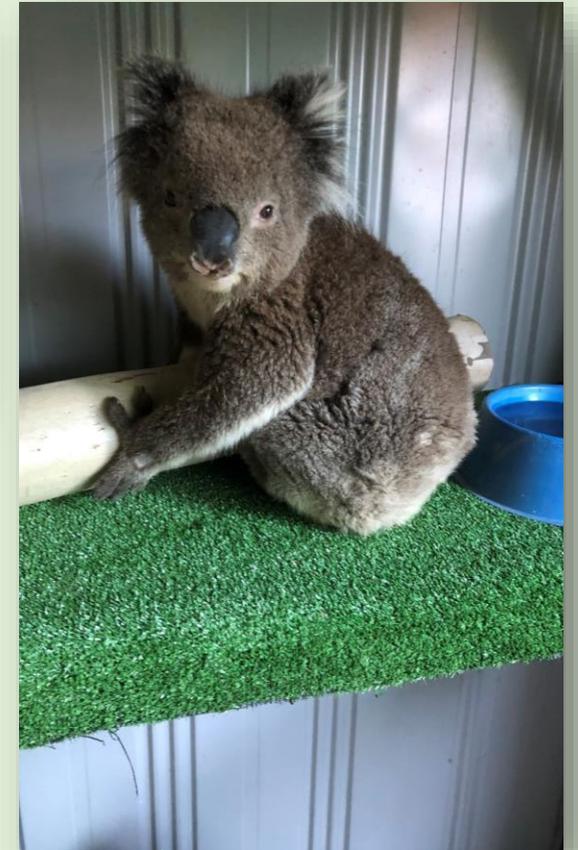


Masked Lapwing chick

Buff Rumped Thornbill



Young Dollarbirds



CONTACT NUMBERS FOR WIRES:

WIRES Murray River Branch: 0427493716

Do NOT leave text messages or photos on this number.

WIRES RESCUE OFFICE [Sydney]: 13000WIRES / 1300094737



Nankeen Kestrel

WIRES Murray River Branch members who live in Federation Council Region are:

Leonie Daley	Ignacio Debuchy	Lisa Edmonds	Maryann Herbert
Sophie Holt	Magdalena Lahore	Jamie McDonald	Miguel Munz
Maria Nikoloric	Peter Pricsina	Ann Sloane	Angela Stanton
Janine Stiff	Gabrielle Trimble	Junanne Wilson	Kylie Witherden