



Far North Queensland Wildlife Rescue Association (Incorporated)

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Who is Far North Queensland Wildlife Rescue?

Just about anyone! Far North Queensland Wildlife Rescue (Inc.) is a group of **volunteers** who are dedicated to the preservation of the many species of wildlife found in Tropical North Queensland.

We are people from all walks of life who have a myriad of skills and abilities, yet common goals.

Our **Values** are: -

- The welfare of our native animals
- Our dedicated Wildlife Carers
- Our Sponsors and Supporters

Our **Mission** is simple: -

- To be a network of professional Carers committed to rehabilitating wildlife for release and the education of people about the value of native fauna and its habitat

Our **Strategic Goals** include: -

- Provision of training, mutual assistance, support and information about the care, rehabilitation and release of wildlife,
- Encourage education of the community about the conservation of native fauna and its habitats,
- Assume responsibility for the early assessment of sick, injured or orphaned native wildlife,
- Provide appropriate care for native wildlife suitable for rehabilitation and
- Adequately prepare these animals for survival in the wild once they are released.

FNQ Wildlife Rescue currently has 160 members in an area encompassing Mission Beach to Weipa. We have many dedicated carers who give their time to assist sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. The organization handles around 4000 calls for assistance a year covering all species

Recently, the organization has taken on renewed energy and is looking to expand its membership in Tropical North Queensland. We are seeking anyone who may be interested in supporting the organization as a wildlife carer, centre volunteer or simply as a financial member.

Part of the organization's refocus included the launch of a new website at www.fnqwildliferescue.org.au. This website has been designed to assist both the public and carers alike with wildlife casualties. Anyone interested in joining FNQ Wildlife Rescue or seeking more information should visit the website or contact us on 07 4053 4467.



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WILDLIFE CARING

Have you ever considered being a wildlife carer? We can tell you that it is a very fulfilling experience, but there is a lot of hard work as well!

Before becoming a wildlife carer, you must hold the necessary permit from the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service. Carers who are members of FNQ Wildlife Rescue are covered by a blanket permit that allows for the keeping of wildlife for rehabilitation purposes.

It must be understood that wildlife cannot be kept as pets (some species excepted with the correct permits). As a carer, it is your responsibility to rehabilitate an animal until it is at the appropriate stage for release back into the wild. It is true to say that many carers do become attached to their charges, but you must always remember your purpose and think about what is good for the animal.

FNQ Wildlife Rescue conduct frequent courses and information sessions for new carers. Here you will learn about the different species and how to care for them effectively. They also have a strong support network with many experienced carers who are willing and able to offer advice and assistance for new starters.

There are also some very good reference books available that will help you learn about the various species and their requirements.

Another factor to consider is that there are no Government subsidies for wildlife care! All costs are borne by the carers themselves. Many veterinarians kindly donate their time to assist with sick animals, however, you may be required to pay for any medication needed.

Smaller, younger wildlife orphans require special care and attention. This may include feeding and toileting every 2-4 hours, constant temperatures (i.e. heat pads) and quiet surroundings (i.e. not around noisy children or other domestic animals). All of these factors need to be seriously considered before you commit yourself.

Be prepared for failures. Despite doing everything right, there will be those animals that won't make it. It can be disheartening, but you need to put these experiences behind you. The successes make it all worthwhile!

How you can care

If caring for wildlife sounds appealing to you, you can attend "hands on" FNQ Wildlife Rescue workshops and work with a carer "buddy" who will provide encouragement and advice throughout your training.

If you do not want to look after wildlife, we are always in need of assistance in the form of donations, membership fees, administrative support and Centre volunteers.



Baby Swamp Hen

If you find injured, ill or orphaned wildlife:

Please place it in a box and keep it warm and quiet until you have contacted the Centre or a carer. Do not feed.

Do not handle bats.

Keep safe from pets and children until rescued.

Ring our 24 hour phone: **(07) 4053-4467**

When to Care: RIGHT NOW!

Please contact:

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Visit our Wildlife Centre at
4/114 Hoare St., Cairns

or our

web site:

www.fnqwildliferescue.org.au



Sugar Glider

Help us Care



Red-winged parrot



Mareeba Rock-Wallaby

for
our

Native Wildlife



Striped Possum



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Who Cares?

The Far North Queensland Wildlife Rescue Association is an independent, non-profit, incorporated volunteer organisation operating under permit from the Queensland Environmental Protection Agency. FNQ Wildlife Rescue was founded in 1993 and today boasts over 300 members in Far North Queensland. Although Australian wildlife is technically owned by the Crown, the care of the injured, ill and orphaned is left in the hands of volunteers who tirelessly and selflessly invest their time, energy, love and money into ensuring a healthy future for our nation's native animals.



Common Brushtail Possum



Leaf-tailed Gecko

Why Care?

What makes Far North Queensland unique to this planet? Our native wildlife.

Leading Australian scientists estimate that at least 100 million native animals, birds and reptiles die each year as a result of broad-scale clearing of native vegetation in Queensland. Traffic accidents, feral animals and domestic pets are responsible for the demise of millions more. Countless orphaned, injured and homeless victims are left to fend for themselves or, if they are lucky, they end up in the hands of wildlife carers.



Green-eyed Frog



Green Possum



Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher

How we care

- We provide our volunteers with assistance, training and support about the care, rehabilitation and release of native wildlife
- We encourage community education regarding the conservation of our native fauna and their habitats
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- We do our best to prepare wildlife in our care for survival in the wild when they are released



Peregrine Falcon



Bush Stone-Culews



Baby Fruit Bats



FNQ Wildlife Rescue



FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND WILDLIFE RESCUE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

New Member Application (Office Use Only: Receipt # _____ ID # _____)

Membership Application Type: Individual Corporate Affiliate

***Individual membership** - \$40 per annum. Membership includes 1 year subscription to Possum Tales newsletter and regular member updates. Members who become active carers are covered by the FNQ Wildlife Rescue - Rescue & Rehabilitation permit.

***Corporate Membership** - \$300 per annum. Membership includes 1 year subscription to Possum Tales newsletter, regular member updates and a link to the affiliate member's web site from the FNQ Wildlife Rescue site. Corporate memberships also include reserved positions for two attendees at each FNQ Wildlife Rescue workshop held, certificate of corporate sponsorship and stickers for premises or vehicles identifying the company as a corporate sponsor of FNQ Wildlife Rescue. This class of membership is only available to organisations and not individuals. Corporate organisations **are not** covered by the FNQ Wildlife Rescue - Rescue & Rehabilitation permit.

***Affiliate Membership** - \$50 per annum. Membership includes 1 year subscription to Possum Tales newsletter, regular member updates and a link to the affiliate member's web site from the FNQ Wildlife Rescue site. This class of membership is only available to organisations and not individuals. Affiliate organisations **are not** covered by the FNQ Wildlife Rescue - Rescue & Rehabilitation permit.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Suburb/Town: _____ Postcode: _____

Postal Address: _____
(if different from Street Address)

Suburb/Town: _____ Postcode: _____

Company Name: _____
(Affiliate or Corporate membership only)

Phone (Home): _____ Phone (Work): _____ Phone (Mobile): _____

Carer/Rescuers - Only include numbers that can be used by our volunteers to contact you for rescues or pick-ups.

Can your phone contact details be given out to members of the public for rescue/pick-up purposes? A blank box will assume "Yes". Yes No

Email: _____

Newsletters, meeting notices and workshop details are distributed by email. If you would prefer all correspondence to be posted to you, please indicate in the box provided. Please post correspondence

Membership Status: Active Carer and/or Active Rescuer Financial only

If you have selected Active Carer, Rescuer or both you will be contacted shortly after your membership has been processed by a Membership Officer to discuss your availability, facilities, experience & training requirements etc.

Privacy Policy

FNQ Wildlife Rescue respects our members' privacy. Access to personal information is controlled to protect the privacy rights of our volunteers. A volunteer's personal details may be released to Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) if required, but not to any other outside organisation without the prior written approval of the volunteer.

Members of the Far North Queensland Wildlife Rescue Association will accept the following:

1. I agree to support the aims of the Association and to abide by its rules and regulations and those of the Queensland Nature Conservation Act 1992, Section 24, which governs the activities of the Association regarding care, treatment, management and rehabilitation of native fauna registered with the Association.
2. I agree that all activities I undertake as a member of the Association are completely voluntary and are at my own expense and risk.
3. I understand that I will be required to provide monthly information regarding the care, condition, rehabilitation and release of the native fauna for which I have accepted responsibility.
4. I agree that any native fauna taken into my care is registered with the Association and that I shall not pass native fauna into the care of another person who is not in possession of the appropriate authority or training.
5. Only persons named on this application form will be covered by the association's permits and insurance.(affiliate and corporate membership excepted - these membership types are not covered by the Association's permits or insurance)
6. As an Active Rescuer and/or Carer I acknowledge that I am required to attend annual workshops or provide proof of training to maintain Permit Endorsement.
7. I also agree to abide by the Associations Code of Conduct, Constitution and other by-laws that are enacted from time to time. I agree to all the terms & conditions outlined above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ I enclose payment for \$ _____

(Please make cheques payable to FNQ Wildlife Rescue Association Inc. and post this form with your payment to PO Box 7546, Cairns QLD 4870)

Other Payment options available include:-* EFT - Please transfer your membership payment to BSB 704-966 Account No: 100009699 - Make sure that you include your Surname in the transaction.* PayPal - Visit our website at www.fnqwildliferescue.org.au and click the New Membership (Join) button.