



# Far North Queensland Wildlife Rescue Inc.

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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 180 members from a wide variety of places. We cover an area that stretches from Townsville in the south, to Bamaga at the tip and to the NT border. 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](http://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:

FNQ Wildlife Rescue Association  
P.O. Box 7546, Cairns, QLD 4870

24 hour phone:  
(07) 4053-4467

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

or our

web site:

[www.fnqwildliferescue.org.au](http://www.fnqwildliferescue.org.au)



Sugar Glider

## Help us Care



Red-winged parrot



Mareeba Rock-Wallaby

for  
our

## Native Wildlife



Striped Possum



FNQ  
Wildlife  
Rescue

## 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
- We assume responsibility for the early assessment of sick, injured or orphaned native wildlife
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Peregrine Falcon



Bush Stone-Culews



Baby Fruit Bats



FNQ Wildlife Rescue



# FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND WILDLIFE RESCUE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Member Application (office use only: Receipt No: .....\$ .....Date: ..... Member ID .....)

## Subject to approval by Management Committee

**Individual membership - \$40 per annum.** Membership includes 1 year subscription/access to Possum Tales newsletter and regular member updates. Members who become active rescuers and carers are covered by the FNQ Wildlife Rescue – Rescue & Rehabilitation Permit after they have completed necessary training workshops and received a Rehabilitation Permit Endorsement confirmation.

**Family Membership \$40 per annum plus \$5 per extra member (restricted to spouse and children under 16)** Membership includes 1 year subscription/access to Possum Tales newsletter and regular member updates. Members who become active rescuers and carers are covered by the FNQ Wildlife Rescue – Rescue & Rehabilitation Permit. **Members under 13 years old are not permitted to handle animals**

**Student Members (full-time students aged 12 - 25) - \$10 per annum-** Membership includes 1 year subscription/access to Possum Tales newsletter and regular member updates. Members who become active carers may be eligible to be covered by the FNQ Wildlife Rescue – Rescue & Rehabilitation Permit. **Members under 13 years old are not permitted to handle animals**

**All personal volunteers 12 years old and over are covered by Voluntary Workers Personal Accident Insurance. A copy of the policy is available from The Secretary.**

**Corporate Membership - \$300 per annum.** Membership includes 1 year subscription/access 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 Rehabilitation permit or insurance.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from Street Address)

Suburb/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Corporate membership only)

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Work): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Mobile): \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Ref. No \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletters, meeting notices and workshop details are distributed by email. Alternatively, contact the Rescue Centre between 9am & 4pm week days for information.

Age Group: <20 { }; 20-30 { }; 30-40 { }; 40-60 { }; 60+ { }

**NB: Before becoming an active Carer/Rescuer you are required to complete species specific workshops or information sessions and an Application for Permit Endorsement for committee approval prior to listing on the Rescuer/Carer Contact List.**

I wish to be involved with FNQ Wildlife Rescue in the following categories upon completion of workshops and training required:-

Active Carer/Rescuer  Active Carer only

Active Rescuer only  Financial only

**I will also help FNQ Wildlife Rescue with:**

- |                         |                          |                  |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| After Hours phone calls | <input type="checkbox"/> | Centre Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Committee Member        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fundraising      | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(Please list your training and accreditation/experience and references separately.)

**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 174A, 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 maintain and submit 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. (corporate membership excepted - these membership types are not covered by the Association's permits or insurance)
6. 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.
7. 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 which is only valid for a maximum period of 12 months.
8. **Any breach of Code of Conduct or Constitution and other by-laws will automatically result in termination of membership.**
9. Are you a member of any other group or individual organisation for which you have, or will receive, permit endorsement, volunteer and/or workplace health and safety insurance: Yes..... No..... (if yes, please provide full details):-  
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**\*\*Signature\*\*:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose \$ ....., for membership to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

**This form MUST be returned to FNQ Wildlife Rescue Association Inc. P.O. Box 7546 CAIRNS QLD 4870 with cheque or money order payable to FNQ Wildlife Rescue Association Inc. Alternatively deliver to the Rescue Centre at 4/114 Hoare Street Manunda along with your payment.**

Alternative payment option is by electronic funds transfer (EFT) to:-  
Bendigo Bank - BSB 633-000 Account No: 146291273 - Please ensure you include your **Name** in the transaction. If paying by EFT/Direct Debit - **include payment details here:-** .....

**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 Qld Parks & Wildlife Service (if required) but not to any other outside organisation without the prior written approval of the volunteer.

**REFERENCES: (If applicable, please provide references relating to prior wildlife rehabilitation or volunteering experience):-**

**Name & Contact Details:** .....  
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**PROPOSER: Name of Member:** .....

**SECONDER: Name of Member:** .....  
**(Office use only)**

**APPROVED / DECLINED BY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**