



WOMBAT CROSSING VINEYARD ANNOUNCES NEW FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN TO HELP ITS WOMBAT MATES

Local wildlife carers Roz and Kev Holme have been running Cedar Creek Wombat Rescue in Cedar Creek, NSW, for nearly two decades. In September, Trish and Ian Napier from Wombat Crossing Vineyard visited them to see how they could help.

Roz and Kev rescue injured wombats, kangaroos and other native wildlife caught up in road accidents, or suffering from the mange, and nurse them back to full health when possible. They have purchased a 200 acre property deep in the real bush near Cedar Creek, which they have dedicated as a wildlife refuge.

They do this on their own, without government financial support. Kev told Ian that if they need more formula, or antibiotics, he simply does more overtime to pay for it. Ian Napier told us that it's amazing to see just how much two people could do for injured native animals when we visited. Their bush house is surrounded by very tame kangaroos and an inquisitive emu that they have previously cared for and now allow to roam on their sanctuary.

This is no slick city vet hospital, but rather something Roz and Kev have carved out for themselves and the animals. They have a number of wombat enclosures where the young wombats are looked after by hand feeding and with medical attention from Robin Crisman, a generous local vet who helps Roz (a trained wildlife nurse) with their injuries.

Around the central enclosures is native bush, where the wombats are soft-released to find new homes once they have recovered from their injuries and can survive independ-

ently of their carers.



They need two items of equipment that Wombat Crossing Vineyard and its friends and customers have targeted to help with.

Ros said that they really need a portable

ultrasound machine and a microscope to help them diagnose and treat injured animals.

Wombat Crossing Vineyard announced at its annual members' lunch in October that it has immediately funded the purchase of a microscope, and has launched a fundraising campaign to raise \$7,000 for the second item on their list, an ultrasound machine. A proportion of every bottle of wine sold from the vineyard will be contributed to the fund.

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