



Blue Mountains World Kangaroo Day

**Local Community Groups
protect and care
for Local Kangaroos**

Greg Keightley

COMMUNITY SUCCESSES:

What have people done in NSW
To SAVE/PROTECT KANGAROOS

Community and Individual Successes

- Upper Blue Mountains
- Possumwood
- Penrith/Werrington
- Cattai
- Kangaroos at Risk
- Kangaroo Sanctuaries

How you & your community can help

Proposal from Hartley & Lithgow

Upper Blue Mountains

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Blackheath, NSW 2785



KANGAROO
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Blackheath KCCGBH

Family of Eastern Grey Kangaroos live in and around Blackheath Rhodo Gardens...

- Eat grass on verges of all streets around RG -
 - Two or three have died – struck by vehicles/poisoned?.
- Two strand barbed wire fence mostly fallen down around RG perimeter

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Blackheath KCCGBH – SLOW DOWN

What KCCAGBH did ...

- Put out slow down signs outside five to six houses in Street.
- Include two night visible 900mm by 600mm signs in A frame.
- Had monthly meetings to initiate other projects & members
- Wentworth St and Mountbatten St are putting up similar signs.

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Blackheath KCCGBH - RHODO GARDEN

What KCCAGBH did ...

- Investigate where kangaroos were getting in/out of RG.
- Approached RG committee to find options to barbed/single strand wire.
- Became members of RG to represent kangaroo interests.
- Had 'run through' of fence line with RGC to recommend what to do.





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Mt Victoria, NSW 2786



Mt Victoria

Kanimbla Valley Side...

- Adjacent properties have no fences, kangaroos have easy access to grasses

Grose Valley Side...

- SLOW DOWN signs put up by local residents

Possumwood Wildlife

<https://www.possumwood.com.au/>

Lake George Escarpment, NSW 2581

Possumwood has a fully equipped surgery, pharmacy, x-ray room, consult room and prep room, together with three recovery wards and accommodation for volunteers. It has all the relevant equipment; x-ray, ultrasound and anesthetic machines.

Since December 2020 the veterinary hospital, with Dr Audrey Shen as the veterinary superintendent, has helped hundreds of animals including various species of macropods, wombats, possums, lizards, birds, dingoes, turtles and native water rats.



New rescued animals brought into care each week either from wire fence entanglement, motor vehicle strike, dog attack, attack by other native animals, shooting and illness.

The work done at the recovery centre and fully equipped licensed veterinary hospital is made possible by private donations. The facility relies on voluntary staff, including veterinary nurses and a visiting veterinarian

The directors of Possumwood Wildlife, Prof Steve Garlick & Dr Rosemary Austen, are highly qualified in medicine and research. They are NSW/Australian experts in developing optimal treatment protocols for macropods. At the end of this year they will be fighting in the courts for rescuers and carers to follow the treatment knowledge base built up over years without the fear and threst of being charged with animal cruelty.

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Damon's mother was killed by a car, and he refused to leave her side. He was often seen lingering on the road, alone and vulnerable. Still a small joey, Damon was completely dependent on his mum for love, protection, and milk — especially during the bitter winter we've been experiencing. He wouldn't rejoin the mob, and without his mother, he faced the cold, harsh world alone. Thankfully, a local rescuer was able to catch Damon and bring him safely to Possumwood.



When recovered, the animals are returned to the wild in a protected environment for a second chance of a free life. Depending on their stage of development and the nature of their injury animals may stay with us for just a few weeks or more than a year.

CANBERRA CARNAGE – a travesty and national disgrace

“It is difficult here when we know that just over the ACT border 4000 kangaroos on what they call nature parks but are just weed parks full of St Johns Wort they have been herding kangaroos against fences with quadbikes and slaughtering them with rapid gunfire then ripping joeys out of pouches and holding them down and slashing their throats. The **Australian Culling Territory** is a disgrace and not something to be proud of.”

Penrith Werrington Kangaroos

https://nsw.animaljusticeparty.org/save_penrith_s_kangaroos

Penrith, NSW 3450

Save Skippy: Fears development is killing beloved local kangaroos

By Cassidy Pearce - August 9, 2023, 11:15



Zoe Schmidt is advocating for kangaroos. Photo: Megan Dunn.

University of Western Sydney (UWS) sold most of the Werrington campus to developers, a huge part of the Kangaroo's traditional grazing habitat is now gone.

...the community is heartbroken at constantly seeing their beloved kangaroos hit and laying dead on the side of the road.

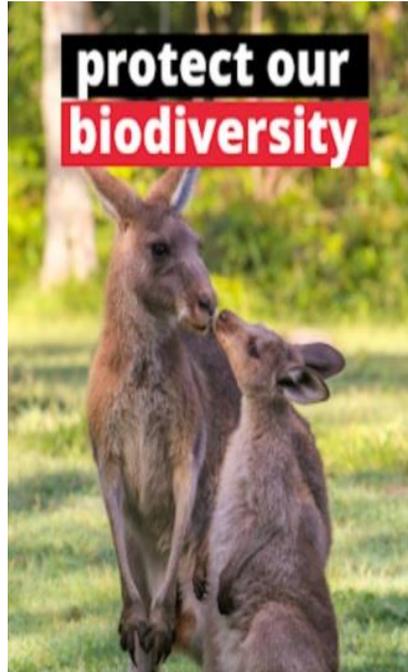
Achievements

- Petition to save these kangaroos
- Relocation plan is being negotiated
- Community informed that Penrith City Council & UWS have failed to consider native wildlife displaced by this development

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Penrith, NSW 3450



Kangaroos have played a vital role in maintaining the ecological balance and biodiversity of our area for countless generations

Hawkesbury Kangaroos

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Richmond, NSW 2753



Achievements

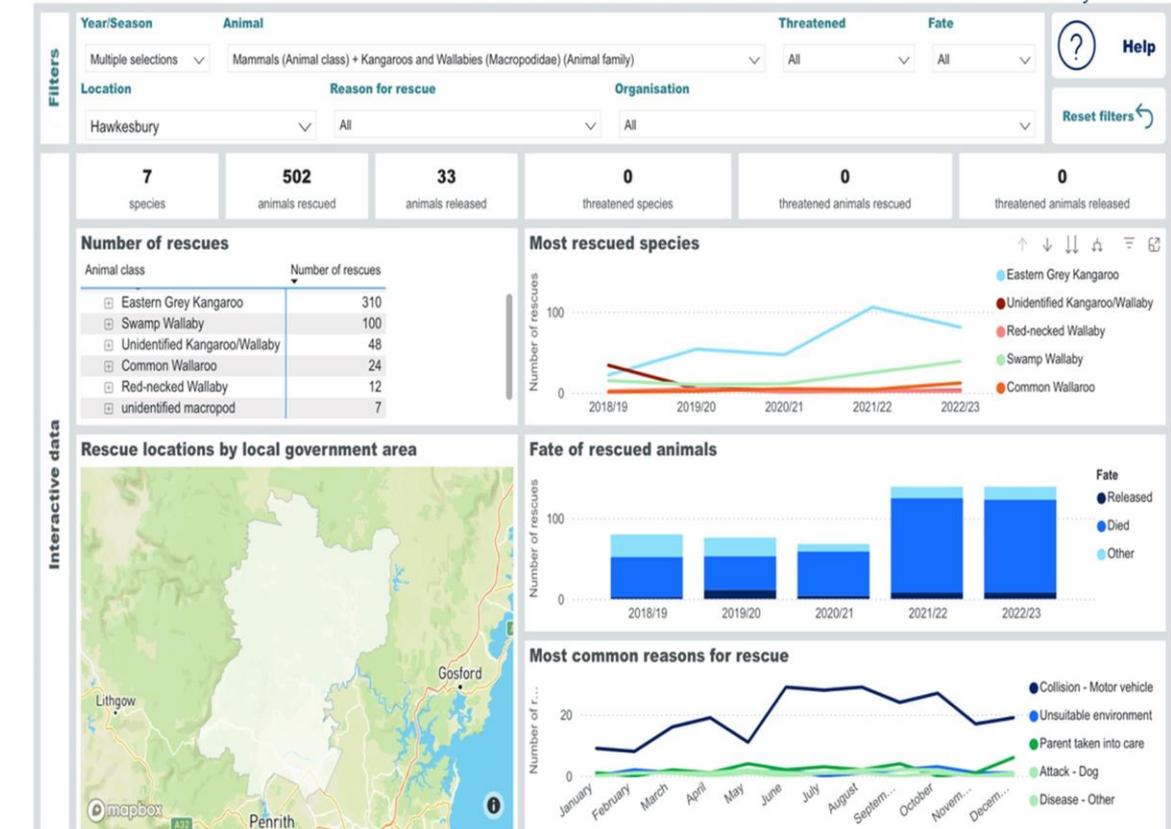
- Engage council and state government
- Got mobile signage at high risk areas
- Involved community in reporting collisions
- Speed limit reduction in progress

Hawkesbury Kangaroos

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Wildlife rehabilitation data dashboard Wildlife rehabilitation data current to 30 June 2023. Hawkesbury area



More Eastern Grey Kangaroos involved in rescue
 Mostly involved in collision with motor vehicle
 The most common fate is death

KANGAROOS AT RISK

<https://www.kangaroosatrisk.org/>

Bathurst NSW 2795

We, the undersigned, urge lawmakers, decision-makers and the public to consider the conservation, animal welfare and human health risks caused by the commercial and non-commercial shooting of kangaroos.

We are concerned that claims of health, sustainability and humaneness used to promote continuation and expansion of shooting kangaroos are industry-biased and can be scientifically disproven.

We believe that scientific evidence demonstrates that the slaughter of kangaroos, the largest commercial killing of land-based wildlife on the planet, is putting at high risk kangaroo populations and people's health, and causes profound suffering to kangaroos and their young.

Specific areas of concern include **Sustainability, Cruelty and Contamination**

KANGAROOS AT RISK

Kangaroos are slow-growing species with low reproductive rates and high juvenile mortality.

Raymond Mjadwesch BAppSci (Env)
Consulting Ecologist/Conservation
Biologist
Bathurst, Australia

Achievements

- Does true scientific research that contradicts KK industry
- Provides expert evidence to support Kangaroo protection
- Successfully relocated family groups of Kangaroos
- Developed a working process for kangaroo relocation

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Bathurst NSW

Kangaroos at Risk is an independent research project about the history, science and management of kangaroos. We are scientists, researchers and academics committed to providing unbiased analysis and critique of the evidence shaping the kangaroo space.

Our work is unaligned to any political, commercial or institutional interests.

Kangaroos at Risk (2015)

www.kangaroosatrisk.org

Quote 2021 Upperhouse inquiry to health & welfare of kangaroos & Macropods. Ray Mjadwesch. Senior Ecologist "Nothing has ever been done to conserve the large macropods in Australia. Every cent seems to have been spent on bounties, bullets and barbed wire. Research seems to be almost entirely negative, being focused on describing (asserted) impacts on other species, the environment and themselves, rather than on their status or their value as key-stone species in the ecosystem."

Kangaroo Sanctuaries – Rescuers & Carers



Monty's Rest
John & Sandra Lyle
Oberon

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064517031471>



West Blue Mountains
Greg & Diane
Living with Kangaroos



Possumwood
<https://www.possumwood.com.au/>



Warrumbungle Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation
Tanya

https://www.facebook.com/warrumbungliewildlife/?locale=en_GB



Kanimbla Wombats
Kanimbla Valley

Kangaroo Sanctuaries – Rescuers & Carers



TT NSW
Emily & Miriam



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John Palmer



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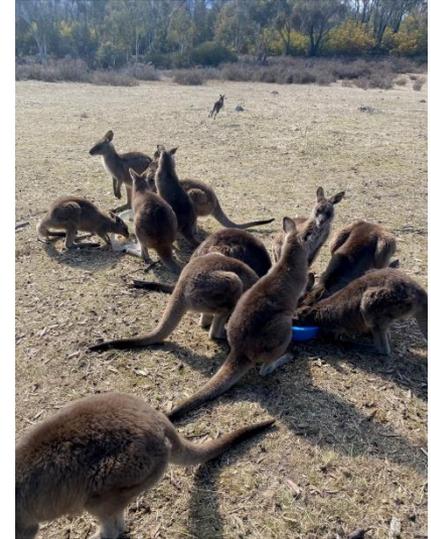
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How you & your community can help

What can you do as a group?



What can you do as an individual?

You & your community - Group



What you can do as a group of individuals...

- form a community group
- put up signs to slow vehicles down between dusk & dawn
- liaise with organisations/individuals with barbed wire or single strand fences
- liaise with council to put official slow down between dusk and dawn signs
- liaise with council to advise residents of the danger to wildlife when using poisons
- put up signs to encourage people to keep dogs on leads and fenced in
- spread the word about our unique and magnificent nocturnal native wildlife
- create beds of native grasses for the kangaroos and wallabies

You & your community - Group



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Has Plans to...

- Get dogs on leads or behind fence for WHA
- Monitor populations & individuals – find out where they go
- Get more native grasses on verge for kangaroos to eat
- Implement 40kph from dusk to dawn on GWH & local street
- Insist on wildlife corridors across ridge valley to valley

You & your community - Individual



What you can do as an individual...

- slow down where there is wildlife
- try not to drive between dusk & dawn
- carry basic rescue/first aid kit including torch and pouch
- do an online course on basic first aid & how to get joey out of pouch
- spread the word about keeping our nocturnal native wildlife safe
- try to find like minded people or join a community group
- email/talk to council, state & federal government to protect wildlife

Hartley & Lithgow - Lithgow, 2790

Be Roo-Smart

Easy Ways to Live Safely Alongside Kangaroos & Wallabies in 2790

Kangaroos & wallabies are part of what makes living here so special. But every day they face risks from fences, cars, & dogs. Many of these injuries are preventable - & simple changes at home or on the road can make a big difference.

When we act, we're not only protecting wildlife, we're also easing the load on our local wildlife rescuers & carers - all volunteers who are already stretched to the max.



Roo-Smart Actions

Living kindly alongside kangaroos doesn't mean big costs or major changes. It's about small, thoughtful choices that keep wildlife safe & pets secure.



Fences – simple tweaks can turn hazards into safe passages.



Dogs – easy steps keep pets & wildlife out of harm's way.



Driving – mindful habits save lives on our roads.



Find full guides & real examples at www.2790wildlife.com.au or use the QR code below.

Your Property, Roo-Friendly

Want tailored advice? Over the World Kangaroo Day weekend (October 24 - 26, 2025), experienced wildlife rescuers & carers are offering **free property advice** to show how you can make your place safer for kangaroos & wallabies. Spots are limited - details online via the QR code or visit www.2790wildlife.com.au



Small actions. Big impact. For wildlife, for our community.



By Anne Marks

How you can help



Report collisions

Stop sale of kangaroo 'meat'

Support Yuin Declaration

Know the high risk areas and times

Reduce speed

Understand kangaroo behaviour

Request a speed limit reduction in high-risk areas



Safer Roads NSW

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Have your say about speed limits

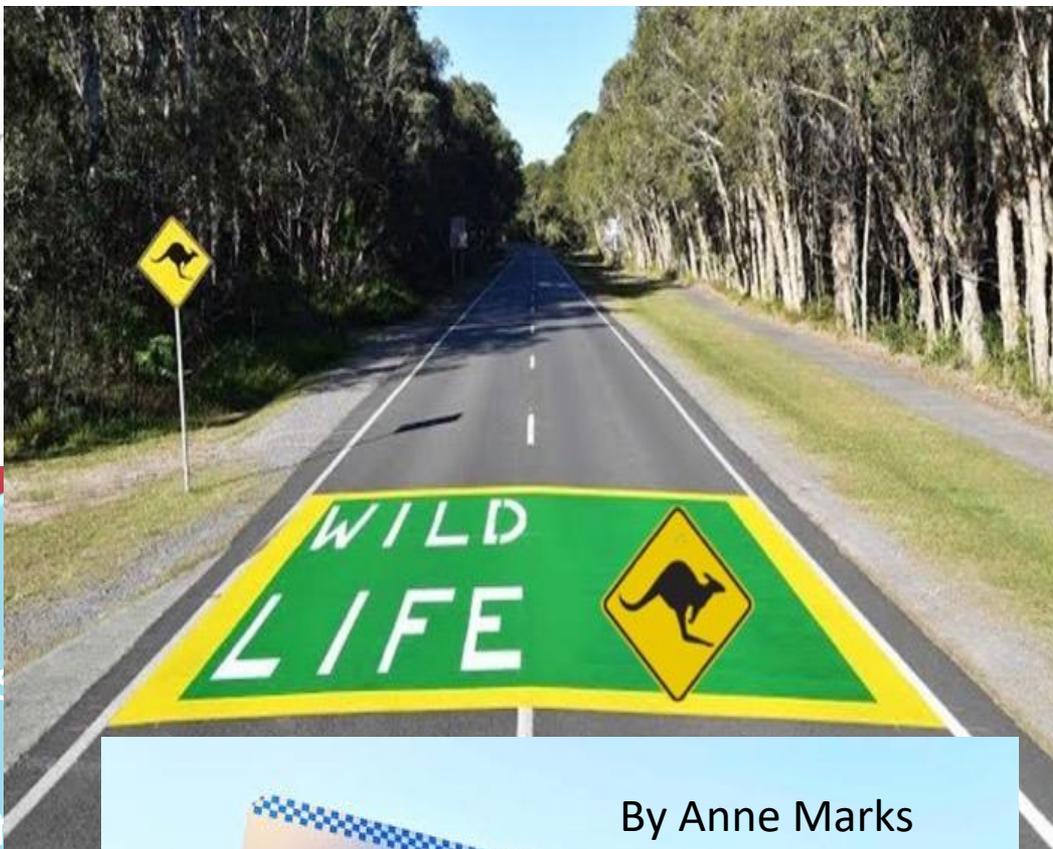
By Anne Marks

You can use this page to comment on speed limits and speed limit signs in NSW. Follow the three easy steps below to have your say. You will need to complete all three steps for your comment to be submitted. Road safety experts will review your comments.

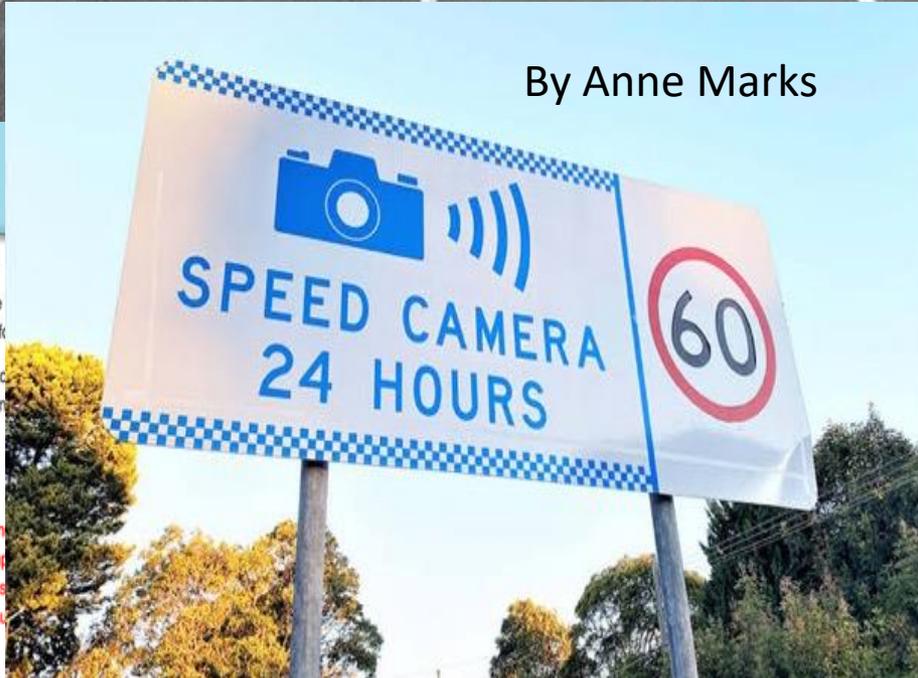
Collective comments received through this website, together with crash data and other road safety engineering information will be used to prioritise the roads which require a speed zone review. The Centre for Road Safety will not respond to every inquiry but will use the information as part of the speed zone review prioritisation process.

More information about speed limits and how they are set is available on the [Centre for Road Safety](#) website.





By Anne Marks



Member

Karen is a proud Penrith local.

With her husband Brendan, she has been married for three decades and raised their four children.

Having served on Penrith Council for two terms as Mayor, Karen will be stepping down from that role. It is important to our community.

Connect with Karen:

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Markings

Robyn Hawkesbury

Raised in Western Sydney by her mother after her father had died, Robyn learned early about the value of a strong work ethic and families pulling together. As a mother of two, she has worked hard to help inspire them to look beyond themselves and focus on contributing to the community.

Robyn's extensive business career spans private, public and not-for-profit sectors, in various senior management, sales and marketing roles, as well as running her own small business. She was also Australia's first female rugby league commercial television commentator.

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Contact the Minister for Environment

By Anne Marks

Our Minister: The Honourable Penny Sharpe MLC

The Honourable Penny Sharpe MLC was appointed the Minister for Energy and Climate Change, Minister for Environment and Heritage and Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council on 28 March 2023.

Penny was first elected to the NSW Legislative Council in October 2005. She has a passion for the environment and is committed to policy reform and action.

Protection and care of our environment, and respect for and celebration of our heritage is core business for state governments. It is a responsibility that comes with great opportunities, some serious challenges, but the knowledge that when we get it right, we are passing on a better future for those that come after us.



Her policy interests include equality, the environment, transport, better cities, innovation, LGBTQI law reform, women, and using technology to improve democracy.

Trish Doyle

Member for Blue Mountains



Trish Doyle is your local Member for the Blue Mountains.

Prior to entering Parliament, Trish was a local teacher and raised her two sons as a sole parent. She is a passionate campaigner for social justice, equality and the environment. She is a proud feminist and trade unionist: of and for the people.

As the NSW Co-Convenor of Emily's List – Trish works alongside other Labor women to encourage and support more women into Parliament and positions of

Leadership.

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