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Media Release:

Helping feed local rescued wildlife

Rescued wildlife in the Upper Hunter Valley continue to be nourished as part of Wildlife Aid's rescue program, thanks to a \$2,000 donation from Yancoal Australia's Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW) operation.

Wildlife Aid is a not for profit network of dedicated unpaid volunteers (aged 18 to 80) that donate their time and resources to rescue, rehabilitate where possible, then release healthy wildlife back to the wild.

"We are proud to support Wildlife Aid and their dedication to helping and healing the wildlife in our region, said MTW General Manager Jason McCallum.

"Wildlife Aid and its volunteers conduct an important service that not only benefits the wildlife and environment, it also creates a stronger and better community."

Wildlife Aid receives thousands of calls per year from the public, local businesses, mines, police and vets. Its trained and experienced team of volunteer phone operators, rescuers and carers respond to provide sick, injured or orphaned animals with the highest level of care, including veterinary examination and treatment if required. This gives the animal its best chance for recovery possible, and a high likelihood of survival when returned to the wild.

Wildlife Aid Treasurer Di Paice said, "The funding will go towards buying specialised food for injured wildlife when they go into the care of our volunteers.

"We solely rely on volunteers and donations to support the payment for animal food, vet treatments and running costs. We really appreciate that Yancoal shares our passion and commitment to improving the Hunter Valley wildlife and environment," said Di.

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