





Wildlife Victoria acknowledges the Traditional Owners and sovereign custodians of Country and recognise their ongoing connection to the lands, skies, waters and wildlife. We recognise their cultural, spiritual, and ecological stewardship that has protected and nurtured our native wildlife for countless generations.

Since 1989 Wildlife Victoria has safeguarded Australia's remarkable wildlife through rescue, advocacy, and education.

Humanity's very existence depends on a world rich with vibrant biodiversity—including wildlife. The life of every one of our native animals is invaluable to our ecosystems, and to ourselves.

This report shows how Wildlife Victoria responded to increasing pressures on our wildlife in 2025 by safeguarding Australia's native animals, influencing behaviours, and pushing for long-term change by helping to shape policy and action.

Read the stories in our report. Help make an impact.
Look after Country and the animals who are part of it.
The future of Victoria's native wildlife is in our hands.

Chair reflections



As we look back on the past year, it is unmistakably clear that Victoria's wildlife is under growing pressure. Once again, Wildlife Victoria responded to a record number of calls for help. This trend reflects not only the increasing challenges facing our native animals, but also the vital role this organisation plays for communities across the state.

I want to acknowledge the team at Wildlife Victoria. By team, I mean our incredible leaders and staff, within our organisation as well as our extraordinary network of volunteers who work tirelessly for the sole purpose of rescuing our wildlife in this state. It is these people who make Wildlife Victoria what it is today. Your commitment, compassion and professionalism are the reason this organisation continues to meet rising need with strength and integrity.

The Board's role is to provide clear governance, stewardship and long-term direction. We are fortunate to have a skills-based Board with the breadth and depth of expertise required to guide an organisation operating in an increasingly complex environment. I want to thank my fellow Directors for their diligence, insight and unwavering commitment throughout the year.

I also acknowledge the ongoing support of our donors and our partners in the wildlife, government, local community and emergency service sectors. Without our donors we wouldn't have the financial resources to answer as many calls as we do.

Over the past twelve months, the Board has focused on strengthening the organisation's strategic foundations. This included deepening our approach to risk, governance and organisational resilience, and ensuring Wildlife Victoria is equipped to thrive in a rapidly changing landscape.

A significant milestone this year was the endorsement of the next iteration of Wildlife Victoria's organisational strategy through to 2030. This strategy reaffirms our enduring purpose in wildlife response while placing strong emphasis on long-term sustainability—ensuring we not only meet today's challenges but are prepared for the ones ahead. It sets a clear path for how we will continue to grow our impact, support our volunteers, elevate animal welfare outcomes, and build a resilient, future-focused organisation.

We also strengthened relationships across the sector, including deeper engagement with interstate wildlife organisations. These collaborations reflect Wildlife Victoria's growing leadership role, and the value placed on our experience and expertise nationally.

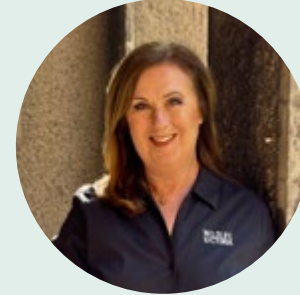
None of these achievements would be possible without the extraordinary collective effort of our people—on the frontline, behind the scenes, in our communities, and around the Board table. The pressures on wildlife continue to increase, but so does Wildlife Victoria's capability, credibility and influence.

I am incredibly grateful to have Lisa Palma as our CEO of Wildlife Victoria. Under her leadership over the past five years Wildlife Victoria has become the organisation it is today. It has not been without challenges so I thank her for her perseverance, resilience and calm resolve to get the right outcome for our voiceless animals.

To everyone who contributes to the success of Wildlife Victoria's vital work—thank you. It is a privilege to witness firsthand the impact this organisation makes every single day for wildlife and for our state.

Adrienne Duarte
Chair

CEO reflections



2025 was a challenging year for wildlife, with welfare issues taking centre stage in Victoria. We've seen koalas, kangaroos, flying fox colonies and all native animals being affected by the negative impacts of our changing climate and urban expansion. Our usually 'quieter' winter season didn't eventuate, and was then followed by an even busier spring, including our busiest day on record—1034 calls to Wildlife Victoria in the space of one day.

With demand for our services more than doubling over the past five years, we have maintained our investment in continuous improvement, infrastructure and technology. We've also invested in our people, including our hardworking frontline wildlife veterinary staff and emergency response operators.

The Travelling Veterinary service in particular has been a gamechanger for wildlife and volunteer wildlife carers, who receive free expert veterinary treatment for the wildlife in their care. We also recognise the challenges resulting from the global veterinary shortage; these challenges are acute in Australia. Our wildlife vets perform hundreds of teleconsults each year to provide wildlife-specific advice for general practice vets and I am incredibly proud of the capabilities of our skilled veterinary team.

We also recognise the important work done by our dedicated volunteers, who are on the frontline attending to injured wildlife. Our volunteer engagement is trending upwards each month, and they are supported by a skilled and capable people services team, ongoing training, insurance and 24/7 mental health and wellbeing support.

In 2025, Wildlife Victoria has also continued deepening our engagement with local, state and federal government, and launched a national consortium to address the systemic issues with wildlife rescue, treatment and rehabilitation through a proposed national framework.

Over 80% of Wildlife Victoria's staff are in operational roles and are highly motivated to continue making a positive difference, including as wildlife volunteers outside of their work commitments. We attract highly capable and compassionate people who are influencing public policy, being the voice of the voiceless, and are resolute in our shared mission to protect Australia's native wildlife.

The work done by our people inspires me every day. We are all incredibly buoyed by the messages of support that we receive from the public, and so grateful for the support from our donors—thank you—your friendship and belief in our work helps to power us on.

Lisa Palma
CEO

Key issues for *Victoria's wildlife in 2025*

Preparing Australia for H5N1 bird flu

Australia, New Zealand, and surrounding islands are the only areas that remain free from H5N1 high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI)—commonly known as bird flu. This will change.

H5N1 bird flu is highly contagious and spreading rapidly. While human infections are rare, the flu has endangered poultry and livestock across the world, including in the US, UK, Asia and the Pacific. Simultaneously, the disease has triggered mass mortalities of wild birds and mammals. With bird flu

recently found in seals on Heard Island, just 4000km south-west of Perth, it's only a matter of time until the disease lands in Australia.

Throughout 2025, Wildlife Victoria coordinated with the state government, and other organisations including Zoos Victoria and BirdLife Australia, to prepare for the arrival of H5N1 bird flu. We've shared information with our volunteers to assist them in recognising and reporting the disease, giving us the best chance of detecting bird flu the moment it arrives.

Kangaroos grappling with deadly Phalaris poisoning

Muscle tremors, uncoordinated staggering and difficulty hopping are all confronting symptoms of deadly Phalaris grass poisoning in kangaroos. Reports to Wildlife Victoria of this poisoning were five times higher than usual in June and July of 2025.

Phalaris aquatica is an introduced grass species commonly used for livestock grazing due to its hardy nature and resistance to drought. It is also an invasive weed. During the drought impacting much of Victoria over the past two years, the grass became a food

source for kangaroos struggling to find something to eat in the dry conditions. This poisonous grass causes a distressing condition called 'Phalaris staggers', and irreversible neurological damage.

Once a kangaroo is suffering from Phalaris poisoning, humane euthanasia is the only option. In 2025, we raised the crisis with the Environment Minister's office and continue to collect valuable data on kangaroos harmed by Phalaris poisoning.

Growing number of wildlife-vehicle collisions

Road collisions between vehicles and wildlife continued to endanger both human and animal lives in 2025.

The tragic deaths of two women struck by a car while helping an injured kangaroo on the Hume Highway renewed conversations about the impact of wildlife roadstrikes on human safety.

Unfortunately, dangerous wildlife-vehicle collisions are only becoming more common. In the past decade, the number of collisions Wildlife Victoria has been called out for has increased by 288%. Kangaroos make up over half of the cases. These accidents risk both animal and human lives.

Advocating for safer roads for our wildlife and community has never been more crucial. In a submission to the *Parliamentary Inquiry into wildlife roadstrike in Victoria*, Wildlife Victoria emphasised the importance of considering native animals in urban planning, alongside other wildlife road safety recommendations. We continue to meet with councils in Victoria to advocate for safer roads for our wildlife, and our community.



Ongoing challenges for Victoria's koalas

Although not listed as Endangered in Victoria, this loved and iconic species are encountering multiple threats to their existence.

Habitat loss has forced koala populations into residual pockets of their original environment. Functioning like islands of habitat, these disconnected fragments are a result of urban sprawl, deforestation, and land clearing—Victoria being the most cleared state in the country. Within these habitat islands, koalas strip trees of their leaves, eating more than the environment can handle. Starving and emaciated, they risk being hit by vehicles when crossing roads in search of food.

With their native environments disappearing, many koalas have moved into blue gum plantations, but when it comes time to harvest the plantations thousands of koalas become injured, homeless, or deceased.

The extended drought conditions throughout 2025 placed further pressure on Victoria's koalas. On French Island, famous for its wildlife, the koala population has reached a tipping point with starvation due to the lack of food a major issue.

In March 2025 Budj Bim National Park experienced a week-long bushfire, devastating koala habitat and food sources. The Victorian government determined that the challenging terrain meant it was impossible to attend to koalas on foot, and made the decision to progress with euthanasia by shooting suffering koalas from a helicopter.

Wildlife Victoria received 1,238 calls about injured, sick or orphaned koalas in 2025, and we continue advocate for a better future for this universally loved and iconic Australian native species.

Wildlife Victoria’s participation in the *review of the Wildlife Act*

In October 2025, the Victorian government released its response to the 2021 review of the *Wildlife Act 1975*. The Wildlife Act is the primary legislation in place for the protection, conservation and sustainable management of wildlife in Victoria. The review was commissioned to examine options to modernise Victoria’s wildlife protection framework to meet current needs, community values and expectations, and to address challenges and threats to Victoria’s wildlife and their habitat.

Wildlife Victoria made a submission to the review in 2021. The most significant reform recommended by both Wildlife Victoria and the independent expert advisory panel was for a new Act that would better protect and conserve wildlife, rather than revising the current Act. The state government’s response to the review failed to adopt this recommendation.

Wildlife Victoria welcomed the government’s commitments to stronger penalties for wildlife crime, and a more risk-based approach to species management. However, the government’s response lacks the detail needed to show whether these commitments will be meaningful.

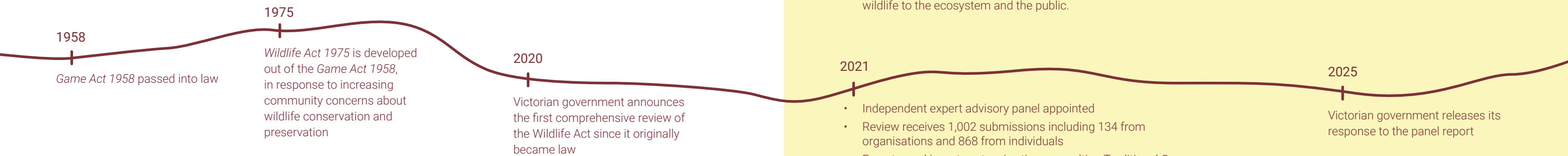
Wildlife Victoria’s submission called for stronger protections and ethical management of wildlife, as well as better support for those who rescue and care for them. We have since advocated for a detailed implementation with clear timelines and specificity around how the government intends to deliver on the commitments outlined in its response.

Why we continue to advocate for native wildlife

This was the first comprehensive review of the Wildlife Act since it was enacted 50 years prior. Escalating environmental pressures and changing community expectations have evolved in the years since it was first legislated.

The government recognised that the Wildlife Act “needs to be reformed so that it is fit for purpose” acknowledging that there are “challenges and threats to Victoria’s precious wildlife and their habitat.”

Despite this, the government’s response failed to introduce the reform needed to protect wildlife at the scale required. This emphasises the need for Wildlife Victoria’s continued advocacy to safeguard the state’s wildlife and support those who care for them.



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“The proposal includes some improvements that should be applauded, including a commitment to increase penalties for wildlife crime, but there is no evidence of the much larger reforms that are desperately needed to halt the decline of our wildlife populations.”

Dr Jack Pascoe, Wildlife Act review expert advisory panel member

The impact of our work

Wildlife Victoria’s submission to the *Wildlife Act 1975* review included 32 recommendations across 11 key themes outlining critical reforms needed to safeguard wildlife across the state.

The key themes of Wildlife Victoria’s submission were:

- A new Wildlife Act
- Recognition of wildlife sentience
- Establishment of an independent statutory regulator
- Reform of the Authority to Control Wildlife (ATCW) system
- Cessation of recreational duck hunting
- Greater penalties for breaches of the Act
- Inclusion of Traditional Owners in decision making and governance
- An ethical foundation to the Act that recognises the importance of wildlife to the ecosystem and the public.

The Victorian government’s response adopted two of the recommendations put forward by Wildlife Victoria—introducing greater penalties for wildlife crime; and in-principle support for the inclusion of Traditional Owners, noting this will be further informed by Treaty.

Committing to a less fragmented *future for Australia's wildlife*

Wildlife Victoria and our partners Wildlife Recovery Australia (NSW), RSPCA (QLD) and Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Group of WA (WRAGWA) are urging the government to commit to a national framework for wildlife rescue, treatment, and rehabilitation.

Every year, tens of thousands of Australia's iconic native animals are reported as sick, injured or orphaned. And yet, rescue services remain scattered and underfunded, with no national framework in place for responding to wildlife emergencies.

Why we need a national framework

Across Australia wildlife rescue is performed for free, by charities such as Wildlife Victoria and other small, localised groups of volunteers doing their best for our native wildlife.

Sick, injured and orphaned wildlife require fast, professional care for burns, trauma, and other serious conditions, yet veterinary services—undertaken by local wildlife hospitals, GP vets, and Wildlife Victoria's Travelling Veterinary Service—are overwhelmed and under-resourced. Once treated, recovery from injury often takes months of care, mostly provided by volunteer wildlife carers who receive little to no support or ongoing training.

These services vary dramatically across jurisdictions and are largely unregulated, with no centralised information system to collect or report data on rescue and rehabilitation. A national framework would set the standards for wildlife care, and allow wildlife rescue to be coordinated rather than fragmented.

A framework that includes national coordination, service standards and data collection would enable evidence-based policy development and help to strengthen implementation of the Environment Information Australia Bill 2025 and broader EPBC Act reforms.

The impact of this work

Wildlife Victoria, with our partners Wildlife Recovery Australia (WRA), RSPCA Queensland and the Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Group of WA (WRAGWA), have formed a consortium to advocate for a National Wildlife Rescue, Treatment and Rehabilitation Framework. This framework seeks to:

- Establish consistent standards, systems, and accountability mechanisms for wildlife rescue, treatment and rehabilitation across states and territories
- Support coordination between federal, state and local governments, charities, and the veterinary sector
- Integrate wildlife data collection into national environmental information systems
- Enable government visibility, planning, and emergency response integration in environmental crises, and
- Create a sustainable, efficient model that recognises wildlife rescue as a core public service.

From car strikes to climate-related habitat loss, Australia's unique wildlife face growing challenges, and their care shouldn't rely solely on goodwill. We're calling for national funding and infrastructure to support long-term recovery and give every native animal the chance to return to the wild.

"The Australian states and territories have traditionally applied a 'light touch' to the care and protection of Australia's wildlife. In some jurisdictions, including those that assert statutory ownership of wildlife, veterinarians are legally obliged to provide their services with no compensation.

Across the country, thousands of volunteers shoulder the emotional and financial burdens of wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, with no support from governments. It is remarkable that these arrangements have persisted for so long. But they are no longer sustainable.

Most wildlife injuries are the consequence of motor vehicle strikes, domestic cats, and dogs. Human population growth, new housing developments, and new and busier roads are contributing to an acceleration in wildlife death and injury. Climate-driven disasters, including bushfires, floods and storms, and exotic diseases are adding to the pressure on frontline wildlife services.

A nationally consistent framework for wildlife rescue, treatment and rehabilitation—backed by sustained, multi-year investment and clear standards—[will] build resilience, to ensure that essential capability is there when Australia needs it most.

Resilience is an economic strategy. Properly funding wildlife care is prudent risk management for agriculture, tourism, community wellbeing and the Budget itself—and it needs to be seen as a critical element of national environmental protection."

– Dr Ken Henry AC, Chair, Australian Climate and Biodiversity Foundation,
Chair, Nature Finance Council, Chair, Wildlife Recovery Australia



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Taking action to reduce *wildlife road collisions*

The Wildlife Roadtoll Action Program (WRAP) is a preventative initiative aimed at reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions and ultimately creating a sustainable coexistence between people and animals.

The program centres on collaboration with local councils across Victoria in their capacity of infrastructure managers, landowners, and local decision makers. Their jurisdiction over most roads and development areas places them at the frontline of wildlife-vehicle collision mitigation. Supported by Wildlife Victoria's specialist knowledge and extensive data on wildlife-vehicle collisions across the state, this program empowers councils in their work to make local roads safer for wildlife and people.

Why we need the Wildlife Roadtoll Action Program

Wildlife-vehicle collisions are the primary reason for calls to Wildlife Victoria's Emergency Response Service.

Over the past decade, collision cases have surged by 288%, with a continuously increasing trend. This dramatic spike highlights not only the vulnerability of native wildlife and unsafe road conditions for drivers, but also the urgent need for targeted intervention.

While the program focusses on reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions, these incidents can have significant repercussions far beyond the immediate collision scene, affecting the emotional, financial and operational landscape of those who care for both people and animals.

The negative impacts on drivers directly involved in collisions, community members who witness these traumatic incidents, wildlife rescue volunteers and veterinarians who attend to the injured animals, and the flow-on impacts on communities and human wellbeing can be significant.

The impact of this work

Through this program Wildlife Victoria provides region-specific collision data that pinpoints high-risk hotspots within council areas. The data also provides local government authorities with information about species type, final fate of animals, and rescue case date and time, which can be overlaid with council's existing mapping systems helping ensure community safety and planning decisions are evidence-based and data informed.

This year, Wildlife Victoria began collaborating with the City of Ballarat to better understand and prevent wildlife-vehicle collisions across the region, sparked by the council's growing concern about wildlife welfare due to the increasing pressures of a rapidly expanding population. With Ballarat forecast to experience significant growth and development in coming years, council recognised the importance of acting early to protect both wildlife and road users.

Utilising five years of Wildlife Victoria's historical wildlife-vehicle collision data council is able to identify collision hotspots, understand seasonal trends, and consider the broader impacts of development on local wildlife populations. By starting with the evidence, the City of Ballarat is positioning itself as a leader in proactive wildlife-vehicle collision mitigation.

This work has also enabled a three-way collaboration between Wildlife Victoria, the City of Ballarat, and Ballarat Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (BWRAC). BWRAC recently received funding through the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action to run a virtual-fencing trial — technology that alerts animals to oncoming vehicles. While BWRAC has the local expertise and capacity to implement the fencing, they lacked the historical data needed to provide meaningful trial analysis. We continue supporting both organisations to interpret the data, advise on wildlife welfare, and help shape decisions with our subject-matter expertise. Federation University has also joined the project, with Honours students set to coordinate the monitoring and research aspects of the virtual-fencing trial.

These collaborations demonstrate what's possible when local expertise, robust data, and community commitment come together with a shared goal: safer roads for people and wildlife.



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Safer roads for *wildlife and people*

In May 2025 Wildlife Victoria made a formal submission to the *Parliamentary Inquiry into wildlife roadstrike in Victoria*, and in August presented evidence at a regional hearing in Geelong. The inquiry was investigating the impacts of wildlife-vehicle collisions and strategies for prevention, held by the Victorian Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee.

Wildlife Victoria’s submission presented comprehensive evidence, examination of current legislation, comparison of international best-practice standards and multi-year time series of wildlife roadstrike data. We also provided invaluable evidence on the impacts of animal-vehicle collisions on wildlife rescue and rehabilitation volunteers, wildlife organisations, veterinarians and motorists.

Our recommendations included the incorporation of wildlife considerations and protections into urban development and road planning, as well as the introduction of a legislated framework for wildlife rescue, veterinary treatment and rehabilitation. We also called for a government response to formally recognise wildlife rescue as a public service.



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Why we made a submission

The scale, frequency, and severity of wildlife roadstrike in Victoria has reached a crisis point. According to Wildlife Victoria’s data, wildlife-vehicle collisions have increased by 288% over the last decade, becoming one of the most pressing threats to native species and a major cause of distress for motorists, wildlife rescuers and communities.

The current approach to wildlife roadstrike under the *Wildlife Act 1975* is fragmented, underfunded and fails to reflect contemporary scientific understanding of animal sentience and welfare. It lacks consistency in policy and legislation and fails to support enforcement for deliberate acts of cruelty.

The impact of our work

Wildlife Victoria participates in parliamentary inquiries to help influence policy, secure support, and in this case, reduce the road toll for wildlife.

The *Parliamentary Inquiry into wildlife roadstrike* received 467 submissions, including 165 submissions by Wildlife Victoria volunteers. Each one is a testament to growing concerns across our communities.

When the Parliamentary Committee tabled its final report in November 2025 we were encouraged by the emphasis on embedding wildlife considerations into planning and infrastructure decision making. These proposed reforms recognise that unchecked urban expansion is a major driver of wildlife trauma and that new developments must incorporate measures that allow wildlife to move safely through the landscape. The focus on creating wildlife corridors, ensuring animals are not isolated by major roads, and strengthening environmental assessments represents a significant step forward. If implemented, these changes would transform outcomes for wildlife across the state.

We were also pleased to see a strong commitment to cross-agency coordination. The recommendation to establish a formal code of practice for organisations responding to wildlife road incidents aligns closely with our long-standing call for clearer structures and improved collaboration between councils, police, emergency services, carers and rescuers.

The Victorian government is due to respond to the Parliamentary Committee’s final report in mid-2026.

“DEECA acknowledges the strong public sentiment surrounding wildlife road strike and recognises the important roles played by local government, community organisations and other state agencies.

Through collaboration, informed planning and targeted research, there is an opportunity to reduce the incidence of wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve outcomes for both people and wildlife in Victoria.”

James Todd, Chief Biodiversity Officer, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).

A mobile veterinary team *dedicated to native wildlife*

On one visit to a suburban wildlife shelter, Wildlife Victoria's Travelling Vet Service anaesthetised a young grey-headed flying fox for X-rays after he was found tangled under a pergola at a childcare centre. Sometimes called "night gardeners" the grey-headed flying fox is a vulnerable species that plays an essential role in pollinating forests, including more than one hundred plant species, through dispersing seed along Australia's east coast. Having wildlife veterinarians and nurses come to the wildlife shelters to manage treatment allowed carers to focus on the long, careful work of recovery. Specialist treatment like this takes a species' biology, stress and long-term prospects into account, and can turn a frightening rescue into the start of a well-managed return to the wild.

Wildlife Victoria's Travelling Veterinary Service (TVS) is a dedicated mobile wildlife veterinary program in Victoria, created to bring expert care directly to sick, injured and orphaned native animals, both out in the field and in care with volunteer wildlife rehabilitators. Staffed by wildlife veterinarians and veterinary nurses, the service is closely linked with Wildlife Victoria's Emergency Response Service and state-wide volunteer network.

The service was established in response to a well-documented shortage of round-the-clock wildlife veterinary support across Victoria. Volunteers were dealing with a growing number of cases caused by vehicle collisions, climate related events and urban expansion, often without dependable access to expert wildlife care. At the same time, many veterinary clinics were stretched meeting their existing demands. The TVS model was developed with input from carers, veterinarians and emergency responders as a practical way to get wildlife expertise to where it was needed most.



2019/20

The Black Summer. An estimated 3 billion animals lost their lives in the fire zone

2021

Wildlife Victoria launched the first mobile veterinary service for wildlife in the country launched with funds raised during Black Summer bushfires

2023

A second Wildlife Victoria mobile veterinary service is launched in regional Victoria



Each vehicle is set up as a small mobile clinic, with equipment to allow thorough assessment and treatment at the roadside, or in care at wildlife shelters. Teams carry out field triage at rescue scenes and support volunteer wildlife carers with complex cases in rehabilitation, while Wildlife Victoria's veterinary team also offers Telehealth advice to general practice veterinarians treating wildlife. Together, these elements have lifted the standard and consistency of wildlife care, improved welfare outcomes and eased the emotional load on volunteers.

The program also strengthens the resilience of the wider system. TVS teams can be sent to emerging hotspots, such as coastal holiday areas that experience seasonal spikes in wildlife incidents, or communities and wildlife recovering from fires or extreme weather events. Their presence steadies local response capacity, complements existing veterinary hospitals and clinics, and helps build a clearer picture of injury patterns that can inform future planning and advocacy.

By working side by side with volunteer wildlife carers, emergency clinics and general practice vets, the Travelling Veterinary Service strengthens the whole system around each animal. It helps translate specialist knowledge into everyday practice, reduces avoidable suffering and supports a response to wildlife in crisis that is compassionate and coordinated.

2025

1,445
wildlife cases
attended by TVS vets

255
Teleconsults
with our vets

514
animals rescued
by the TVS

931
animals treated
by the TVS

982
shelter visits

88
different species
treated

79,552
kms travelled to help
sick, injured & orphaned
native animals

Responding to 189,417 *wildlife emergencies*

Wildlife Victoria’s Emergency Response Service is a 24/7 lifeline for native wildlife and the community.

Members of the public can call to report injured, sick, or orphaned animals. Every case is assessed by a trained operator who determines the best course of action—whether it’s providing advice, guiding a member of the public to assist the animal themselves, or dispatching a volunteer rescuer.

Calls can range from kangaroos hit by vehicles to echidnas found in suburban backyards. Each situation requires calm, expert guidance while asking critical questions: What species? Adult or juvenile? Injured or healthy? Often, reassurance and advice are enough; at other times, immediate rescue is needed.

Calls for help to Wildlife Victoria are increasing by 20% annually. Without this service, more than 100,000 wildlife emergencies would go unanswered each year. Injured sugar gliders, distressed koalas, orphaned kangaroo joeys—iconic species that define our landscape—would suffer without intervention.

Wildlife emergencies are distressing for members of the public who often don’t know what to do. Whether it’s 2am on New Years Day or midday on a Sunday, Wildlife Victoria is there to provide reassurance and guidance.

Improved technology, bigger impact

In 2025, Wildlife Victoria invested in new technology, including video call functionality for remote assistance. This upgrade enables our emergency response staff to more quickly assess and advise a member of the public on helping an animal, using a live-time video call. These investments ensure the Emergency Response Service remains responsive, reliable, and ready.

Without this service, tens of thousands of animals would go without help each year—and Victorians would lose a trusted resource. This service is the heartbeat of wildlife rescue in our state.



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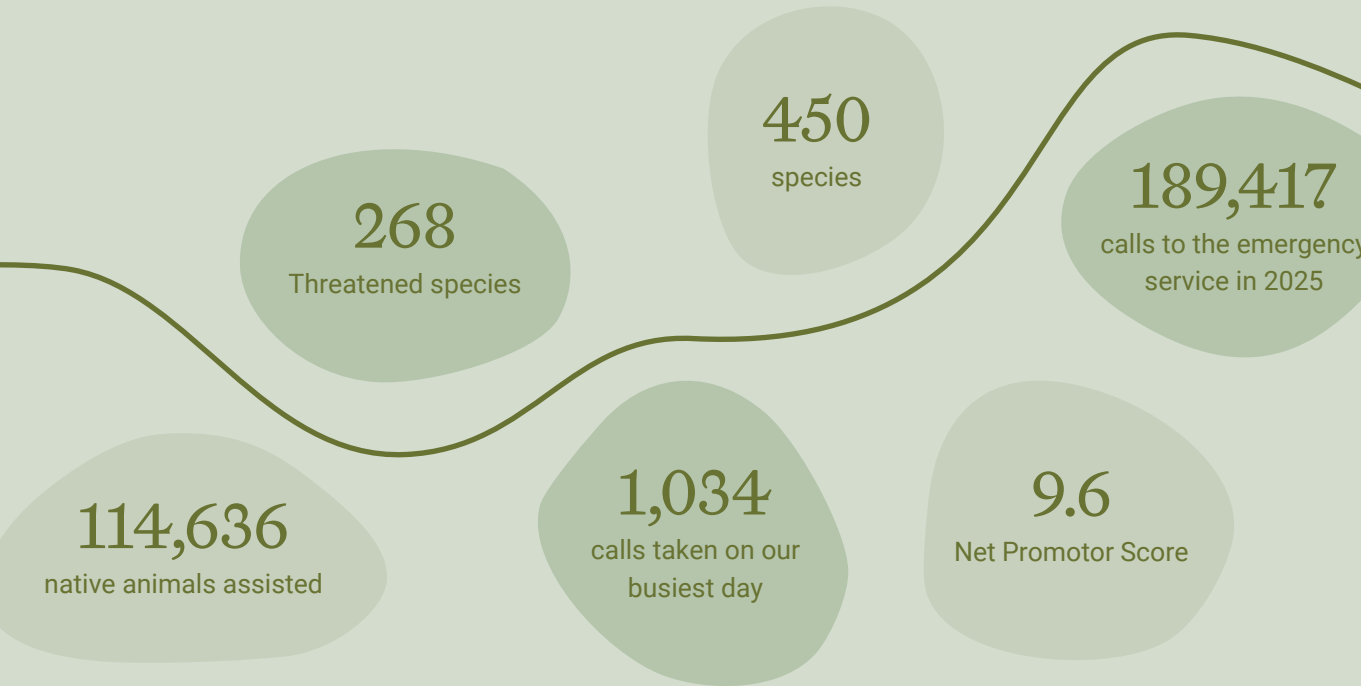
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Liam Adcock, Wildlife Victoria Emergency Response Operator

Wildlife have been a passion since I was a kid. I volunteered at a few sanctuaries growing up and studied a double degree majoring in zoology and wildlife conservation biology at La Trobe University. I was very lucky to then get an internship which turned into a two-year career working in bear conservation in Japan. I worked for a company called Picchio wildlife research centre, which aimed to use education and non-lethal methods to tackle the bear issue in Japan, which has recently seen a record number of attacks across the country. I was a tracker and chaser of the bears who entered town. The idea was to teach the bears that town was not safe for them so they would come in less, and therefore interact less with people. We also did research and forest protection work. After coming home to Melbourne, I was very fortunate to find a role with Wildlife Victoria.



I have been working at Wildlife Victoria as an Emergency Response Operator since June 2025, answering calls from the general public who find injured, orphaned or sick wildlife, and advising on the best course of action. After coming home from such an amazing time in Japan I was hoping to find work here that was also challenging and exciting, and was really happy to find that at Wildlife Victoria.



Protecting the threatened *flying night gardeners*

In January 2025, temperatures in Victoria soared to 41°C. The grey-headed flying fox are a species particularly vulnerable to heat stress, so keeping an eye on flying fox colonies is crucial—especially for a colony as large as that at Yarra Bend Park.

When the temperature reaches 38°C, the Victorian government puts a coordinated plan into action. Wildlife Victoria’s Travelling Veterinary Service, alongside teams from Zoos Victoria, Parks Victoria, and highly trained and vaccinated volunteers, set up on the banks of the Yarra to monitor the colony of grey-headed flying foxes at Yarra Bend Park. This flying fox colony is a nationally important camp due to camp size, the species ecological role as pollinators, and it’s status as Vulnerable under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* (Vic), the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth), and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened species. If large numbers of flying fox pups are killed during heat-stress events, a whole breeding season can be impacted, potentially upgrading the species’ status to Threatened. To keep the colony safe, we need to keep the colony cool.

Like all animals, flying foxes have ways to keep themselves cool. Fanning their wings, seeking shade, and flying low to dip their chests in the water are normal behaviours—just like a dog panting on a hot day. Sprinklers installed specifically for the colony are also turned on to lower temperatures as much as possible.

It takes experience and training in the field to understand which behaviours are normal, and which are not. During the heatwave in January 2025, Wildlife Victoria’s skilled veterinary team monitored the colony, on location for as long as 12 hours each day. Our vets only intervened if they spotted abnormal behaviours, as intervening too early can do more harm than good—disturbing the flying foxes unnecessarily during the day can send the whole colony flying away, exerting precious energy in the heat.

Monitoring and protecting Victoria’s grey-headed flying fox colonies is crucial for the health of native forests across the state. Every night, the silhouettes of flying foxes can be spotted departing their roosts and flying tens of kilometres to forage on fruits and flowers. Sometimes called ‘night gardeners’ they move from plant to plant and forest to forest, carrying pollen across huge distances. Their nutrient-rich droppings also spread seeds, helping native forests flourish with food and shelter for hundreds of other plant species—vital for forest ecosystem health.



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Volunteering for Australia's *unique native wildlife*

Every day, wildlife volunteers give their personal time to act on calls from the general public to rescue native animals such as a kangaroo caught on barbed wire fencing, a flying fox trapped in tree netting, or an orphaned powerful owl fledgling. Once rescued, volunteers will take the animals to vets for treatment or to licensed volunteer carers for rehabilitation.

In 2025 Wildlife Victoria continued to strengthen our volunteering program with a focus on engagement and community building.

Volunteer training and continuous development are core to our work. Throughout the year we delivered beginner rescue and transport training, specialised macropod rescue, humane euthanasia training, and mentoring programs for species-specific expertise. These investments in training ensure volunteers have the skills and confidence to meet growing demand.

Behind every rescued or rehabilitated native animal is a volunteer—and behind every volunteer is a system that keeps them safe, supported, and connected.

The impact of this work

When native animals are reported by members of the public and assessed as requiring help, it is the trained volunteers who attend to the rescues. They travel to suburban and regional areas to rescue sick, injured, orphaned or displaced wildlife. Once rescued they will get them either to a vet for medical attention or to a volunteer wildlife carer so they can be treated, cared for and rehabilitated until they can be released back into the wild.

Calls for help from the public are rising every year. Without volunteers, approximately 60% of reported cases—around 60,000 animals annually—would be left to suffer. Our Travelling Veterinary Service is the only service of its kind in Australia and much welcomed by volunteer wildlife rehabilitators who receive veterinary assistance, at no cost, for the wildlife in their care.

Volunteering can be demanding and often isolating. Wildlife Victoria helps to build the scaffold around our volunteers by providing training, safety systems, mental health support, and a like-minded supportive community.

By investing in infrastructure and community-building it creates a balance between demands and resources, making the program sustainable for the future. A strong volunteer program translates directly into better outcomes for wildlife.



1,404
volunteers

396
new volunteers
in 2025

165
volunteers contributed
submissions to the
*Parliamentary Inquiry into
wildlife roadstrike*

74
participants attended
foundations of macropod
rescue workshops

41
participants trained in
humane euthanasia

178
participants trained
in basic rescue and
transport

One Health: The health of our wildlife, *our planet, and ourselves*

What is One Health?

One Health is an approach that recognises the interdependent connection between the health of people, animals, plants and the environment. It’s a collaborative approach that brings together experts across the public health, veterinary, agricultural and environmental sectors, to address disease threats, improve global health security, and protect biodiversity.

While the One Health concept isn’t new, it has become increasingly important with rapid changes to our climate, shifts in our shared environments, and greater interaction between people and animals, contributing to a rise in transmission of diseases emerging from these interactions. Effective monitoring of wildlife health is therefore vital for the early detection and management of zoonotic diseases.

Wildlife Victoria’s role

Diseases such as H5N1 high pathogenicity avian influenza (H5 bird flu) are One Health problems. Bird flu is a ‘zoonotic’ disease, meaning it can be passed from animals to humans, affecting wildlife, livestock, and human health. H5N1 bird flu is yet to arrive in Australia, but when it does, early detection will be crucial.

Wildlife Victoria is working closely with government, industry experts and the wildlife community to prepare for a potential H5N1 bird flu outbreak in Australia. This work includes the development of guidance for wildlife rescuers to help them recognise potential signs of H5N1 bird flu and understand how to report suspected cases so that the relevant authorities are alerted quickly. Wildlife Victoria has also established a H5N1 bird flu response plan to support its veterinary team to implement specific biosecurity measures. These arrangements are designed to reduce risks to both animals and people, and help prevent the spread of disease.

H5N1 bird flu is not the only zoonotic disease that Wildlife Victoria helps detect and prepare for. Our Senior Veterinarian, Dr Jessica McCutchan, and our Head of Veterinary Services, Sarsha Collett, are also members of Wildlife Health Australia’s Bat Health Focus Group along with the Australian government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. The Bat Health Focus Group looks at bat health from all angles: human health, biosecurity, domestic animal health, and environmental impacts, and recently authored the AUSVETPLAN response strategy for lyssaviruses. Like H5N1 bird flu, lyssaviruses are also zoonotic diseases.

At Wildlife Victoria, we see and treat sick and injured wildlife every day. Our on-the-ground experience with wildlife health means we are positioned to contribute valuable insights on potential and emerging zoonotic diseases, as well as practical perspectives to inform Australia’s One Health approach.



“The One Health approach guides our veterinary team to look beyond the individual animal and consider the bigger picture—how wildlife health connects with people and the environment. By working in this integrated way, we can make more informed decisions that benefit animal welfare, reduce risks to the community, and contribute to healthier, more resilient ecosystems”

Sarsha Collett, Wildlife Victoria Head of Veterinary Operations

Wildlife Victoria data *powers NGV exhibition*

Native animals can make for excellent neighbours—blue-banded bees pollinate our vegetable gardens; microbats eat up to 1200 mosquitoes per night; powerful owls keep rodents at bay. But could we go one step further and design homes that encourage native animals as housemates?

Bethany Kiss is an architecture researcher and PhD candidate passionate about urban ecology. Through analysing a database of over 70,000 records spanning a decade provided by Wildlife Victoria, she came to understand how native animals already use our buildings as habitat—often without residents realising—and explored how we might design intentionally for coexistence.

Wildlife Victoria's data proved invaluable for this work. The descriptions of wildlife-building interactions, combined with location information and caller responses, provided unprecedented insights into how Australians share their homes with native species.

The scale and breadth of the dataset enabled analysis across multiple taxonomic groups and building types. This systematic documentation of wildlife-building interactions filled substantial knowledge gaps in building science, and provided empirical evidence essential for developing wildlife-inclusive design strategies. The data enabled identification of the top building features used by different species and the translation of scientific findings into a public exhibition that challenges visitors to reimagine architecture as shared ecological space.

The exhibition *When wildlife moves in* at the National Gallery of Victoria emerged from this data analysis.

The most fascinating findings? Kookaburras nesting in bathroom exhaust fans, blue-tongued lizards living in roof cavities, Pacific black ducks nesting on balconies, and wombats sharing under-house spaces with echidnas.

Most surprisingly, the majority of interactions were positive or neutral—people generally welcomed their wild housemates, seeking advice from Wildlife Victoria on coexistence rather than removal.

Bethany Kiss

When wildlife moves in, part of
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One photojournalist and *a pair of bolt cutters*



17 km of dangerous barbed wire fencing, removed by hand with a small pair of bolt cutters. This monumental challenge was Doug Gimesy's way of starting to make his property a safer place for native wildlife.

"Even in those darkest times where you might think, 'What's the point? I'm only helping a few animals or even one animal,' I can tell you, if you ever get the chance to look into that one animal's eyes, it makes a big difference to them."

Doug is a multi-award-winning wildlife photographer, conservation photojournalist and longtime friend of Wildlife Victoria—many images you see in this report were taken by him. He has captured and shared stories of native wildlife for years. So when he moved into his new home at Wongarra in regional Victoria and found a kangaroo trapped in barbed wire fencing that very same day, the choice was simple.

"If there's something on your property that's going to inflict pain, get rid of it."

The choice was simple, but the task was not. For months Doug woke up at 5:30am to walk the perimeter of his 120-acre property. Most days he spent two to three hours dropping barbed wire, then hand-rolling it for recycling. Removing the 17km of top and second strand barbed wire took 10 months. There is still more to do, and he plans to take down whole fence sections and rewild to create wildlife corridors.

Being trapped in barbed wire is a cruel fate for a native animal. Kangaroos trying to leap over the fence may entangle a leg, leaving them hanging upside down. Flying foxes and sugar gliders can easily catch their delicate wing membranes in the barbs, causing permanent damage. Stressed and vulnerable, these animals are unlikely to survive.

On Doug's property, animals won't suffer this fate. He has since encouraged others to remove their own barbed wire and has raised awareness of the dangers of this fencing for native wildlife through the media.

Whether we are aware of it or not, we all share our homes with wildlife. Thanks to people like Doug, Victoria is just a little safer for our native animals.



Sector partnerships

Ian Potter Australian Wildlife Biobank

The Wildlife Biobank is a major facility at Museums Victoria facilitating the long-term cryopreservation of Australian wildlife tissue samples for genetic research. This biobank of living cells focuses on over 100 species of mammals, reptiles and birds, including Endangered and Threatened species. In 2025, Wildlife Victoria’s veterinary service provided 65 deceased animal specimens—who had died as a result of natural causes or clinical euthanasia—to the biobank, helping to preserve the genetic diversity of Australia’s unique wildlife.

“The contribution of 65 animals from Wildlife Victoria substantially strengthened the development of the Ian Potter Australian Wildlife Biobank - Museums Victoria cell culture program and cryobanked cell culture collection. Donations by Wildlife Victoria of animals from a broad taxonomic range, including mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians, has significantly increased the species and genetic diversity represented within Museums Victoria’s living Biobank collection.

“The contributions from and collaboration with Wildlife Victoria has also directly contributed to the objectives of the Museums Victoria ARC Linkage Grant: Transforming museum industry to cryopreserve Australia’s diverse wildlife. This initiative aims to develop reproducible methods for collecting,

culturing, and cryopreserving wildlife cells in alignment with museum industry practice, generating new knowledge on the recovery of viable cells under different conditions and their long-term maintenance within museum collections. The outcomes achieved through these donations strengthened the capacity of museums to build and expand live cell collections, support collaboration with cellular biologists, and integrate advanced cellular technologies into biodiversity conservation frameworks.

“At a national level, this work and collaboration with Wildlife Victoria aligns with Australia’s urgent need to address the loss of genetic diversity in native species. Expanding living cell collections in museums positions these institutions as active custodians of genetic resources, ensuring that Australia’s unique and irreplaceable wildlife is preserved in viable form to support future research, conservation innovation, and potential species recovery efforts.”

Dr Jennifer Hetz Rodriguez, Postdoctoral Fellow at Museums Victoria Research Institute

Wildlife Health Australia’s Bat Health Focus Group

Wildlife Victoria’s Senior Veterinarian, Dr Jessica McCutchan, and Head of Veterinary Services, Sarsha Collett, are members of Wildlife Health Australia’s Bat Health Focus Group. Using a collaborative One Health approach, the Bat Health Focus Group considers bat health issues in relation to the broader context of biosecurity, public health, domestic animal health and environmental impacts in Australia. Members include veterinarians, biologists, ecologists, virologists, epidemiologists and wildlife/bat carers. Membership of the group is by invitation.

In 2025, the group made contributions to bat health management and policy development, through the publication of guidance information on a range of topics including personal protective equipment for bat handlers, heat events affecting Australian flying foxes, and communication strategies for public health agencies. The group also provided expert advice to government on a range of diseases and issues and continued to produce a summary of national data on Australian Bat Lyssavirus (ABLV) to inform public health responses.

Melbourne Veterinary School, University of Melbourne

Wildlife Victoria partners with the University of Melbourne’s Veterinary School to offer clinical placement opportunities for students enrolled in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program. These placements are designed to bridge theory and practice, giving students hands-on experience in real-world wildlife medicine.

Throughout 2025, seven veterinary students joined our Travelling Veterinary Service team, each spending a week on the road alongside our wildlife

veterinarians and nurses. Working in the field and within wildlife shelters, students gained invaluable practical experience treating sick and injured wildlife, while deepening their understanding of wildlife health, rehabilitation and care under expert supervision.

Wildlife Victoria is proud to support the next generation of veterinarians, helping to build the skills, confidence and compassion needed to care for Australia’s wildlife into the future.

Wildlife Welfare Communications Working Group

Wildlife Victoria participates in the Wildlife Welfare Communications Working Group, hosted by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA). This forum brings together representatives from peak wildlife welfare, research and advocacy bodies across Victoria to strengthen collaboration and information sharing across the sector.

Through regular engagement, the Working Group ensures members remain informed about emerging issues, regulatory changes and departmental responses affecting wildlife welfare. Our involvement supports a more coordinated, transparent and responsive sector, enabling Wildlife Victoria to both contribute frontline insights and stay aligned with government priorities.

Wildlife Emergency Support Network (WESN)

Wildlife Victoria is a member of the Wildlife Emergency Support Network (WESN). This network of trained and accredited individuals from across the veterinary and wildlife welfare sectors aims to improve wildlife welfare outcomes resulting from bushfire and extreme heat events.

Under the Emergency Management Act 2013 (EM Act) and the State Emergency Management Plan (SEMP), the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) is the lead coordinating agency responding to wildlife welfare arising from a declared emergency, including bushfire and extreme heat events.

The WESN was established after the 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires to assist during emergency response situations where wildlife are impacted. It brings together non-government organisations, wildlife rescuers, rehabilitators and wildlife transporters, zookeepers, veterinary nurses, wildlife veterinarians and veterinary nurses as well as general practice veterinarians and vet nurses, who are deployed into defined wildlife emergency roles in a coordinated way.

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14%

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For every \$1 spent, we raised close to \$4 for Australia's native wildlife

19%

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- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2019*
- Firearms Act 1996*
- Victorian Firearms Safety Code*
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- Veterinary Practice Regulations 2018*
- Guidelines of the Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria*
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- Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Regulations 2017*
- Drugs Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981*
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- Make a monthly gift
- Make a general donation to support our wildlife veterinary work
- Leave a legacy by including Wildlife Victoria in your will
- Gift a donation in someone’s name
- Fundraise in your community

Every gift – large or small – helps make our work possible.

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