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State Government: Community Building Partnerships grant of \$25,000 has funded capital works associated with connection of electricity and water to help establish the Hunter Wildlife Rescue Centre. This has been an enormous benefit to the Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF). This support from the Community Partnerships grant enabled Phase One of the project to be completed.



The Hunter Wildlife Rescue Centre will help raise the profile of the Hunter Wildlife Rescue's (NATF) volunteers and their response to injured, sick and orphaned wildlife in the Hunter and firmly placing Hunter Wildlife Rescue as a leader in wildlife rehabilitation in NSW. As the first wildlife rehabilitation organisation in NSW, commencing in 1978, it has recently been overshadowed by high profile WIRES.

With its own physical base, NATF Hunter Wildlife Rescue has the potential to expand its capacity to involve the community, increase donations and improve on its wildlife rehabilitation operations.

It currently responds to over 15,000 calls for advice and assistance, growing annually and its call centre, with multiple phone lines will provide immediate advice and assistance to community inquiries.

With over 200 members working from their own homes, this facility will reduce isolation and strengthen NATF's capacity to support its volunteers.

Public awareness activities will no longer be transient, relying on community events but will house permanent and interactive displays.

A Family Education Centre will foster the next generation to become more aware of Hunter's wildlife biodiversity and active in protecting and conserving the environment for the future.

For Hunter's wildlife, an improved and efficient Hunter Wildlife Rescue is a win-win situation.

