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Seeking a sensible, humane outcome for Cape Schanck Kangaroos

Wildlife Victoria, the State’s wildlife emergency rescue service, call on the owners of a Cape Schanck property to meet and discuss a sensible, humane solution for landlocked kangaroos who are fenced in on the property.

Wildlife Victoria CEO, Ms Lisa Palma said that she is deeply concerned for the plight of the kangaroos who are unable to leave the property and return to the neighbouring wildlife reserve.

“We understand that in the past, the owners have secured authorisation to kill kangaroos on the property. We are very worried that this might be the fate of the mob that is currently trapped there,” she said.

Ms Palma said Wildlife Victoria opposes any act where precious native animals are deliberately killed.

“We understand that the local community cares deeply for these kangaroos and is looking for ways to help them.”

“I’m inviting the property owners to contact us at Wildlife Victoria, so that we can sit down with them to sensibly discuss a way to work through this issue and live in harmony with the kangaroos without lives being lost.”

“We’re here to help and available to talk, if the property owners would like us to assist,” Ms Palma concluded.

In 2020 alone, Wildlife Victoria received more than 100,000 enquiries from people requesting help for injured, sick and orphaned wildlife. Almost 10,000 of those enquiries were specifically for kangaroos highlighting the care the Victorian community has for the species.

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About Wildlife Victoria

- Wildlife Victoria is a not-for-profit wildlife Emergency Response Service that has been operating for more than 30 years as an independent, not-for-profit organisation focussed on the welfare of Australia's unique wildlife.
- Last year, Wildlife Victoria’s Emergency Response Service received more than 100,000 requests for assistance and supported more than 78,000 sick, injured or orphaned native animals.
- Wildlife Victoria educates the community about wildlife, and helps the community manage wildlife incidents.
- Wildlife Victoria advocates for wildlife whenever their welfare is under threat or compromised.