

Key findings of the Independent Evaluation of Wildlife Victoria

"Overall, its size, reach and reputation puts Wildlife Victoria in a unique position..." (First Person Consulting)

Wildlife Victoria has been operating for over 30 years as an independent, not-for-profit organisation focussed on the welfare of Australia's unique wildlife.

To assist with the building of its reputation and finances, Wildlife Victoria commissioned an independent company - First Person Consulting - to evaluate the organisation's contributions to Victoria.

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Annual economic contribution to Victoria

- Dollar value to the community provided by Wildlife Victoria is **\$3.1 million per year**
 - \$1.2 million is spent mostly on running a wildlife emergency response service
 - \$1.9 million is contributed by the work of 560 volunteers

Annual value provided to the Community

- Helps community manage wildlife incidents and educates about wildlife
- Receives around 86,000 requests for assistance and helps over 50,000 animals
- Over 10,000 people and 153 organisations in the past four years have accessed outreach education activities run by Wildlife Victoria volunteers

Value to Volunteers

- Connects volunteers with a network of 482 vets, 147 wildlife shelters and foster carers
- Provides volunteer training, advice and support

Value to Government

- Without Wildlife Victoria, community demand for the wildlife rescue and services would have to be met by Councils, the State Government and its agencies such as DELWP, or other Government-funded organisations
- 94% of Council websites that mention wildlife direct residents to Wildlife Victoria
- A conservative estimate of running a similar service through a Government agency is a minimum of \$600,000 a year, with considerable additional start-up costs.

Value to Wildlife

- During the period 2014 to 2018 Wildlife Victoria received reports relating to over a quarter of a million animals (227,004) across 400 species comprising 54% mammals, 43% birds and 3% reptiles/amphibians
- The organisation assisted 2,411 individual animals from 65 species listed under the *Victorian Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*
- The Wildlife Victoria database enables research and evidence-based decisions regarding native animals

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