



GUIDELINES FOR  
PROPOSED WILDCARE  
GROUPS



# The Wildcare Tribe

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Wildcare Tasmania is a not for profit charity and Registered Environmental Organisation with a purpose and love of bringing people together to care for nature, wildlife and cultural heritage in Tasmania. Wildcare originated within the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service over 25 years ago as a way to support people to take custodianship of special places.



Wildcare Tasmania is powered by:

- 2,000 members,
- 60 volunteering groups,
- donors from all around the world contributing to our Tasmanian Nature Conservation Fund,
- a volunteer Board,
- a volunteer Grants Assessment Committee and
- a staff team of less than 3 FTE.

Wildcare groups are diverse in terms of what they do, covering habitat conservation, environmental remediation, bushwalking track maintenance, wildlife protection, building maintenance and community education just to name a few things, however, in general, groups work in 'wild' places offering a ticket to adventure and amazing scenery.





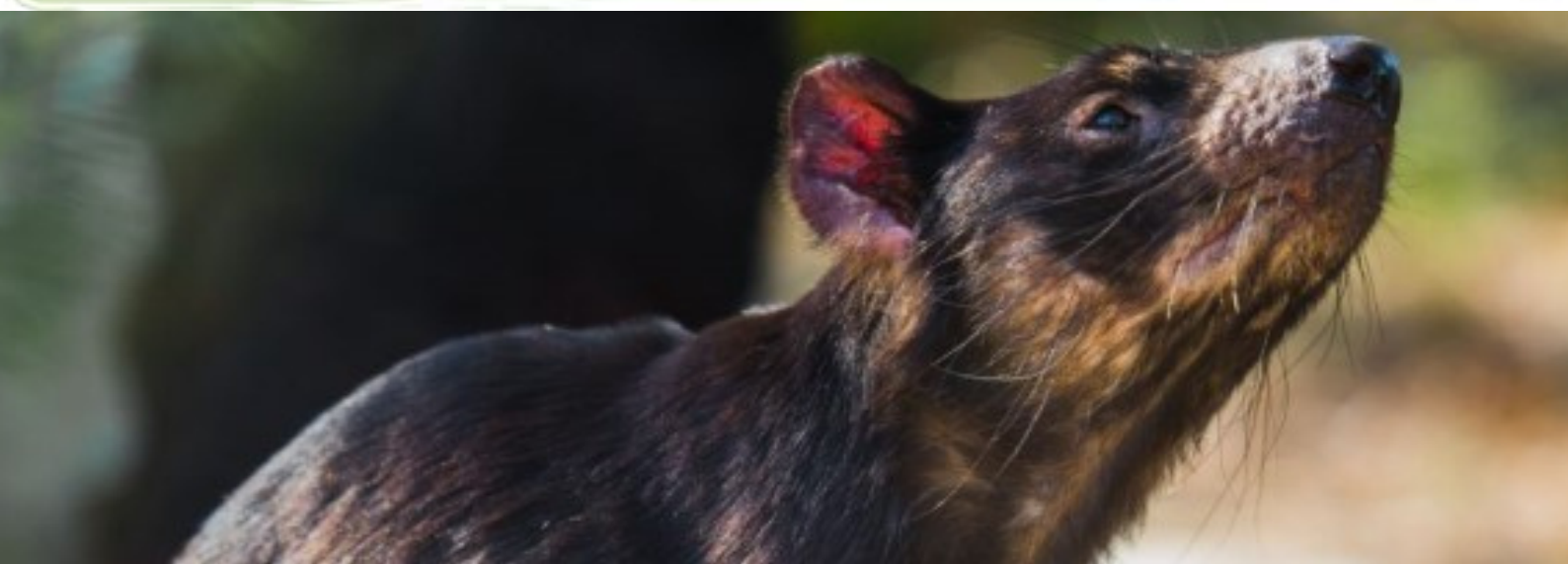
the **Wildcare** way

Volunteers driving results

Collaborative partnerships

Lean overheads

Donations making a difference



# Wildcare Groups

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Wildcare groups form out of a shared passion for a wild place or wildlife and tread their own path direct with the land managers and organisations with whom they partner.

The majority of Wildcare volunteer groups work on **NRET** managed land, largely in National Parks and reserves. The remainder of the work is conducted on land managed by local Councils or owned privately.

Each Wildcare Group has the opportunity to:

- showcase their work and allow members to join their group through their own page in our website,
- raise funds through our online fundraising portal which allows people to support their work directly,
- sell products in the online Wildcare shop,
- access training opportunities and other Wildcare events,
- access funds through application to the Wildcare Tasmanian Nature Conservation Fund, and
- be covered by Wildcare's insurance policies.

Group leaders can access the Wildcare customer relationship software to:

- keep in touch with members,
- advertise upcoming events,
- load news stories direct to our website and their own page



Wildcare's logo contains the iconic Tasmanian devil pawprint to show that we make our 'mark on the ground'



# Things to consider

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## Discuss your ideas with us

Please get in touch with Wildcare's **Volunteer Services Manager**, Kim Willing, to discuss your ideas - including what you want to achieve, who is currently interested in being involved, and where you want to work.

Ph: 0361654230

Email: [memberservices@wildcaretas.org.au](mailto:memberservices@wildcaretas.org.au)

## Talk with the relevant land managers

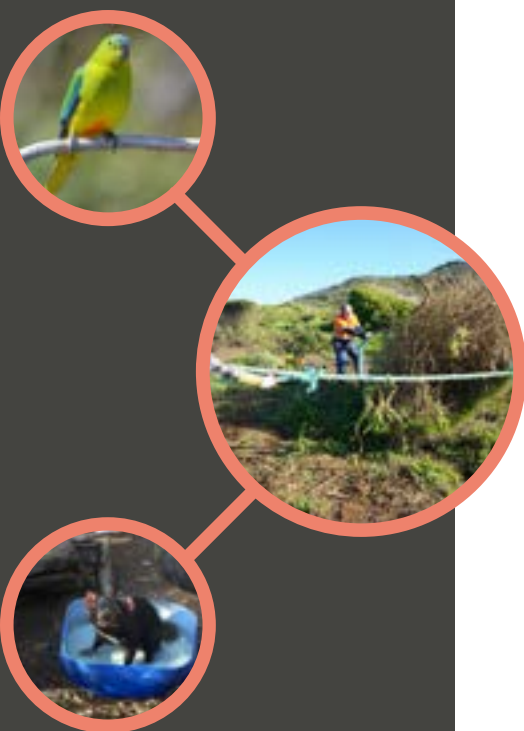
The collaboration with land managers is the backbone of Wildcare Tasmania. Any work must be planned and executed in cooperation with the land manager – be it the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service, your local council, a Statutory Authority or a private landholder or trust.

Please contact Wildcare for guidance as to whom to contact.

## Wildcare's expectations of Groups

Once a Group is approved, Wildcare advocates best practice volunteer management in collaboration with the relevant land manager. This could include written WHS documentation, volunteer agreements, work plans and supervision arrangements.

New groups are required to follow Wildcare's guidelines on media protocols, understand the importance of not politically lobbying and follow other behavioural expectations outlined in the Leader's Toolbox which includes a [Code of Conduct](#).



## Fill out an application form

Fill in your proposed group details on [this form](#) and email it to [memberservices@wildcaretas.org.au](mailto:memberservices@wildcaretas.org.au)

Please consider our use of the terms 'President', 'Secretary', to be equivalent to 'co-convenors' and we'd appreciate it if you could put a name to the Treasurer role.

Wildcare group finances are managed centrally, with each group separately identifiable in our accounts. Our Accounts team pays invoices promptly using a three to sign approvals process which minimises risk to volunteers.

To be eligible for Wildcare Group status, the group must have at least five members. All members of the group must hold current membership of Wildcare.

You can expect to hear back from us within 2 weeks of lodging your application.

## We are here to help

If you do become a Wildcare Group, our **Volunteer Services Manager** will be a resource to you and will support you to get up and running - including creating a presence for your Group on our website.

