

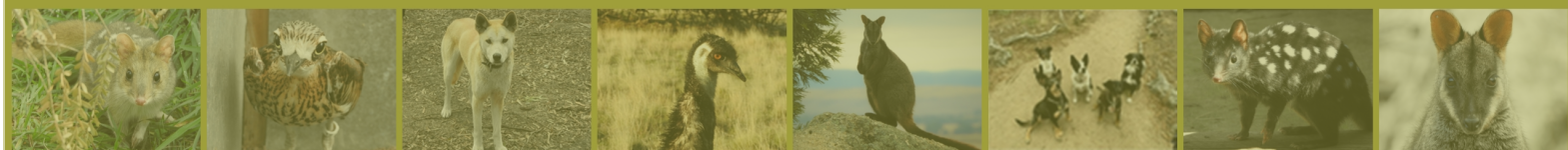
Mt Rothwell Landcare Volunteers (MRLV)

Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

Creatures of the Night Spotlight Tour

- Saturday 24th May
- Saturday 29th June
- Saturday 27th July

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Next MRLV Committee Meeting

Thursday 6th June.
(to be confirmed)

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Welcome to the first edition of the Mt Rothwell Landcare Volunteers Newsletter

*Stay up to date with the latest news and events about our threatened species
conservation work at Mt Rothwell and further afield.*

*Learn more about the species we are committed to saving and get to know our people
dedicated to our goals in conserving these species. Also, find out ways you can help!*

First Introductions.....

Rufous Bettong - Bettong is the aboriginal name for *small kangaroo* and **Rufous** refers to its reddish-brown colouring.



They are small marsupials, 70 to 80 cm long from nose to tail.

They have reddish-brown fur, including on the muzzle. They normally move quite slowly.

Did you know....

During the day they sleep in spherical nests built of grass. If a predator comes close, they will hop to another one of their 3-6 pre-prepared nests.

They won't return to the nest they were scared from, instead make a new nest the next night.



Tiger Quolls & Eastern Quolls - The two types of Quolls at Mt Rothwell.



There are a total of four **Tiger Quolls** (2 in the sanctuary and 2 in captivity).

Pictured here is Big Trev who is currently out in the sanctuary.

The average weight is 3-4kgs and roughly the size of a domestic cat.

Tiger Quolls have spots all over their body including their tail.





Eastern Quolls (pictured here with their young) are smaller, weighing an average 1-1.6kgs and they don't have spots on their tails.

They have two colour morphs of either a soft fawn (left) or dark colour (right).

While they may look slightly different, they are exactly the same species.

Did you know....

Eastern Quolls give birth to up to 30 grain size babies; only the first 6 that attach to a teat will survive.

With the cold weather approaching our Eastern Quolls will be pairing up and breeding to produce young.



Because of our breeding program, we have translocated them to our sister property 'Tiverton' over the past 2 years. It's the first time in 70 years that the Eastern Quoll has been returned to the Western District of Victoria.



Mt Rothwell Landcare Volunteers Inc. (MRLV)

Integral to the success of Mt Rothwell's threatened species programs are the committed and dedicated volunteers.

Volunteers carry out the on-ground works, including general maintenance of fences, tracks, enclosures, solar systems, vehicles and amenities. Also tasks such as pest control, habitat management, basic animal husbandry duties and all-round cleaning.

If you would like to assist at Mt Rothwell, you can get further information by emailing info@mtrothwell.com.au



Task: Rid area of last rabbit

Mt Rothwell Task Inventory List

- 1 person on a chainsaw
- 1 person on a pole saw
- 1 person on an axe
- 2 people on catching nets
- 4 dogs ready to catch
- 1 emu supervising

Rabbit Task Inventory List

- 1 Rabbit
- Wiley ways

Thank you....

Sam and Elly from the Patagonia team spent two weeks volunteering in April at Rothwell.

They were willing to get in and get their hands dirty with a wide range of jobs.

It was wonderful to partner with such a great organisation and for them to offer their assistance to the Sanctuary.

Thank you Sam & Elly!

