



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

29 September

Caring for Native Animals

This week on September 29, Guest speakers at Noosa Parks Association's Friday Environment Forum this week will be **Vicky Toomey** and **Rachel Lyons**. Vicky, a Veterinary Nurse, is the Manager of the **Eumundi Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre run by RSPCA Queensland**. Rachel, an experienced wildlife carer and rehabilitator of rescued animals, has cared for native animals in Noosa hinterland for many years.



Koala release

As more and more people choose to call Noosa and its picturesque hinterland "home" its wildlife inhabitants are at greater risk of habitat loss and of injury caused by cars, dogs and cats. Noosa is known for its residents' love of the original furry and feathered inhabitants and for sharing the land with them, so it's heartening to know that help is at hand when an injured or sick animal or bird is found. There are volunteers all over Noosa and the Sunshine Coast who care for these animals, restoring them to good health to eventually be released back into their own environments.

Join Vicky and Rachel on September 29 when they present a special 'School Holidays' Friday Environment Forum, for children and adults, discussing the incredible journey to recovery of injured wildlife in the Noosa area. Learn about the process of rescue, care and release of our injured wildlife and about the training and requirements needed to become a wildlife carer. Find out how carers source the specific foods required by different species and see the modern equipment that assists in 'least impact' rehabilitation and release.

*Join the audience at the Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive, Noosaville from 10.30am on 29 September to hear the discussion, with coffee available from 10am. Children accompanied by an adult are also invited to learn about the birds of Wallace Park by meeting Valda and the Interpretive Birding Group at 8.30am in the car park. Bring your hats and binoculars. All welcome. Visit www.noosaparks.org.au for more information. **All welcome.***



Echidna puggle from Pinbarren