

# Mange Management

Treating Mange in Wombats

## Wombat Prints



### WANTED

We are low on ice cream container lids and detergent scoops. If you have any collected please contact us. Thanks!



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### RJ Chambers Reserve Project

For the last few weeks the Mange Management Team and some of our dedicated volunteers have been busy looking for mangy wombats at Chambers Reserve in Pakenham Upper. Chambers Reserve is 121 ha in size and is managed by Cardinia Council. It was logged in the early 1900's as well as in the 1960's but is now preserved as bushland. Most of the reserve is lowland forest but there are also areas of damp forest and riparian forest.



Many animals call the reserve home like echidnas, magnificent lyrebirds, a variety of other birds, and of course wombats. We had some reports of mangy wombats in the reserve and the surrounding areas so we got a team of volunteers together, split up in small groups and searched the reserve for wombat burrows. It wasn't an easy feat, as everybody who has tried to find burrows before can testify. A lot of the time wombat burrows are difficult to find, and due to the sheer size of the reserve it took us quite a few hours altogether to be able to find and mark the burrows by GPS. In some areas we were lucky enough to have leeches dropping onto us which we weren't particularly fond of.



At the end we found just over 30 wombat burrows and the next task was to check which ones are active. We blocked the entrances off with some twigs and bracken and came back a couple of weeks later to see which ones had been used as wombats just push through the bracken.

The next step was to install some cameras to be able to assess the wombats using the burrows. As mange is rife in the reserve we set up some burrow flaps on active

burrows as the treatments also acts as a preventative. We are only at the beginning of checking the cameras now, but we had lots of pictures of all sorts of animals, like a female lyrebird and an agile antechinus checking out the burrow flaps as well as a healthy wombat mum and her bub which was very nice to see.

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# I spy with my little eye.....



Reckon I'll fit through here ? (and he did.....)



Female lyrebird wondering where this flap came from ?



If you come across any funny or interesting pictures from your night vision cameras, please email them to us for one of our next editions.

*“Thanks to everyone who is supporting us by shopping at Ritchies IGA with a Community Benefit Card registered to Mange Management. We had the first small donations already from Ritchies, and it will help save more wombats in the future . “*

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**If you would like to support us, why not get a Community Benefit Card of Ritchies IGA registered under “Mange Management” ?**

It is free, very easy to do (just ask in store) and you receive great specials if you show the card at the checkout. Check their website for store locations: [www.ritchies.com.au](http://www.ritchies.com.au)

Mange Management Inc will get a small percentage of the total turnover if enough people take part and we reach a certain threshold each month.

## Stamp Fundraising Project

We are collecting all sorts of used and new stamps to sell them so we can raise funds for Mange Management. as we don't get any government funding or similar:

You can help us out by donating stamps. Please send them to  
Mange Management  
c/o Ian Maberly  
P.O. Box 296  
Warburton VIC 3799



### We are on Facebook

Have you checked out our new Mange Management Facebook page ?  
<http://facebook.com/mangemanagement> (Link on our website)

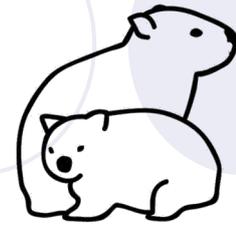


## Update Wilber



Can you remember little Wilber from Cockatoo, the sick baby wombat with mange ?

Well, Wilber was spotted recently again, almost exactly one year after he started his 3 month treatment course and see for yourself his amazing transformation into this handsome juvenile wombat !



### Did you know ?

... if a wombat dies from mange and the body is not disposed of properly the mange mite can live on the body for up to 3 weeks and will jump on the next animal checking it out. Proper disposal of the body include burning, burying or putting it in a body bag from your local vet.



### Upcoming Events

***Mange Management is excited to be presenting at the National Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference in Hobart / Tasmania on 27 May 2014***



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**Workshops /  
Training Sessions**

Practical workshops can  
be conducted for Land-  
care and community  
groups on request.

Please email or call for  
more information

**Past events: Workshop with Friends of Sassafras Creek**

Together with the Friends of Sassafras Creek we held a workshop in Olinda on 9 March 2014 which was very well attended by 22 interested participants.



**Pick up points for our  
free treatment kits:**

- Healesville
- Emerald
- Monbulk
- Maryknoll
- Jindivick
- Noojee
- Clonbinane
- Bairnsdale
- Traralgon
- Trafalgar
- Dixons Creek
- Korrumburra
- Orbost
- Myrtleford
- St. Andrews
- Foster
- Newry (Maffra)
- Mansfield
- Hoddles Creek
- Gembrook

**Past Event: Kurth Kiln Festival**

We had a stall at the Kurth  
Kiln Festival in Gembrook  
on 16 March 2014.

It was a great day and we  
were able to explain our  
program to people and give  
out some of our free treat-  
ment kits!



**Our treatment kits are free but of course donations are always welcome !**

**We are on the web: [www.mangemanagement.org.au](http://www.mangemanagement.org.au)**