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New hospital teams up with volunteers to help Carnaby's Black Cockatoos

Volunteers are now able to use a new fully-equipped primary care clinic and after-care aviary to look after Carnaby's Black Cockatoos thanks to a \$37,500 grant from the Fiona Stanley Hospital project.

The clinic is stocked with a new incubator, intensive care brooding boxes, critical care cages, an egg candle, a fan forced hand rearing hatcher, wet bowl thermometer, thermostat controlled heat boxes and rehabilitation cages to care for eggs and baby birds.

The Black Cockatoo Preservation Society of Australia's rehabilitation centre has been operating in the suburb of Martin since 1998.

Fiona Stanley Hospital Executive Director Brad Sebbes said the grant was part of the hospital project's \$2.3million commitment to environmental rehabilitation and protection programs.

"The work undertaken at the rehabilitation centre is very important and we are pleased to be able to assist by providing purpose built equipment," Mr Sebbes said.

"Maintaining and rehabilitating areas of natural habitat around the hospital is a priority for the project. Most of the programs we are funding are locally focused to support the community and environment near the Fiona Stanley Hospital site.

"Working with local groups and supporting grassroots environmental programs is an important way for us to make a meaningful contribution."

Black Cockatoo Rehabilitation Centre Manager Glenn Dewhurst said the new clinic and equipment was a big step forward in terms of the group's ability to properly care for cockatoos.

"We would not be where we are today – with a functioning primary care clinic – without this grant from the Fiona Stanley Hospital project," Mr Dewhurst said.



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“We have been able to move out of our primitive old clinic into a first class new clinic. For the first time we are able to precisely control temperatures and effectively quarantine and care for up to 30 birds at a time.

“The new equipment has been purpose built to make caring for cockatoos much easier. For example, previously we relied on hand-turning incubators which unfortunately had a low success rate. The new incubator is a life saver for the Black Cockatoos and makes a real difference to the number of young birds we are able to raise and release back to the wild.

“We are a completely not-for-profit organisation working hard to preserve these magnificent Australian birds. This grant is very important to us. Hopefully other people reading this may be interested in also contributing to support our work.”

Other environmental programs funded by the Fiona Stanley Hospital project include maintaining and rehabilitating significant natural habitat areas on the hospital site, rehabilitation of areas of regional park lands, the purchase and protection of native bushland, investment in community-based conservation programs and funding for Carnaby’s Black Cockatoo research.

The funding is being distributed through a unique partnership between the Department of Environment and Conservation, the Department of Health, and the Department of Treasury and Finance.

Fiona Stanley Hospital will be the major tertiary hospital in the south metropolitan area. Work is under way on the Murdoch site and construction of the main hospital buildings is expected to commence later this year. For more information about the Fiona Stanley Hospital project and its environmental programs, visit www.fionastanley.health.gov.au or call 1800 659 475.

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