



Your opportunity to  
**contribute to the health**  
of Australian wildlife

A nationally integrated wildlife health system for Australia

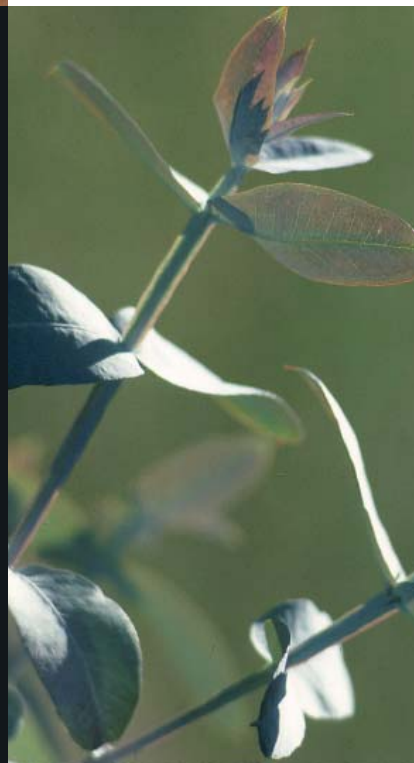


**Did you know?**

- Frogs are dying all over the world because of a disease called chytrid which is now here in Australia. It has already caused the extinction of one Australian frog species and many other frog populations are at risk.
- A type of cancer is killing thousands of wild Tasmanian Devils and we don't know how to control it.
- Four hundred thousand Leatherjacket fish were found dead along the entire east coast of Fraser Island in Queensland and nobody knows what killed them.

As a nation we need to address these and many other health issues in our wildlife. Help us find the answers by joining, or making a donation to the Australian Wildlife Health Network.

**Background** Following a national workshop in 1999 and an Australia-wide feasibility study in 2000, the establishment of a National Wildlife Health Network was considered vital to coordinate preparedness and response to wildlife and feral animal disease issues, surveillance and diagnostic information across Australia. The aim of the network is to promote and facilitate collaborative links in the investigation and management for wildlife health in support of human and animal health, biodiversity and trade. Its vision is for a nationally integrated wildlife health system for Australia. It is supported by a national coordinator, a dynamic and interactive website, and list server. To date, Network members have been involved in investigation of endangered Green Turtle deaths on the east coast of Australia, wildlife disease incursions in Northern Territory and South Australia, and in supporting investigation of a new disease affecting Tasmanian Devils in Tasmania.



**Founding principles** The network is based on scientific integrity and objectivity and has a major focus on human and animal health issues associated with free-ranging populations of wild animals (including feral species). It encourages multi-organisational collaboration amongst federal, state, local government, and non-government agencies and encourages complementarity rather than redundancy or competition with current organisations, researchers, and conservationists.



**Like to get involved?** We need your help.

If you would like to join the Network, please fill in the attached form or contact the coordinator  
**PO Box 20, Mosman NSW 2088 Australia**  
**Phone: (02) 9978 4788 Fax: (02) 9978 4613**  
**Email: rwoods@zoo.nsw.gov.au.**

➔ I want to support the **Australian Wildlife Health Network** Please enrol me as a member and supporter

**Membership offers:**

- Access to quarterly Network newsletter.
- Information on wildlife events around the world.
- An opportunity to communicate to other Network contributors.
- Access to the Network database, website, mail list and fact sheets.
- And, most importantly, members can help us improve the way wildlife health is managed in our country.

**Membership costs only \$20 (institutions \$50)**

Please tick one  Individual \$20  Institution \$50

Please fill in an amount if you would like to make a donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.*

**Please let us know where you would like your donation spent**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Research                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Surveillance and disease investigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education and training       | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency disease preparedness         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication                | <input type="checkbox"/> Donation for a specific purpose        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any particular area of above | <i>Please contact the coordinator to discuss</i>                |

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*Please fill in contact and any contribution details, then detach this form and return it in the self addressed envelope below.*



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Outbreaks of wildlife diseases pose an increasing threat to Australia's trade, biodiversity, human health, agriculture and tourism. These threats can only be prevented by dramatically increasing our understanding of wildlife health.

The Australian Wildlife Health Network connects the agencies that defend Australia against these threats.

The network  
**acts as a link**  
between Australians  
concerned with the future  
of our wildlife



**Objectives** The Network is Australia's only over-all coordinated approach to wild animal health management. It coordinates a national wildlife health surveillance system, operates a national database of wildlife health surveillance and diagnostic information, and a registry of wildlife expertise. Core business is to protect Australian wildlife and minimise the threat of exotic disease incursions. Other functions include: the development of wildlife management protocols; coordination of information in emergencies; advancing education and training in wildlife health; prioritising and promoting wildlife health surveillance and research activities and; provision of information about wildlife health to the community. It also promotes the development of regional and national wildlife health emergency preparedness and response strategies and facilitates and monitors field investigations of disease incidents.

**Who is involved?** The Network is a national initiative of the Commonwealth Government and is managed under the Wildlife Exotic Disease Preparedness Program (Commonwealth of Australia Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry). The Zoological Parks Board of New South Wales and New South Wales Agriculture host the Network. The core members of the Network include Commonwealth and State and Territory departments of Agriculture and Primary industry, environmental, wildlife and conservation organisations. The Network acts as a link between Australia and overseas wildlife health centres in Canada, USA, New Zealand, India and Europe.



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