

# FAQs - Duke of Edinburgh



## Duke of Edinburgh Volunteering with WIRES

Crafting items that our licensed wildlife carers can use in rescuing, rehabilitating and releasing sick, injured or orphaned wildlife is a fantastic way to complete your Duke of Edinburgh service component. The following are examples of WIRES' volunteering opportunities that also require learning a new skill:

- **Knitting pure wool pouches and sewing pouch liners**

We are always in need of assorted sizes of pouches and pouch-liners to help rescue and care for orphaned wildlife such as possum or kangaroo joeys. Medium and large pouches are in the highest demand. [Instructions for making pouches and liners](#)

- **Knitting woollen bird nests**

Knitted bird nests are in high demand, especially throughout the Spring and Summer when orphaned chicks come into care. [Instructions for making bird nests](#)

- **Crafting ringtail possum dreys**

Artificial possums dreys provide ringtail possums in care with a safe place to nest that mimics what they craft themselves in the wild, and are a great addition to any wildlife friendly backyard. [Instructions on how to make Possum dreys](#)

- **Woodworking habitat boxes**

Habitat boxes (also known as nest boxes) provide a home for a variety of species of native wildlife, especially in areas where natural tree hollows are limited. [Instructions for wildlife nesting boxes](#)

## Can I volunteer with the animals?

No. In NSW, you must be over 18 years of age and complete specialised training to obtain a licence to become a volunteer wildlife rescuer and carer.

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## Can WIRES be my assessor?

WIRES has qualified staff that can assess the Duke of Edinburgh service. If you let us know in advance, we can go ahead and complete the paperwork and sign off on your logbook once your service has been completed. However, we cannot help supervise the work, so you may find that a teacher or advisor is better suited as your assessor. We appreciate that it might be your first time creating these items and that it can take time to master the craft, so your logbook is important to track your progress.

## How do I get the items to you?

If the items can be delivered to our office in Brookvale, we can distribute these to our licensed wildlife rescuers and carers most in need across NSW.

- In-person during office hours: Suite 1-5, Lifestyle Working, 117 Old Pittwater Road, Brookvale NSW 2100
- Postal address: PO Box 7276, Warringah Mall NSW 2100

We can also connect you to volunteers in your area to arrange collection/drop-off if you let us know when they are ready.

## How do I sign-up?

Please email [members@wires.org.au](mailto:members@wires.org.au) and let us know what you would like to complete. Also, use this email if you have any other questions or suggestions.

