



Warrumbungle Wallaby

Warrumbungle Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby Release – Update 6

Welcome to the sixth update of Australia's largest ever release of captive bred brush-tailed rock wallabies!



Todd Soderquist (NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change) advises that the rock wallabies continue to do well since our last update and are behaving as desired. There have been no further deaths for over two months which suggests they have well and truly settled in to their new home.

Initial results of a changed fox control regime are positive and intensive threat control continues around the mountain, as well as within the broader Warrumbungle National Park.

Movements of both the released and native rock wallabies remain stable with some interesting patterns. A released female appears to have found a home with a small group of local friends in the south-west of the mountain top. Another released female from the north-east group switched allegiance to the north-west mob. A north-east local female is using refuge habitat 'around the bend' from where her associated mob typically reside, although they do seem to visit her on a regular basis. So happily, the residents and the released continue to mix it up together!

Our little rock wallabies will continue to be monitored less intensively than the first few months of release until the collars break-off as they are designed to do. It seems half of the rock wallabies released hit the ground hopping and the behaviour of these 'smart' individuals to continue to avoid predators and raise 'smart' joeys allows for an optimistic outlook.



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