



# AUSSIE WILDLIFE COURSE

The Aussie Wildlife Course is an introductory course developed to train enthusiastic members of our community to provide emergency care for sick, injured or orphaned native wildlife. It also provides an opportunity to gain more experience and knowledge to help further employment opportunities e.g. vet nursing, zoo keeping or employment in other wildlife industries.

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary has been caring for sick, injured and orphaned native wildlife for over 50 years. We accept over 8500 animals through our wildlife hospital each year and have an extensive knowledge of the latest rearing, rehabilitation and release techniques.

The course is presented by qualified Zoological staff with years of experience working with native animals and will provide practical sessions and information to guide you through the course. We do our best to ensure that all participants gain the maximum potential out of the program.

Throughout the course the activities set in the study guide provided will need to be completed, as well as a written assessment to be conducted at the end of the course.

This course is conducted as an 8 week course or a weekend condensed course.





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## INCLUSIONS

- Student study guide
- Additional relevant flyers and information
- Certificate and photo

## THE WEEKLY SESSIONS COVER

- WEEK 1 – Legislation, Safety, Conservation and wildlife / human conflict, first aid emergency care, transportation, hygiene, rehabilitation and release procedures, ethics, euthanasia
- WEEK 2 – Identification – mammals, handling / capture and restraint, housing, diets
- WEEK 3 – Identification – birds, handling / capture and restraint, housing, diets
- WEEK 4 – Feeding techniques, hand rearing equipment, General diseases and parasites
- WEEK 5 – Identification – reptiles, handling / capture and restraint, housing, diets
- WEEK 6 – Visit the Wildlife Hospital – general diseases and parasites, record keeping
- WEEK 7 – Amphibians, Bats QLD and revision
- WEEK 8 – Assessment and graduation night

## DETAILS

- **Age:** This course is opened to 14 years and over. Under 18 years must have parent/guardian permission.
- **We Provide:** Study guide and a certificate upon graduation.
- **Please Bring:** Covered shoes and appropriate clothing for cold or rainy night, a torch, mosquito repellent, pens and paper.

**Time:** Wednesday nights 5:50pm – 8:30pm (due to park activities in week six the course will start at 3.30pm and finish at 6.00pm).

- **Weekend course time:** Saturday and Sunday 8.30am-5pm (Morning tea and lunch provided)



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## COURSE DATES

- 11 October – 29 November 2017
- 7 February – 28 March 2018
- 2 May – 20 June 2018
- 2-3 June 2018 (weekend condensed course)