

# THE ARK

EDITION #21



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# MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I am excited to bring you the latest updates from the heart of our conservation efforts at Aussie Ark. Our journey continues to be a testament to your support and dedication towards safeguarding Australia's unique and endangered species.

Over the past months, we've celebrated numerous milestones and remarkable achievements that resonate deeply with our commitment to conservation.

Our collaboration with Australian Geographic has been a cornerstone of our success in preserving the Eastern Quolls. We are proud to celebrate the establishment of the world's largest insurance population of this cherished species. With over 300 quolls bred and a stable 'wild' population within the Barrington Wildlife Sanctuary, our joint efforts have seen exceptional success.

I have also been privileged to witness the heartwarming growth of my Tasmanian Devil joeys, Sam and Messi. Under the care of my family and I, these iconic joeys have become integral members of the Tasmanian Devil insurance population.

Furthermore, our success extends to the birth of Dandarah's joey, marking a significant step in our mission to protect the Long-nosed Potoroo. Rocket, our Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby, has embarked on a new phase in his life, transitioning to his state-of-the-art enclosure in the Barrington Tops. The historic transfer of Parma Wallabies from the Australian Reptile Park to the Barrington Tops, along with the discovery of a precious joey, signifies a crucial step in our collective conservation efforts.

The release of 20 Rufous Bettongs and 20 Long-nosed Potoroos into the Barrington Wildlife Sanctuary marks a remarkable achievement in our ongoing efforts to safeguard this unique Australian species from extinction.

Finally, the introduction of the Eastern Quoll joeys, Jessie and James, adds a heartwarming chapter to our mission to preserve this endangered species. Their story reflects our unwavering commitment to conserving Australia's unique wildlife.

Your belief in our vision is the driving force behind these remarkable achievements.

As I reflect on these remarkable achievements, I'm reminded that every success story is a result of collective dedication. The Aussie Ark family, including our partners, donors, and supporters, has made all of this possible. Your belief in our vision, alongside the support of **Australian Reptile Park, Re:wild, WildArk, Glencore, FAME, Australian Geographic, WIRES, Volkswagen, Ellerston, Sydney Helicopters, Coles, Symbio Wildlife Park, Aurizon, NSW and Federal Government.** has propelled us to where we stand today. Our gratitude knows no bounds.

Our journey continues, and together, we'll forge a future where Australia's endangered species not only survive but thrive. With unyielding determination, we'll leave a legacy that generations to come will celebrate.

Thank you,



Tim Faulkner - Managing Director, Aussie Ark



## VISION

Creating a long-term future for Australia's threatened wildlife.

## MISSION STATEMENT

- To protect Australia's threatened species with robust insurance populations,
- To create healthy ecosystems within Aussie Ark sanctuaries and through rewilding,
- To have long-term tangible outcomes for the species in our care,
- To be a proactive, professional, transparent, and effective organisation

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# 5 YEARS OF EASTERN QUOLLS!

We are thrilled to commemorate the 5-year milestone of working with Eastern Quolls, thanks to our partnership with Australian Geographic! This has fuelled the incredible success of Aussie Ark's Eastern quoll recovery program.

It all began with a visionary \$50,000 contribution that kick-started the initiative, and we are proud to share that this collaboration has led to the establishment of the world's largest insurance population of this precious species.

Thanks to your unwavering support and generosity, we have achieved remarkable milestones. Over the past five years, we have bred over 300 quolls, and today, there are eight thriving breeding pairs in our Species Recovery Unit, accompanied by a stable 'wild' population of approximately 120 adults within the Barrington Wildlife Sanctuary. Notably, last season alone witnessed an astounding 63 joeys born in the wild, a testament to our shared commitment to protecting and preserving these endangered species.

Our Managing Director, Tim Faulkner, humbly acknowledges the pivotal role played by Australian Geographic, stating,

***"Australian Geographic is always on the search for Aussie projects, and our species need that!"***

With their continued support and your dedicated contributions, we have created a sustainable model for conservation that is garnering attention globally.

As we look ahead to the future, both Aussie Ark and Australian Geographic remain steadfast in our mission to effect lasting change in the world of conservation. We invite you to join us on this journey and make a lasting impact by contributing to our vital conservation efforts for the Eastern Quolls. Your donation, no matter the size, will make a meaningful difference in safeguarding these unique Australian treasures for generations to come. Visit [aussieark.org.au](https://aussieark.org.au) to contribute today!



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# MEET SAM AND MESSI - THE DEVILISH JOEYS!

Meet the dynamic brother-sister duo, Sam and Messi, two Tasmanian Devil joeys! These rising stars are now under the loving care of Aussie Ark's very own Managing Director, Tim Faulkner, and his family.

Mr Faulkner, a passionate advocate for Australian wildlife conservation, has taken the initiative to introduce his sons, Billy and Matty, to the art of caring for these iconic Tasmanian Devils. Through their dedication, Sam and Messi have become integral members of the Tasmanian Devil insurance population.

Sam and Messi, aptly named after soccer legends Sam Kerr and Lionel Messi, entered the Faulkner family's care when they were just five months old. Their mother faced challenges in caring for her four joeys, and by taking Sam and Messi under their wing, the Faulkner's ensured the safety of these precious animals while enabling their mother to focus on the two remaining joeys.

***"She had four joeys. By taking Sam and Messi into care, we kept them safe, and we enabled Mum to really concentrate on the two she still has. Thankfully, she's doing really well now in our Barrington Wildlife Sanctuary."***

- Mr Faulkner

The Faulkner household has transformed into a haven for these curious joeys. Mr Faulkner has shared his knowledge with his sons, teaching them the delicate art of bottle-feeding, engaging in play that mirrors natural activities with mother and siblings and learning the ropes of post-play cleanup. Accidents are all too common, but with teamwork, they ensure the evidence is swiftly wiped away before Mrs. Faulkner returns home.

As Sam and Messi grow and become independent, they will transition to the Australian Reptile Park before joining Aussie Ark's breeding program. For now, they are in the capable hands of the Faulkner family, receiving round-the-clock care to ensure their well-being and future success.

Tasmanian Devils are no longer found on mainland Australia, with their wild population in Tasmania severely affected by the deadly Devil Facial Tumour Disease. Aussie Ark proudly boasts the world's largest disease-free "insurance population," providing a lifeline to this remarkable species, safeguarding them from the brink of extinction.

To assist the Faulkner family in raising Sam and Messi and to sustain Aussie Ark's critical work in Tasmanian Devil conservation, you can make a donation today. Your contribution directly contributes to the preservation of these iconic Australians and the legacy of conservation we aim to pass on to future generations.





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# LITTLE DANDARAH HAS A JOEY!

Dandarah, our beloved Long-nosed Potoroo, has recently welcomed her first adorable joey into the world! This momentous occasion marks a significant step forward in our mission to protect and preserve this critically endangered species.

Dandarah, known for her affectionate nature and endearing interactions with visitors, has now embraced the joys of motherhood with her partner Fredrick. After careful monitoring and anticipation, we are delighted to confirm the arrival of a precious two-month-old joey snuggled safely within Dandarah's pouch.

As she embarks on this remarkable journey, our dedicated team at Aussie Ark is committed to supporting Dandarah every step of the way.

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***“As I opened the pouch, I saw something pink and wiggly in there, and it was a beautiful little joey. Can’t wait to watch Dandarah grow in her motherhood journey”***

- Conservation Manager Hayley Shute.

The Long-nosed Potoroo holds a vital place in the Australian ecosystem, serving as a crucial ‘eco engineer.’ Yet, their population has faced a sharp decline due to various threats, leaving them classified as a threatened species.

You can be a part of this extraordinary conservation effort by contributing to Dandarah’s journey through motherhood and supporting Aussie Ark’s crucial initiatives. Your generous donation will directly contribute to the preservation of the Long-nosed Potoroo and the broader Australian ecosystem. Donate now at [aussieark.org.au](https://aussieark.org.au) and be a vital part of Dandarah and Aussie Ark’s conservation story!



# ROCKET HAS BEEN RELEASED!

We are so excited to announce the release of our little Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby Rocket into his new state-of-the-art enclosure!

Rocket, once a tiny joey, has grown up so fast, and today marks a significant milestone in his life. With great dedication and care, our Operations Manager, Dean Reid, nurtured Rocket from infancy to maturity. Now, Rocket is embarking on a new chapter as he experiences the 'high life' in the breathtaking Alpine paradise of Barrington Tops.

Mr Reid said "Today is an emotional day for me; I'm really happy but also a little bit sad. It's been a long journey to get Rocket to this point, and when you've hand-raised an animal you get attached to them. But they belong out here, living a 'wild' life. This is what Aussie Ark does, and we do it really well."

Rocket's transition wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of our wildlife ranger, Adam Mowbray, who cared for Rocket in the crucial month leading up to his release.

***"Aussie Ark is a conservation organisation that specialises in putting endangered animals back into the wild. This has been such a conservation success story for Aussie Ark, and it's been a privilege to be part of."***

- Mr Mowbray

Rocket's journey doesn't end here; it's just the beginning of his role in our Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby breeding and rewilding program. With less than 30,000 of his species remaining in the wild, our program holds global importance in safeguarding this precious species from extinction.

To help Rocket and support our vital work in breeding and rewilding this extraordinary species, make a donation today. Your generous donation will directly contribute to Rocket's well-being and the continued success of our conservation efforts. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the future of Australia's native wildlife.

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# RUFIOUS BETTONGS EMBRACE FREEDOM!

We are excited to announce the release of 20 Rufous Bettongs into the 'wild' of the 400ha Barrington Wildlife Sanctuary. This event marks a remarkable milestone in our ongoing efforts to safeguard this enigmatic Australian species from the brink of extinction.

The Rufous Bettong, often described as a 'living fossil', is a cherished gem of the animal kingdom, boasting a unique blend of kangaroo-like traits combined with an intriguing growl reminiscent of a bear. This elusive animal, with their nocturnal habits, remains relatively unknown to many Australians. Despite their obscurity, they face a critical threat of extinction due to the relentless impact of feral predators.

For six years, Aussie Ark has been diligently breeding this extraordinary species within our Species Recovery Unit in the Barrington Tops facility. The release stands as a testament to the success of our conservation program, constituting only the second 'wild' release conducted by Aussie Ark.

The Barrington Wildlife Sanctuary, our Rufous Bettongs' new home, offers a sanctuary

reminiscent of a utopia, shielding them from habitat loss and predatory threats in a pristine environment that echoes the charm of pre-colonial times.

Joining us in this momentous event, Managing Director Tim Faulkner expressed his delight in witnessing the release and its positive implications for the species.

***"We love the Rufous Bettong and love creating this sort of positive future for the species,"***

- Mr Faulkner said.

Your generous support and contributions have played a crucial role in making this release possible. We invite you to continue your invaluable support, ensuring the Rufous Bettong's rightful place in the Australian bush.

To discover more about the Rufous Bettong and explore how you can further contribute to their conservation, we encourage you to visit our website at [aussieark.org.au](http://aussieark.org.au) and donate today!

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FOR SIX YEARS, AUSSIE ARK HAS BEEN  
DILIGENTLY BREEDING THIS EXTRAORDINARY  
SPECIES WITHIN OUR SPECIES RECOVERY UNIT IN  
THE BARRINGTON TOPS FACILITY.

# HISTORIC PARMA WALLABY TRANSFER!

Aussie Ark, in collaboration with the Australian Reptile Park, has successfully transferred two Parma wallabies from the Central Coast to the Barrington Tops. These remarkable wallabies, born at the Australian Reptile Park, are now destined to join Aussie Ark's world-leading Parma wallaby breeding and rewilding program.

What's even more exciting is the discovery of a precious joey nestled in the female's pouch found during her health check before the transfer. This surprise serves as a reminder of the critical importance of our collective conservation efforts. The health check and transfer were conducted by Aussie Ark's Operations Manager Dean Reid and Australian Reptile Park's Mammal & Bird Keeper Lauren Hunter.

"First step was a rigorous health check," Mr Reid said. "This involved a microchip check, weighing them, inspecting feet and teeth, and checking the fat of their tails to give them a 'body condition' score. Both wallabies had a score of three, which is perfect!"

***"It was amazing seeing the joey! It was tiny; no fur, ears still closed down on the head, blind, and fused to the teat...so probably just a couple of months old."***

- said Ms Hunter.

The Parma wallaby, a tiny macropod once thought to be extinct, faces threats from feral predation and land clearing. By fostering their growth and preserving their natural habitat, we are taking a significant step towards preventing the extinction of this species.

Under the expert supervision of Aussie Ark's Operations Manager Dean Reid and Australian Reptile Park's Mammal & Bird Keeper Lauren Hunter, the wallabies, along with their young joey, were safely transported to the Barrington Wildlife Sanctuary. Here, they will acclimatise to the Alpine environment before their eventual release into the sanctuary later this year, where they will thrive in the freedom of their natural habitat.

We invite you to witness this exquisite species up close and personal by booking a tour of our Barrington Tops facility or visiting the Australian Reptile Park. Your support is instrumental in driving our mission forward and ensuring the continued success of our vital conservation work with the Parma wallabies.

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# 20 LONG-NOSED POTOROOS RELEASED!

We recently held a Long-nosed Potoroo release event, where 20 of these unique marsupials found their way back into the Australian wilderness. It wouldn't have been possible without your support!

We welcomed a large gathering of donors, partners, supporters, and community members to the Barrington Wildlife Sanctuary for this monumental event. Witnessing kids falling in love with this remarkable species was nothing short of magical.

***"It was so special to see people engage with this species and learn about them. Most Australians don't have any idea what they are."***

-Managing Director Liz Gabriel

Aussie Ark is proud to be a world leader in breeding and rewilding threatened and endangered species, and the Long-nosed Potoroo is one of our signature species. Each of the 20 Potoroos released were born and bred at the Ark. Unfortunately, potoroos have faced immense challenges in the wild, from feral predators to land clearing and bushfires.

These little marsupials play a vital role as "ecosystem terrestrial engineers" in the Australian bush. Their foraging helps oxygenate and moisturise the soil, aids in decomposition, and reduces fuel load, thus reducing the incidence and severity of fires. With the El Niño cycle on the horizon, the work of potoroos in our forests becomes even more critical in safeguarding our environment from droughts and wildfires.

At Aussie Ark, we proudly house one of the world's most important "insurance population" of Long-nosed Potoroos within our 400-hectare feral-proof Sanctuary. This sanctuary is not only a refuge, but a beacon of hope for this species' future.

To join us in this incredible journey and to help us secure a brighter future for Long-nosed Potoroos, make a donation today. Every dollar counts and brings us one step closer to our conservation goals.

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# INTRODUCING JESSIE AND JAMES!

We are thrilled to introduce you to the newest adorable additions to our Aussie Ark family - the Eastern Quoll Joeys, Jessie and James!

These two precious joeys, born to the resilient mother, 'Quollar Eclipse', have captured our hearts with their undeniable charm and playful antics.

Amid the challenges faced by these young quolls, our dedicated wildlife ranger, Tyler Lowe, has taken on the crucial responsibility of hand-raising them. With four bottle-feeds a day, including a special one in the middle of the night, Tyler has lovingly dedicated his time and effort to ensure Jessie and James receive the care they need.

***"Because quolls are nocturnal, the joeys love that night feed the best. I'm not getting much sleep...but it truly is worth it! I'm in love with them and it's the biggest highlight of my life."***

- Mr Lowe

As a species that once roamed the Australian mainland but was tragically decimated by feral predators,

the Eastern Quoll's survival now depends on our collective efforts. Aussie Ark has been at the forefront of breeding and rewilding this endangered species for over five years, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to conserving Australia's unique wildlife. Aussie Ark holds the largest insurance population of this critically endangered species in the world.

We are delighted to share that Jessie and James will one day return to our Species Recovery Unit and play a vital role in our breeding program, bringing their lives full circle in the mission to ensure the Eastern quoll's continued existence.

We invite you to join us in this significant conservation journey. Your continued support enables us to provide essential care for Jessie, James, and all our endangered Eastern Quolls, ensuring their thriving future in their natural habitat.

Together, let's make a difference and safeguard the rich biodiversity that makes Australia truly remarkable. Donate now and be a part of the vital conservation efforts at Aussie Ark. You can also make a symbolic adoption of an Eastern Quoll for yourself or a loved one to help contribute to the Eastern Quoll program.

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THESE TWO PRECIOUS JOEYS, BORN TO THEIR RESILIENT MOTHER, 'QUOLLAR ECLIPSE', HAVE CAPTURED OUR HEARTS WITH THEIR UNDENIABLE CHARM AND PLAYFUL ANTICS.

# WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK! COME AND VISIT US

**'One person can make a difference and everyone should try' - John F Kennedy**



## DEVILS IN THE WILD TOUR!

Want to get up close with our devils?  
Well, now you can!

Our Devils in the Wild tour is a 2.5 hour fully escorted tour led by one of our Aussie Ark Rangers. The tour starts off with an introduction of the project and the Tasmanian Devil over morning tea at our Interpretation centre.

You will be privy to enter a huge free-range enclosure and experience a rare opportunity to really get up-close-and-personal in the Devils natural enclosure to witness a communal feed that encourages wild behaviour.

**To book visit [www.aussieark.org.au](http://www.aussieark.org.au)**

## STAY WITH US!

Come and enjoy a 2 night stay with us at Devils Retreat or Quoll Cottage! With all of the essentials to ensure a relaxing getaway in the mountains, you'll find yourself wishing to stay longer! Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime experience that you'll remember for years to come. Your stay also includes our "Devils in the Wild" tour - a 2.5 hour walking tour of the Aussie Ark facility.

What are you waiting you for?

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### GLENCORE

Glencore has operated in Australia for over 20 years and holds significant interests in a range of commodity industries across all mainland states and the Northern Territory. The company is headquartered in Sydney and is a major Australian employer, with over 15,000 employees working across various industries. The partnership between Aussie Ark and Glencore came about when Glencore was looking for a local community environmental project with tangible outcomes that would make a real difference for Australian wildlife. Aussie Ark is also in the same region as one of Glencore's operating centres (the Upper Hunter) and the company is always on the lookout for local charities to support.

## LEAVE A LEGACY:

**Leave a Legacy for future generations by including a gift to Aussie Ark in your Will. By leaving a bequest you are providing a future for our endangered wildlife.**

Leaving a legacy is a way to ensure that your support of our Australian wildlife can carry on. Aussie Ark is committed to work to prevent extinctions and provide viable futures for our most endangered animals but we rely almost entirely on the generosity of people like you.

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## HOW CAN YOU HELP?



### DONATE

Australia has the worst mammal extinction rate in the world. You can help us build a brighter future for Australia's threatened wildlife by donating today. All donations will help fund vital conservation work at Aussie Ark- every donation over \$2 tax-deductable.



### STAY

Looking for a getaway? Aussie Ark's "Devils Retreat" is perfect for you. With all of the essentials to ensure a relaxing getaway in the mountains, you'll find yourself wishing to stay longer! Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime experience that you'll remember for years to come.



### SUPPORT

Aussie Ark's success isn't possible without people like you - our supporters. We cannot thank you enough. Aussie Ark's mission is mammoth and we will not stop. Help us help them by providing feral free sanctuaries. \$150 will provide 1 metre of fencing or you can adopt one of our species for \$25 a month. Your contribution goes directly to serving Australia's wildlife.

## PROJECT PARTNERS OF AUSSIE ARK





# THE GIFT OF WILDLIFE

## Securing a Brighter Future for Australia's Endangered Species and our Future Generation

This Christmas, join us in creating a legacy for Australia's next generation of kids. Help us give them the extraordinary gift of wildlife for years to come.

With your generous support, we can continue our vital work in safeguarding the habitats and populations of critically endangered species, including the Tasmanian Devil, the Eastern Quoll, and the Koala. By contributing to our cause, you are not only helping to protect these remarkable animals but also nurturing a healthier and more balanced ecosystem for future generations to cherish.

Each donation of \$20 or more not only helps our precious wildlife but also enters you to win a special 2-night-stay at our Quolls Cottage! Including an animal release of your choice, which is a once-in-a-lifetime experience! Aussie Ark has a goal of raising \$100,000 this Christmas, so each dollar counts.

Give the gift of wildlife this Christmas and together, we can build a legacy that ensures a brighter future for Australia's endangered wildlife for generations to come.

**Thank you for being a part of our mission and for giving the gift of hope to our treasured wildlife this Christmas season.**



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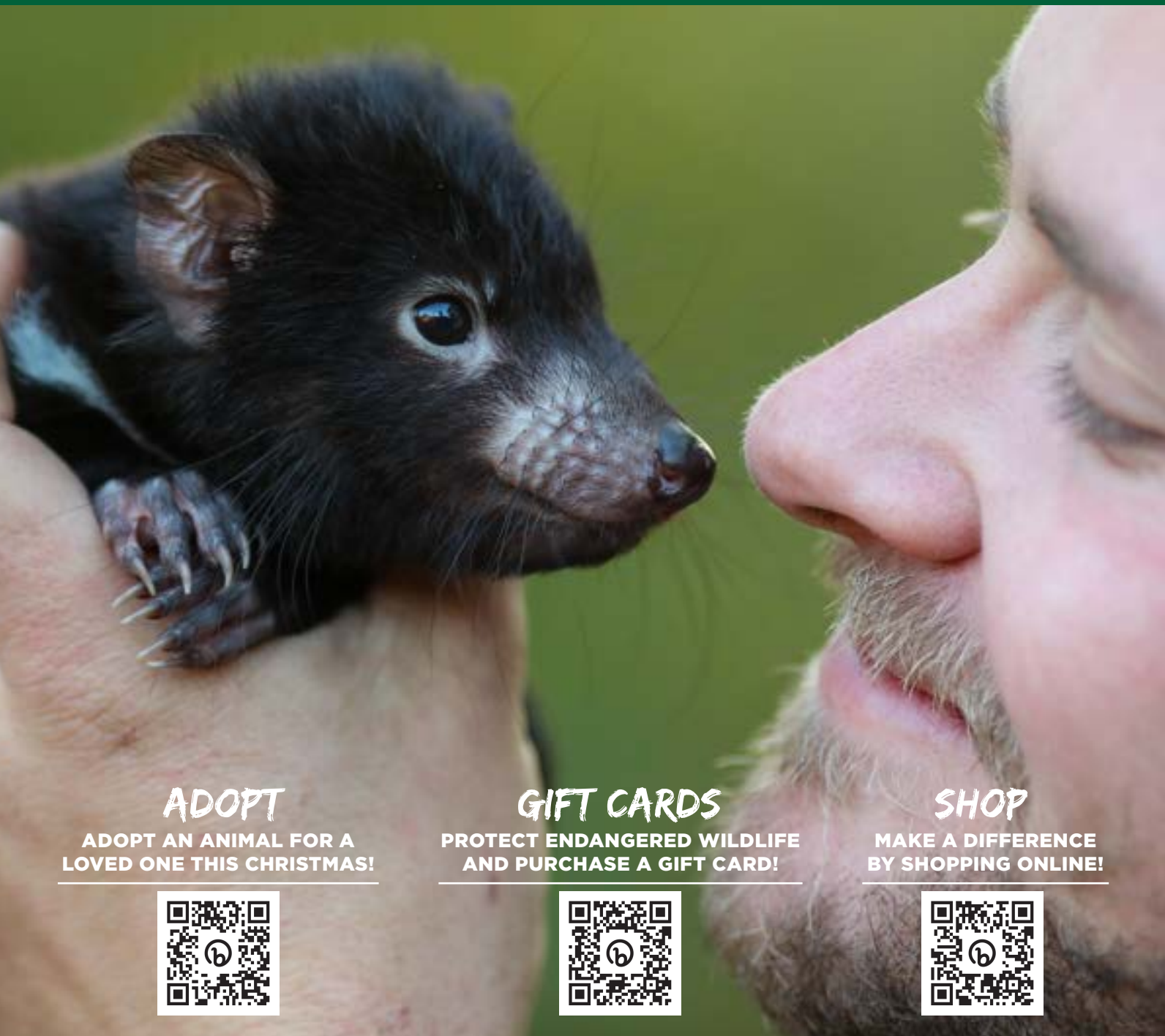
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# SUPPORT AUSSIE ARK THIS CHRISTMAS!

TOGETHER, LET'S REWILD AUSTRALIA AND SECURE A BRIGHTER FUTURE  
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LOVED ONE THIS CHRISTMAS!



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