

WDRR Training Schedule 2025

To book for a workshop, please use the following link to complete the JotForm. A confirmation email will be sent after booking.

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If you have any questions, please contact Michael on michael@wdrr.org.au

| Workshop | Date/Time | Location |
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| Wildcare Aus Inc. Basic Rescue and First Aid for Wildlife* | TBC | TBC |
| WDRR Operations* | 19 th July 2025 0930 - 1430 | Murphys Creek Community Hall |
| Basic Wildfire Awareness* | When commencing as a volunteer, link sent in membership email. | Online |
| IFAW – Blackwalk Online training* | When commencing as a volunteer, link sent in membership email. | Online |
| Bird Rescue, Triage and Transport** | 01 st June 2025 0930 - 1400 | Murphys Creek Community Hall |
| Property Assessment and understanding Fire Ecology Dr Christina (UniSQ)* | TBC June 2025 Time - TBC | Online – Link will be sent after registration. |

Workshop overview

Workshops are provided to WDRR members free of charge. These workshops are delivered by a variety of trainers from a range of industry and agency experts and funding to provide them is sought through hard work writing grants or sourcing funding.

Training marked with an * are mandatory training components for volunteering in the field. Training marked with a ** are open to the public with a registration fee (They will remain free for WDRR members).

There may occasionally be training offered to WDRR that will incur a cost. Invites will be extended to members as they are offered. The organisation will work hard to secure funding to provide this training for free to WDRR members, however they may incur a cost should we not succeed in various funding applications.

*WDRR Operations

This workshop is designed to familiarise volunteers with WDRR's guiding Workplace Health and Safety practices and allow for exploration of the available opportunities.

The WH&S section will include policies and procedures WDRR volunteers will use to conduct vital works in the field including triage, rescue and property inspections. This is a critical and mandatory training workshop as we want our volunteers to be safe while conducting this vital work to continue improving welfare for our wildlife and habitat health during disasters.

This workshop will allow volunteers to explore the opportunities WDRR have to offer. This will include Triage and Drop Point set up and processes, Property Inspections including Blackwalk and habitat assessment surveys and training to participate in our Detection Dog team that works with a qualified Conservation Detection Dog trainer in the field. Other functions will be included such as data analysing from surveys conducted to generate a well-informed report back to our agency and community group partners.

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*Wildcare Aus Inc. Basic Rescue and First Aid for Wildlife

The workshop is delivered by WDRR Trainers, but is a comprehensive training package developed by Wildcare Australia Inc. We would like to thank Wildcare for their permission to use this training package for WDRR members. This training has been developed by dedicated and experienced carers and WDRR is proud to be able to deliver this to the regional locations.

We are greatly appreciative to Wildcare Australia for the use of this training program to assist delivering welfare outcomes for wildlife in the region. This training covers most aspects of wildlife rescue with basic rescue techniques for more advanced species. This gives volunteers a great base to build from and develop critical skills for field activities.

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*Basic Wildfire Awareness

This online workshop gives volunteers some key information regarding wildfire awareness, fire ecology and how emergency services respond to this type of disaster. There is critical information in this workshop that will protect volunteers and give them the awareness needed for the type of environment volunteers will be in. This workshop is required for volunteers to assist during field operations. This is an online link sent out in your membership email, certificates are issued and are required to be forwarded through once attained.

It is recommended to do this training yearly to stay current. Using the membership email is a great reminder to do the training.

If you have misplaced the link for this training, you can complete the Jotform to register for the training and a link will be sent in your confirmation email.

***IFAW – Blackwalk Online training**

This training is provided by IFAW and will give a comprehensive understanding of how to safely conduct Blackwalks after fire events.

WDRR has high expectations in the field to make sure we are all acting safely, this training will give additional support to those volunteers.

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****Bird Rescue, Triage and Transport**

This workshop is delivered by an experienced bird care, including raptors and waterbirds. Our trainer is a wild bird trainer at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary for the Free Flight show. Our trainer is also an active member of WDRR and assists in the field during activations, this is an excellent opportunity to learn rescue and transport skills and the best practise to triage injured birds.

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***Property Assessment and understanding Fire Ecology**

This workshop will be an online workshop designed to give volunteers the essential skills to conduct property assessments. This will include understanding fire and how it impacts a habitat, but also how it assists some ecosystems to propagate new generations.

This workshop will also arm volunteers with the skills to identify the needed habitat for restoration works such as logs and hollows and where revegetation activities need to take occur.

This workshop will be presented by Dr. Christina Birburum, University of Southern Queensland via Zoom. Information about the Zoom meeting will be emailed to registered participants prior to the workshop.