

KANGAROO CRUELTY IN MELBOURNE'S OUTER EAST



Smith's Gully, Vic. Found alive.
Credit: Stringybark Wildlife Shelter

"I have been rescuing kangaroos in Nillumbik for almost four years. In that time we have come across dozens of kangaroos that have been shot and wounded and left to die. We've seen kangaroos with half their face missing, kangaroos with bullet holes in their rump or legs, and even bullet holes in their abdomen. They are called in by concerned residents who find them suffering and slowly dying of infection. The pain and fear they must feel is unimaginable. As wildlife rescuers we deal with suffering every day - road trauma, dog attacks, fence hangers etc - but seeing these kangaroos being deliberately slaughtered and maimed is absolutely soul destroying. We dedicate our lives to helping wildlife while our neighbours call in shooters to needlessly kill them. I live in what should be kangaroo heaven but I will not release my hand-raised joeys here because I often hear shooters in nearby properties." ~ SBWS

"Pouch checks leave you with lots of unanswered questions, did you die instantly? did you lie here terrified? Where is your Joey? Alone or with the mob? Will it be old enough to survive? The distress, anger and sadness to find the kangaroo has also been shot in the back as well as run over is devastating. Sadly it's not uncommon in the outskirts of Melbourne and I'm no longer surprised by it." ~ Narelle



Yarra Glen, Vic. Feb, 2022.
Shot in flank, hit by car.
Credit: Narelle Trippett

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