

# Macropod carers make the most of expert

A TWO-DAY course on the Basics of Macropod care was held at Tolga Racecourse.

The course was promoted by the Tablelands Wildlife Rescue Inc., who consist of members located throughout the entire Cairns and Atherton Tablelands area.

The purpose of the course was to give basic instruction in the best practice care and rehabilitation of macropods, to facilitate their eventual release into the wild.

Tina Janssen, from Mount Larcom, was invited by the TWR group to present a series of tutorials on basic macropod care and disease management.

Tina is a researcher in partnership with the University of Queensland for breeding and research of endangered species.

She is well known for her work with captive breeding of the critically

endangered Bridle Naitail Wallabies, which has been ongoing for 10 years.

She also has established a breeding centre for the Northern Hairy Nose Wombat.

Tina has 18 years of practical experience caring for injured, ill, and orphaned wildlife, and has also worked as the curator of the Rockhampton Zoo for four years.

The first day of the course was aimed at new members who have little experience with the caring of macropods.

Despite some members being experienced in the caring of other wildlife, macropod management can be difficult due to the high stress levels and strict feeding requirements of these animals.

The subjects that were discussed ranged from necessary equipment for joeys to keeping record charts. On the

second day, the course concentrated on basic first aid procedures to common illnesses and medication and dose rate charts. Natural remedies was also discussed.

Tablelands Wildlife Rescue group has close association with local vets, and the members acknowledge the importance of these veterinary services.

Tablelands Regional Council provided the use of audio visual equipment for the course.

Tablelands Wildlife Rescue Association will run additional workshops over the next year for rescue and rehabilitation of other wildlife species and macropods.

The next workshop is a bird carers



*Tablelands Wildlife Rescue's macropod carers at the end of its two-day course.*

training on the 10th November from 10-2pm at the Tolga Racecourse.

It will be gold coin donation for entry and please bring something to share for lunch. Please RSVP to the website or 24-hour hotline if you wish to attend, ph 4091 7767.