

## **Press Release – Short version**

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Kangaloola Wildlife Shelter is powering up an extra 17 kWh of battery storage to help respond to the ever-increasing demand for wildlife care.

Kangaloola spokesperson, Chris Lehmann says “...the power system has revolutionised operations. We can now focus an extra \$9000 a year on caring for wildlife, rather than adding to problems with fossil fuels. This doubling of the battery capacity will provide for the extra demand on our services and keep reliance on the generator to a minimum.”

The refuge has relied on diesel generators for their power needs since its creation in 1991. Two years ago funds were raised to install a stand-alone solar and battery system with an automatic generator. This system saved the facility over \$9000 in fuel costs in the first year and resulted in a quieter facility. An evacuated tube hot water service was also donated, eliminating the need for a 45 kg gas bottle every six weeks to now once a year.

The increasing pressure of human population growth and climate change is placing an ever increasing burden on our wildlife. This has caused a doubling of wildlife care needs in ten years and Kangaloola has doubled their 24-hour a day work force to cope with this.

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