

“Valuing our Volunteers with Support & Understanding”

Audrey Koosmen

Audrey Koosmen was introduced to wildlife as a child while living a farm life with both parents. Caring for wildlife the best way they could in those days, her interest and caring for wildlife was founded from that young age till now some 52 years later.

She moved onto trying to save marine creatures in 1964 at the age of 16 and was arrested twice at a whale stranding and when caught spraying baby harp seals with green spray. In 1965 she then turned to habitat conservation, again being arrested for placing herself in the way of the removal of an old growth forest. Something she is very proud of.

She has rescued and rehabbed wildlife since 1965 all species but snakes.

Audrey was a founding member of the Native Animal Trust Fund in the Hunter Valley of NSW and held the position of Chair for 34 years and is now a current committee member.

Audrey is a founding member of the NSW Wildlife Council and is currently Chair of NWC.

She has also turned her skills to Emergency Management and is Incident Controller for NATF and sits on many committees involved in emergency management work and planning.

Audrey sees a need for us all to consider disaster management and rescue of wildlife after a disaster. She conducts training and has a well trained team who work alongside her in emergency incidents.

Audrey finds it an honour to have been able to handle, rescue and save so many native wildlife. She intends to continue even though her older age body parts are not so good and the sometimes bad health are slowly creeping into her life. She will keep fighting for our wildlife and the volunteers.