

Marie Wynan

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Marie is a proud mum of two adult sons and has been married for 29 years to Raymond Wynan. Marie and her husband have been wildlife carers since the first kangaroo joey made his way to them one week before their first son was born 26 years ago. Together they run Jarake Wildlife Sanctuary, a 130-acre conservation area next to Glenbog State Forest in South East NSW. She is a qualified Veterinary Nurse at Southern Cross Wildlife Care and Referral Centre and also has a certificate III in Animal Studies, both attained under Dr Howard Ralph.

Marie says, "My heart belongs to wombats and I have raised and released far too many over the years. My passion is to interact and study the adults' social structure and behaviour, spending many hours in the bush."

Marie sees the devastating effect mange is having on wombats and has been actively treating mange since 2005. She also knows only too well the impact roadkill is having on the wombat population having pulled mangled bodies off the roads to check pouches for joeys that can be rehabilitated.

With habitat destruction playing a major role in population loss, Marie and her husband have campaigned, since 2014, and actively educated NSW Forestry Corporation, especially in Glenbog State Forest, to better protect wombats and their burrows during logging. This resulted in the Glenbog Guidelines.

Marie believes her fighting spirit and determination for wombats comes from her background of six years in the Swedish National Cycling Team, competing all over Scandinavia, Europe and the USA.