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Help is on hand for Lily the endangered cockatoo

An endangered Carnaby's black cockatoo has been given a second chance of life thanks to a community grant by P&N Bank.

Three months ago, eight year old Lily was found on the side of a road in shock by a member of the public and taken to the Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre - a wildlife rescue service in Martin.

Volunteer Cathy Burns said Lily had several minor injuries and is currently undergoing rehabilitation.

"Many of the black cockatoos at Kaarakin have been struck by vehicles, fallen from their nest, shot, attacked by cats or other birds, or suffering the effects of poisons," explained Cathy.

"Sadly, many of the birds that are rescued do not survive their injuries.

"The Carnaby's black cockatoo, which is only found in WA's south west, is so endangered there's some discussion the species won't exist here in 20 years."

Kaarakin is a volunteer, not-for-profit organisation that relies entirely on sponsorship and donations.

"We have 30 aviaries on site with more than 200 birds, many of whom, like Lily, we aim to release back into their native habitat," said Cathy.

"The cost of rehabilitating an injured bird can range from hundreds to thousands of dollars so we are incredibly grateful to P&N Bank for all their assistance with Lily."

Kaarakin is one of five recipients of P&N's quarterly \$1000 donations through its Helping & grants program.

P&N Maddington Branch Manager Joy Evans said the bank was delighted to be able to provide assistance to Cathy, Lily and all the volunteers from the Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre on behalf of P&N's members.

"This is what our Helping & program is all about," said Joy. "The team at Kaarakin do an amazing job.

"I understand Cathy was one of P&N's very first members, so it's very rewarding for us to have the opportunity to support a not-for-profit organisation to which Cathy dedicates so much of her free time.

"As WA's largest locally owned bank, this is why we exist; to enrich the lives of our members and the community in which we live."

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