

TABLELANDER

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Hotline a lifeline for injured wildlife

THESE little wallabies could easily have been victims of the road if it were not for the care of the newly formed Tablelands Wildlife Rescue.

Now the group, which after six months has all its permits for looking after native animals, has set up a 24-hour hotline to save more native species found sick or injured by the public.

Group president Dr Claire Baker, an entomologist of Mt Molloy, said Scout was found by a passing motorist who took her to the vet.

"Her mother was squashed on the road and she was just lying beside her," she said. "She is in really good condition now."

Since starting, the group now has 60 members on the Tableland looking out for wounded, injured or orphaned wildlife. Dr Baker said the hotline would be manned 24 hours a day and callers would be put through to a carer.

● To contact the hotline, ph: 4091 7767.

NATIVE SAVIORS: Dr Claire Baker (left) and co-founder of the Tablelands Wildlife Rescue, Jean Housley, are behind the new 24-hour hotline.

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