

WOMBATS NEED YOUR HELP

You can help fight deadly Mange in Wombats

Although killing the mites which cause mange is fairly simple for domestic animals, when wombats get mange it means a slow painful death over many months. Now however, the Wombat Protection Society has developed an easy way to treat wombats with mange, without disturbing the wombat, which can be done by anyone prepared to help. A simple frame device, '*BURROW FLAP*' that has a hanging ice cream lid with a bottle cap inserted into the middle is placed at the entrances of infected animals. (we can supply these) Once in place, anti-mange liquid can be poured into the cap once a week so that the wombat self medicates as it passes under the flap on its way in and out of the burrow.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Join the 'Wombat Watch' to help keep a look out for distressed wombats.
- Report any wombats which look manged (bald patches and sores) or are seen out and about during the day (manged wombats are out in daylight)
- Note any active wombat burrows in your area and report the location
- If a manged wombat is found near you, you may be able to help set up and monitor the site and refill the burrow flap

For more information, contact the Maryknoll Wildlife Shelter on **5942 8518**

