



Terry High, raptor carer with students from Mel Marcia Catholic Primary School at The Hills Forest Discovery Centre on World Environment Day.

Photo by Liz Moore.

Second chance at life for raptor

A RARE hills raptor has been given a second chance at life thanks to the staff at The Hills Forest Discovery Centre and local eastern hills raptor carer, Terry High.

The healthy juvenile Whistling Kite was released on World Environment Day on June 5.

The bird's history is an increasingly common story of cooperation between a member of the public, wildlife carers and the Department.

The bird was brought to country wildlife carer, Trish Millard by a concerned member of the public who noticed this large raptor, on the side of the road, unable to fly.

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Trish and Terry discovered that the bird had feather damage, was very hungry and within a few hours of death.

After six months at Raptor Rescue, of Gidgegannup, the bird is now fully fit and well.

The chosen release site was The Hills Forest Discovery Centre, with its many hectares of suitable bush and where EcoEducation leaders and visiting students can monitor it.

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