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Praise for Metro Trains duckling rescue

Wildlife Victoria thanked the quick-thinking Metro-Trains staff at Flinders Street railway station today after six ducklings were rescued from the tracks at platform 10.

Eagle eyed staff members spotted the ducklings on the tracks and took steps to prevent the train at platform 10 from leaving the station.

An authorised Metro Trains employee investigated the pit beneath the train and rounded up six ducklings - despite one making a valiant effort to escape.

Metro Trains staff contacted Wildlife Victoria on 8400 7300 and a volunteer rescuer was dispatched to collect the ducklings and take them to safety at a registered wildlife shelter.

The ducklings are now in care and will be released when they have grown to a size where they can fend for themselves.

Wildlife Victoria CEO, Lisa Palma, praised the quick-thinking Metro Trains staff for their heroic efforts in rescuing the duckling family.

“We very much appreciate the efforts of everyone involved in the rescue of these ducklings,” Ms Palma said.

“Thanks to them, the sweet little ducklings will get a second chance at life on the wild side.”

Wildlife Victoria has responded to 1,383 duck cases since 1 September 2021.

How to help lost or displaced ducklings;

- Providing the ducks are safely under the watchful eyes of their parents, please don't get too close. Allow them to move freely without any interference.
- If ducks are on the road, providing it is safe, alert oncoming traffic
- [Watch this video for tips](#) on how to help ducklings
- Wildlife Victoria's Emergency Response Service can be contacted on **03 8400 7300** or visit www.wildlifelifevictoria.org.au to lodge a wildlife emergency report online. This service is available 24/7
- Learn more about Victoria's ducks at www.discoverducks.org.au

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About Wildlife Victoria

- Wildlife Victoria is a not-for-profit wildlife Emergency Response Service that has been operating for more than 30 years as an independent, not-for-profit organisation focussed on the welfare of Australia's unique

wildlife.

- Last year, Wildlife Victoria's Emergency Response Service received more than 100,000 requests for assistance and supported more than 78,000 sick, injured or orphaned native animals.
- Wildlife Victoria educates the community about wildlife, and helps the community manage wildlife incidents.
- Wildlife Victoria advocates for wildlife whenever their welfare is under threat or compromised.