



PRESS RELEASE

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YOUNG SEA EAGLE SOARS BACK TO NEW LIFE

Today, a fit, healthy and fully rehabilitated juvenile White bellied Sea Eagle was released back into the wild – from the canopy of an eco-cruise boat!

Craig Webb of Raptor & Wildlife Refuge of Tasmania Inc and Robert Pennicott of Pennicott Wilderness Journeys had the privilege of releasing the young eagle as Rob's boat glided through a quiet reach of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel.

“The wooded shorelines of the Channel are ideal habitat for sea eagles - watching their strong and graceful flight is one of the great delights of spending time in and around this wonderful southern Tasmanian waterway, “ Rob says. “It was an exciting and heart-warming moment to see this young bird fly free, because it definitely would not have survived without the care of Craig and his team of volunteers.”

Craig Webb established Raptor & Wildlife Refuge on a 20 acre property overlooking Kettering and the D'Entrecasteaux Channel. Among the outstanding features of the world-class facility are two of the largest raptor flight aviaries in the southern hemisphere, purpose built to flight-train wedge-tailed eagles, sea eagles and other birds, during their recovery from injury.

“Our team nursed the juvenile sea eagle back to health and strength,” Craig says. “Upon arrival it was severely undernourished and too weak to fly, during its five months with us, the bird gained more than a kilogram in weight and was fighting fit and ready for release.”

Using one of Rob's boats for the release was appropriate, because his family ecocruising business are proud sponsors of the Raptor & Wildlife Refuge, which depends on the hard work and dedication of Craig and his volunteers, with assistance from sponsorship, membership, donations and a grant from The Tasmanian Community Fund.

The Refuge's latest project is the building of an interpretation centre to be used for education and specialty groups. To become a member of the Raptor & Wildlife Refuge of Tasmania Inc or if you are able to donate and help support this important facility please go to www.raptorrefuge.com.au, call 0408 725 869 or email craig@raptorrefuge.com.au

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