

# Our little Aussie battler

**CLYDE** Cameron Reserve Group members Linda and Vance stumbled across a little marvel of the reserve while out walking on the evening of Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

What they thought was a mouse ahead of them on the new gravel path beside House Creek was actually a baby squirrel glider. It was near a nest box in a tree and had miraculously managed to survive a 5m fall from the box.

Linda and Vance picked up the glider and took it home and, after a few inquiries, Chris from Kangaloola Wildlife Shelter at Yackandandah came to the rescue.

Chris weighed the glider at 31 grams and assessed it as a female,

about 80 days old. However, the glider did not yet have her eyes open, so it is possible the mother may have ejected it from the nest as she may not have been viable.

The glider's eyes were bathed for a week and eventually opened. Feeding, at first, was difficult, but eventually became satisfactory. However, it did involve four-hourly feeding!

The pictures here tell the story of her initial new care.

If all goes well, the squirrel glider will be released at the start of next autumn in Clyde Cameron Reserve, in Wodonga, at the site where it was found.

We will keep you posted on our little Aussie battler.

