

From a tiny creature, a beautiful Pixie grows

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A **SQUIRREL** glider is recovering and growing well after being found in Clyde Cameron Reserve on Tuesday, October 1, when initially thought to be a mouse (above).

The glider was taken to a wildlife refuge based at Yackandandah and is doing well with some special tender loving care.

Now named Pixie, the squirrel glider either fell or was pushed out of a nesting box in the reserve by her mother, and survived a 5m fall to the ground.

Pixie weighed 30 grams when she was an estimated 80 days old and her initial care involved 1.5mL of special milk and a nectar mix every four hours around the clock. Pixie was able to go on five feeds a day when she reached 45 grams on October 25.

Other milestones in her growth have been to reach a weight of 55 grams on October 29 and 70 grams on November 5.

Pixie will eventually be released back into Clyde Cameron Reserve, probably with her own nesting box at the outset and will be released close to her mother's location so she can have some support until she joins a colony.

Meanwhile, Pixie has started to explore her own specially built enclosure, so she can learn to climb and glide.



● These pictures show the steady growth of Pixie, the squirrel glider, found in Clyde Cameron Reserve on Tuesday, October 1, The main picture, at left, shows her at six weeks old ... a far cry from when she was found!

