

# Esso update



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Safety is a core value at Esso Australia and every day, we all strive to ensure a work environment where Nobody Gets Hurt. Maintaining safe operations is not just a priority for Esso, but also for our wider workforce, including the multitude of contractors that we engage and work closely with.

Last month, our team at Long Island Point celebrated our contractor's safety commitment with Sam Jeffs, of the Oceaneering team, who was awarded an Oceaneering "Do Things Right" award, which recognises his impressive attentiveness onsite.

Sam is a valued member of the Long Island Point team, and over the years he has remained vigilant and on the lookout for possible hazards in the field. He consistently looks to make the work site a safer place for his peers, other contractors on site and the client.

It's great to have full confidence in our team as the plant excitingly takes the next steps to execute our ethane-generation project. We are working to construct ethane-fired power generators that will be capable of converting excess ethane into 35-40 megawatts of electricity to power Victorian homes. In addition to providing power to the community, these generators will reduce flaring and help to ensure we can maintain our reliable supply of natural gas and natural gas liquids across the east coast.

If you would like more information about our operations or our community initiatives, please feel free to drop me a line at [communityANZ@exxonmobil.com](mailto:communityANZ@exxonmobil.com)



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## NEWS DESK

# Plover in safe hands after fishing line tangle

BIRD observers worried about hooded plover seen limping Flinders ocean beach called for help from Birdlife Australia's Dr Kasun Ekanayake, who was able to catch the bird.

The plover, which had been limping for two to three weeks, was then taken to the Main Ridge vet Dr Kristin Wolfe who untangled a length of fishing line embedded in the bird's foot. The foot needed to have one toe amputated which had become gangrenous.

After overnighting at a house in Flinders, Dr Ekanayake returned the next morning (Thursday 10 March) and, with Friends of the Hooded Plover group member Penny Johns, took it back to the beach.

"After taking the dressing off the foot was found to be clean and healthy. The bird was given a small dose of an antibiotic, banded with a numbered metal band and an engraved flag, white TT," Ms Johns said.

"It was quite overwhelming to see her run off along the beach and immediately start eating."

Ms Johns said the plover was soon joined by a mate familiar to bird observers as it had been tagged in April 2013, making it nearly nine years old.

"The hooded plover is on the verge of extinction in Victoria with only 3000 individuals remaining in south-eastern Australia, and 550 in Victoria," Ms Johns said.

"Dogs on beaches are one of their greatest threats because, if they have eggs or chicks and are disturbed, the adults will likely desert the nest."

Anyone wanting to volunteer for the Friends of Hooded Plover Mornington Peninsula should go to [hoodedplover.com](http://hoodedplover.com) or email Mark Lethlean at [hploversmornpen@gmail.com](mailto:hploversmornpen@gmail.com)

Keith Platt



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# Plan holds hope for kangaroos

WILDLIFE advocates are confident the fate of hundreds of kangaroos trapped at Cape Schanck is closer to being resolved after a meeting with Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning officers on Wednesday.

Mary Waterman from Save Mornington Peninsula Kangaroos said members concerned about the safety of the kangaroos, which were behind a locked gate on private property and could not escape, believed Delwp seemed responsive to their calls for the kangaroos to be released.

Ms Waterman said a permit application to control the wildlife through lethal means had been rejected, and SMPK was hopeful that Delwp would now follow it up with a request to the property manager to open the gates or install one-way gates for the kangaroos to disperse naturally.

She said the measures suggested should have been conducted in the first place and are stated in DELWP kangaroo and wallaby management guidelines.

SMPKs Craig Thomson said too many species were being lost in Australia, and the group wanted Delwp to fulfil its obligations to protect wildlife.

The kangaroos have been on the property for more than three months and are becoming stressed, and MPK says it will not give up the fight to get them back to safety.

Ms Waterman said Greens Bush was the kangaroos' home, and opening the one-way gates to allow them back was the best option.

"That's still what we hope for, so I am pushing that with Delwp, and hopefully we will get an answer soon," she said.