

Daniel Van Der Hooven unveils his wildlife project

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It took some rigorous realigning after rain shut the Gulgong markets down early on Saturday, but Max Potential young adult Daniel Van Der Hooven completed his community service project on Monday by holding an information stall in Church Street.

Daniel used Max Potential and the tool kit had provided him with to raise awareness of Wildlife Aid, and the services it provides by rescuing, caring and releasing for injured wildlife.

Daniel said the idea for his community service project came from his mother who has expressed an interest in becoming a carer with Wildlife Aid.

“I found out that Wildlife Aid needs funds to help with the care of the animals they rescue. As well as hopefully encouraging people to donate, I wanted to at least raise awareness of who people can call if they run across an injured animal,” he said.

As part of his project, Daniel printed out pamphlets and business cards with contact information with Wildlife Aid, had a computer running with a PowerPoint Presentation with music and more detailed information, and pinned up posters of animals that residents in the Mid-Western region were most likely to come across and need Wildlife Aid for.

“He’s done really well so far. It was a little slow this morning but he’s got his confidence up and is happily talking to people and giving them information,” Max Potential coach Alan Talbot said.

Daniel was going to set up his stall at the Gulgong markets on Saturday but the heavy rain kept patrons away until the last minute when the sun broke through.

“We stayed around for a while and I managed to ask a few people to sign up and take a brochure,” he said.

Daniel will have more information available at the Max Potential Showcase on Friday. For more information on Wildlife Aid, visit wildlifeaid.org.au