



## *Congratulations Tiggy!*

We would like to congratulate Tiggy Grillo, WHA's National Coordinator for receiving the 2016 Barry Munday Award from the Wildlife Diseases Association – Australasian (WDA-A) Section for services to wildlife health in Australia.

"Tiggy is the backbone of Wildlife Health Australia. She coordinates Australia's general wildlife health surveillance system, manages and maintains the national wildlife health information system and oversees the operational staff at WHA to ensure that the required work activities are identified and delivered.

Tiggy also manages the National Avian Influenza Wildlife Bird Surveillance Program, which involves all of Australia's states and territories.

Since joining WHA Tiggy has overseen further development of Australia's general wildlife health surveillance system, including the recent inclusion of Australia's seven vet schools into national reporting arrangements. In recognition of the trust and confidence in which she is held, Tiggy has also been made Australia's World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Focal Point for Wildlife Health. Most recently Tiggy has initiated regular communication and meetings with Canada (the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative) and the USA (USGS). She has also taken on the development and coordination of a Veterinary Technical Reference Group that has been set up to better coordinate and provide veterinary input into the Orange-bellied parrot Recovery program. It is fair to say that this activity has been transformative for the program.

Despite a crushing workload, Tiggy is always kind, helpful and respectful in her dealings with people. She is a central part of Australia's wildlife health arrangements and much of the success of the current system is due to her efforts. Tigs has always been a strong supporter of WDA and as NSW rep she assisted in development of the new WDA website, which will be a lasting legacy.

As the highest recognition for contribution to wildlife health work in Australia, Tiggy is a worthy recipient of the Barry Munday Award. Though she works in all the areas that Barry valued, it is for her commitment to communication, engagement and inclusiveness that Tiggy is recognised."