



## **Being found was bingo for Bluey**

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A short-beaked echidna rescued in the Central West during the bushfire emergency has a new lease on life after being rehabilitated at the Corrective Services NSW Wildlife Care Centre.

Bluey was found by a Corrective Services Industries driver along the Great Western Highway at Marrangaroo in early January.

CSNSW Senior Overseer Ian Mitchell said Bluey was underweight and dehydrated when he arrived at the wildlife centre, in Windsor in Sydney's north west.

"With a bit of TLC and a diet of mealworms, crickets and plenty of fresh water, he bounced back," Mr Mitchell said.

"Following his recovery, I released him into the Blue Mountains last month with plenty of natural bushland to live out his days."

At any one time there are around 250 animals, mainly birds, housed at the wildlife centre and cared for by highly-trained overseers and carefully-selected minimum-security inmates from the Outer Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Correctional Centre.

Commissioner Peter Severin said this is a perfect example of how our staff come together in times of need.

"It's great to see the compassion of our staff at the centre and CSI. We wish Bluey all the best," Mr Severin said.

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