



## You've found a sick or injured seabird? Do you need to contain it?

- If you are unsure about what to do, ring for help (See phone numbers below).
- Only try to help if it is safe for you to do so.
- Avoid chasing the bird.
- Limit handling to what is strictly necessary.
- Have a box prepared for the bird.
- Make sure the box is a suitable size for the bird.
- The bird should be able to sit comfortably, turn around, and stretch out its neck.
- Air flow around the bird is very important. **Seabirds are very prone to overheating.**
- Place 2 or 3 towels in the bottom of the box.
- Ensure there is ventilation in the top of the box, NOT the sides.
- Use a towel or large cotton cloth to cover the bird entirely. If the bird can't see you, it won't bite you.
  - ➔ Keep the head covered at all times.
  - ➔ Keep the head held away from you.
  - ➔ Do not hold its beak closed. If you do, it will not be able to breathe.
  - ➔ Scoop the bird up and place it in a cardboard box.
- Remove the covering from the bird, starting at the tail end and finishing with uncovering the head. Step away quickly so that the bird cannot bite you.
- **Do not offer the bird anything to eat or drink.**
- Keep the bird in a **QUIET DARK** place.
- Ring for help.

### Important Contact numbers:

- **0447 264 625**—Bonorong Wildlife Rescue hotline (24hrs, 7 days/week)
- **0417 224 462**—Injured and Orphaned Wildlife Hotline, DPIWPE (8am-8pm, 7 days/week)