



## Norfolk Island National Park

### RODENT CONTROL EXPANSION TO PROTECT GREEN PARROTS

*This project makes practical steps to enhance and expand the existing rat baiting program in Norfolk Island National Park. This will reduce direct and indirect impacts of rats on native and significant species and their habitats, including the endangered green parrot and ground-nesting seabirds.*

### Year 1 update (3-year project)

#### OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS

- The first phase of the rodent control expansion project was completed in September 2015. This involved cutting rat lines through the Chord forestry section, installing over 300 additional bait stations to the existing rodent baiting network, marking star pickets and data collection.
- Baiting started in October 2015 while further rat lines were cut for phase two of the rodent control expansion project between September and November.
- Community engagement about rodent control has taken place. This includes meetings and presentations with the Norfolk Island National Park Advisory Committee, the Norfolk Island Flora and Fauna Society and Wild Mob conservation volunteers.
- Installation of the phase 2 rat baiting stations and commencement of baiting of these stations are the next steps in the project.



Rodent control will protect the endangered Norfolk Island green parrot (photo by Cassandra Jones).