



ARRC Wildlife Trust's Liza Schneider with copies of the first two fundraising kids' books *Wiremu and the Cat Gang* and *Frankie and the Flypaper*.

Books to help the birds

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Birds Wiremu and Frankie haven't been having much luck lately.

Both have ended up at ARRC (Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre) Wildlife Trust to be fixed up before being released.

The story of Frankie (a fantail who tangled with some flypaper) and Wiremu (a waxeye nearly gobbled up by a gang of cats) feature in two fundraising books produced by the trust.

Each tells the story of how the birds ended up in need of rehabilitation.

"These are the things that

happen to the animals we see — flypaper is good for catching flies, but not so good for birds — and it does happen," says trust director Liza Schneider.

Wiremu is attacked by a group of cats that are not being properly looked after. A boy finds Wiremu and takes him to ARRC where he is kept until his broken leg heals.

"[The books] are about how man impacts on wildlife." They do have happy endings.

The two books have been illustrated by Stiaan Viljoen (Frankie) and Emma Frederickson (Wiremu) who donated their time and skills.

"As a wildlife trust primarily providing medical care and wildlife rehabilitation services,

ARRC Wildlife Trust members believe kids' education is imperative for a sustainable long-term solution for many of the issues that we encounter where man impacts on nature," Ms Schneider says.

The two books are available from ARRC Wildlife Trust at 212 Fraser St or on The Nile and Fishpond shopping websites. There are six more stories that are lined up for further books.

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