

Eco Warriors Australia Newsletter

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Above: Wildlife rope bridge installed at Mt Evelyn by ERA's talented arborists. Photo credit: Yarra Ranges Council.

Wildlife Rope Bridges

Last year, in partnership with Yarra Ranges Council and [Ecology and Restoration Australia](#), we got together with the community to build wildlife rope bridges for arboreal wildlife. We ran workshops across the Yarra Ranges Shire, and managed to build hundreds of metres of rope bridge. Watch [this video](#), starring ERA's Principal Ecologist Dr Jo Isaac, to learn more about how the project came about.

The wildlife rope bridges built by volunteers have now been installed in Mount Evelyn in bushland areas that were damaged during the 2021 storms. We're hoping that fauna species such as possums and gliders will use our bridges to move across the canopy. We'll keep you posted. In the meantime, here's a picture of a very cute ringtail possum using one of our rope bridges!

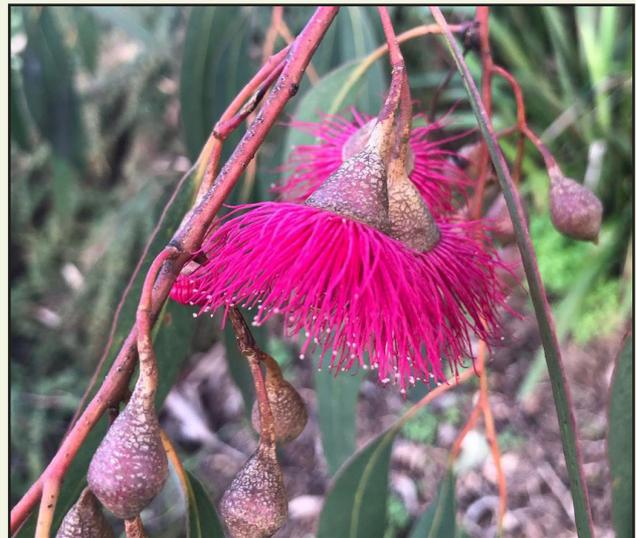
Below: A curious ring tail possum using one of our wildlife rope bridges. Photo credit: ©ERA



Planting the Seed Program

Planting the Seed is a nature-based program which teaches schoolchildren how to revegetate using native plants.

EWA, in partnership with our friends at [Ecology and Restoration Australia](#), has been lucky enough to receive grant funding to work with ten schools across Victoria to teach students how to propagate native plants, use native plants to revegetate sites and maintain their planting site. We invite an Indigenous representative to speak with students about the cultural history of native plants and wildlife at each site. Students also get to act as “citizen scientists” and monitor their revegetation site.



Our Planting the Seed program is currently working students from Mentone, Bullarto South, Buxton, Banyule and Launching Place at sites along the coast, roadsides, local reserves and a Land for Wildlife site. Later this year, we will be working with Yarra Ranges Council and students from five local primary schools near Yering in Melbourne’s east to revegetate parts of Yering Billabong, an environmentally and culturally significant area.

We look forward to sharing more about these projects throughout the year!

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Update: Nest Box Monitoring

Nest boxes are a common conservation tool used to provide habitat for hollow-using wildlife, particularly in areas where natural tree hollows are limited.

Together with [Ecology and Restoration Australia](#), and funded by Parks Victoria Volunteer Innovation Fund, EWA recently monitored hundreds of nest boxes across Victoria to assess their use by native and introduced species, and any maintenance issues.

It was great to see the amazing level of community interest in this project, with many enthusiastic volunteers giving us a hand.

We monitored the nest boxes using a nest box camera and pole. Common finds included brush-tail and ringtail possums and quite a few glider gaggles!



Above: Monitoring nest boxes with Friends of Brisbane Ranges, Friends of Canadian Corridor, Ballarat and Ranger James from Parks Victoria. Photo credit: ©ERA

Below: A family of sugar gliders, Alexandra. Photo credit: ©ERA.

