

Eco Warriors Australia Newsletter

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Update: Planting the Seed Program

We have had a busy few months planting with students across Victoria as part of our Planting the Seed program, a nature-based program which teaches schoolchildren how to revegetate using native plants.

We've had lots of fun with staff and students from Banyule PS, Bullarto PS, Buxton PS and Kilbreda College, planting over 2000 plants along a roadside, the beach, a nature reserve and even a Land for Wildlife area.

Students also learnt about cultural heritage with Traditional Owners Kai and Taj Lane. They had a great time learning about the traditional uses of plants for food and medicine, telling their own story using Aboriginal story-telling symbols, and learning traditional dances with Kai, with Taj on the didgeridoo.



*Buxton Primary School planting day.
Photo credit: ERA 2024*



Kai showing students from Bullarto Primary School a scar tree. Photo credit: ERA 2024

Jedabila Habitat Pods

We are excited to announce that, in partnership with our friends at [Ecology and Restoration Australia](#), we recently received funding from Maroondah City Council for our latest project, Jedabila habitat pods.

Small ground mammals, reptiles, and amphibians are vulnerable to predation following habitat loss through natural disasters such as flood and fire. Jedabila habitat pods ("Jedabila" means animal in Yorta Yorta) are designed to offer wildlife short to medium term refuge in areas affected by temporary or ongoing habitat loss.

Traditional Owner Kai will teach community members how to build wildlife habitat pods using Indigenous weaving techniques.

ERA zoologists will deploy the pods in local reserves to be used by wildlife. As far as we know, this is one of the first initiatives to involve both Traditional Owners and the local community in making habitat pods for wildlife!

Keep an eye on our socials for details about upcoming community workshops.



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