



MEDIA RELEASE

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Stawell Urban Landcare Group – Nesting box project

The Stawell Urban Landcare group have successfully completed a nesting box project through funding from the Mazda Foundation. The aim of this project is to create habitat in the Box/Iron Bark forests around Stawell for threatened and endangered species. Box Iron Bark forests in Victoria contain over 20 species which are listed as threatened under Victorian and Australian legislation.

The project involved the construction and installation of nesting boxes and is designed to complement the Iron Barks walk conducted by the Stawell Urban Landcare group with primary school students from Stawell West and 502. The project involves several community groups. The year 8 Technology class at the Stawell Secondary College constructed the nesting boxes and the Stawell Urban Landcare Group has installed the boxes, and they will be monitored for occupancy rates.

The boxes will be monitored to make sure that intended species adopt them as their new home. Often unwelcome guests can occupy the nesting boxes like bees and swallows. Stawell Urban Landcare group would like to create a social awareness of the need for habitat and its relevance to biodiversity.

Stawell Urban Landcare group would like to invite anyone who is interested in getting involved with the Nesting Box project. Contact Project Platypus on 03 5358 4410. We also welcome anyone who is interested in attending our monthly meetings, held on the second Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm at the Project Platypus Office located on the Western Highway, Stawell. All welcome

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