

## **Killalea Reserve Wildlife Benefits from Koonawarra Public School Class Project**

**Birds, bats and possums oh my! Wildlife at the Reflections Holiday Park at Killalea Reserve has been given a helping hand with students from Koonawarra Public School donating 21 bird and wildlife boxes and six watering systems to the park last week.**

As part of a Bushfire Impact Project, students from Classes 4/5 Grey and 3/4 Red built the boxes and water stations to provide protected spaces and water sources for impacted or displaced wildlife as a result of last year's bushfires. Bunnings, Kembla Grange donated all the materials for the project and worked with the students in class to assemble everything.

Killalea Reserve Acting Park Manager Luke Daniels thanked the students for their valuable efforts to ensure the native wildlife at Killalea has extra options to roost and nest safely and access to alternative water sources when needed.

"We are hoping to get the boxes installed throughout the Reserve in the next few weeks and will be monitoring their usage," Mr Daniels said.

"We get a lot more birds nesting in the area around this time of year and we hope these boxes will attract more Rainbow Lorikeets and King Parrots to the park and provide safer nesting options. The water stations will also be useful around the office and gardens where birds flock to find water."

Koonawarra Public School teacher, Kye Foster said It was fantastic to have the support of their local Bunnings at Kembla Grange, which gave students the opportunity for some hands-on learning with real world context. "This led to incredibly engaged learning experiences and supported the students in developing an understanding and appreciation of the power they have to impact Country," Mr Foster said.

"We also made boxes and water stations for other fire-impacted areas, including Nerriga, a small town 80km west of Nowra, which experienced out-of-control fires. The fires burnt around 60 per cent of the land in the area and our students are so happy to have been a part of providing birds and wildlife with a fresh start.

"Students learned how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people used, and continue to use, fire to shape the lands and saw this project as a way to give back and help shape the lands in a similar way."

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*Koonawarra Public School students show off their wildlife boxes and water stations donated to Reflections Killalea Reserve*



*"It was the best day ever! We built stuff that helps the animals who need it." – 3/4 Red student, Travis Fisher*



*4/5 Grey student, Grace Lane said she loved getting to build stuff with her hands.*

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