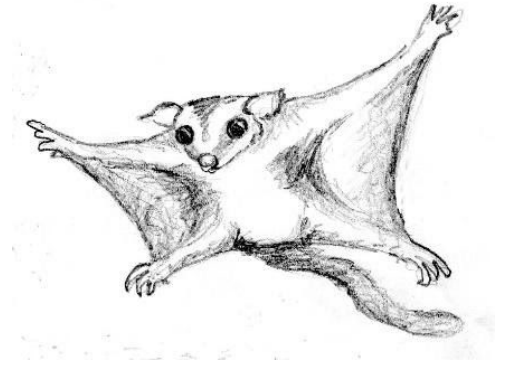


Montmorency Bio-diversity Group

Dear Resident,

Having a nesting box installed in your garden

Thanks for your interest in providing accommodation for our sugar gliders in one of the following areas: Lower Plenty, Montmorency, Briar Hill, St Helena, Greenhills, parts of Greensborough and Eltham North. These are the suburbs that are protected by the Vegetation Protection Overlay 1. They contribute to Banyule's wildlife corridors which are under threat by urban development. If you live in another area please contact us about your options.



The Banyule Sugar Glider Project, a successful winner of the Pick my Project 2019 aims to protect and enhance this area by installing 300 boxes for sugar gliders. Gliders are an indicator of functional connectivity. Their occupancy in an area will indicate if wildlife corridors are still operating.

What can you do?

To assist make this project a success we need residents to install one or more boxes in their garden. This would entail

- Telling us your address so we can track where the boxes are
- Provide your phone contact details as a back up to your email
- Allow us to check the content of your box two or more times a year.
- Let us know if there have been any changes to your boxes that need attention, especially the occupation by feral bees*
- Option to have a 10cm square plaque displayed in a prominent place in your front yard
- Keep your cat in from dusk onwards. This is when the gliders come out
- Pay a one off fee of \$34 per box to the Montmorency Community Group
BSB (Bendigo Bank) 633 000
Acc number 140 371 089
Ref SG your surname and the number of boxes purchased. Example SG Oldfield2

If you are happy to sign off on the above agreements please sign below and complete the expression of interest form on our [website](#). Return this signed agreement to us and we will contact you about the next steps

I (name) agree to the above agreements. Date

We look forward to working with you to protect our wildlife corridors and to provide a better habitat area for gliders

Warm Regards

Jane Oldfield

On behalf of the members of the Monty Biodiversity Group. If you need to contact us please email montysugargliders@gmail.com

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*More on bees

Bees play an important role in our ecosystems but the bees most likely to occupy your sugar glider box are the introduced European Honey Bee. Not only will they exclude sugar gliders from your nest box, they are a significant problem in natural bush where they occupy tree hollows, excluding our wildlife that rely on them for nesting and shelter. With more than 300 native Australian species reliant on tree hollows it is important we all help to protect these hollows and keep them pest free.

This leaves two options for your bees. We recommend that any introduced honey bees that occupy your sugar glider box are eradicated and our group can assist with that.

Alternatively if you write to the address above can supply contact details we have four beekeepers who are willing to relocate them at no cost.