

Turquoise Parrot Times

New year, new projects...

With what is turning out to be a great start to the new year (the fifth year for Turquoise Parrot Projects), the Broken Boosey CMN is pleased to announce two new projects: *Villa Turquoise* funded by the Victorian State Government's Biodiversity On-Ground Action Grants, and the *Warby Ranges Hub Project* funded through the North East CMA.

These two projects will see another 202 nest boxes built and installed throughout the project range, including sections of North East Victoria. Local schools and landcare organisations are on-board to help with nest box construction, which is a fantastic way to spread the message of the importance of this beautiful little bird, and why it is paramount we don't



lose it from our landscape.

The photos on this page are all taken by ecologist Chris Tzaros in the Chesney Vale/Warby Ranges region just a few months ago, showing how well our nest boxes actually work! Some photos are taken of Turquoise Parrots using hollow logs that we have saved from bushfire/roadside pruning, and repurposed as Turquoise Parrot nest boxes.

Response from the local community continues to be as strong as ever, with landholders regularly calling to report sightings

or to ask how they can participate in helping the parrot. This is a great testament to the strength and importance of the Turquoise Parrot Projects., and demonstrates how keen people are to ensure the survival of our beautiful native species.



Project Neo—Kids Thrive property visit



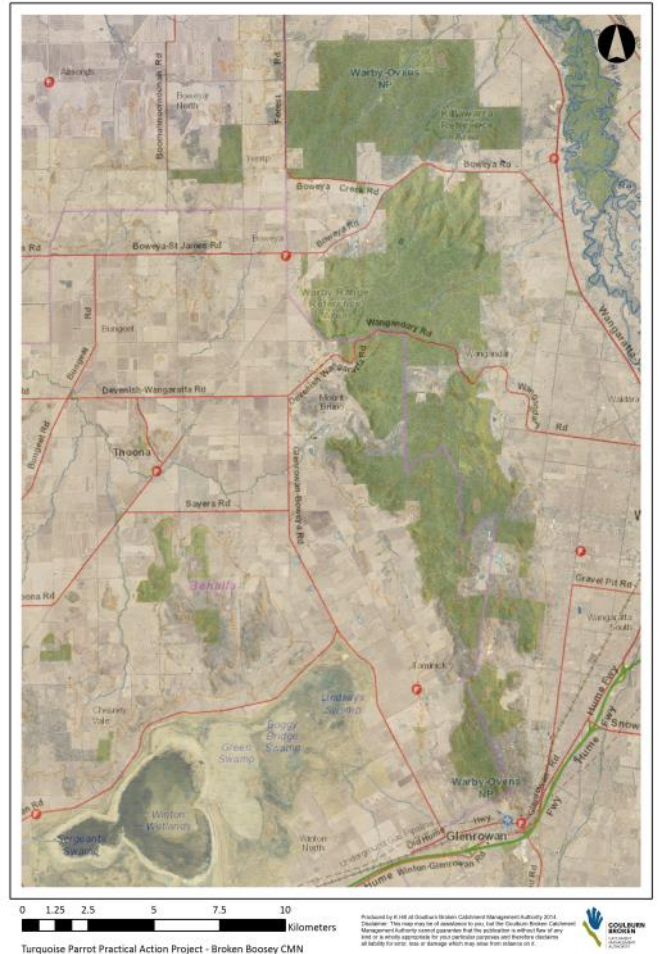
Last November, seven 'Project Neo' students from Benalla's P-12 College visited a property in Chesney Vale to see a nest box 'in action'. The students participated in the 'Kids Thrive' program at Benalla P-12 College where they built 13 Turquoise Parrot nest boxes.

A property visit is the best way to see the kind of habitat in which their nest boxes will be installed.

Pictured bottom left are Project Neo members Pat and Ben, working hard building one of the nest boxes that will find a home in the Warby Ranges / Chesney Hill region for a Turquoise Parrot family. Many thanks to all students for their consistent work throughout the year.



Project area



The Glenrowan, Warby Ranges and Chesney Hills are the focal areas for this project.

Prize-winning parrot painting



Congratulations to Benalla's Erin Jenkins, on her prize-winning Champion Junior Exhibit at the 2017 Benalla spring show, with her watercolour painting of a Turquoise Parrot. Erin is only seven years old, and definitely has an arty streak! A student of Benalla P-12 College, Erin also nominated the Turquoise Parrot as the school mascot. Well done to Erin for winning this prize, and for raising some awareness in the local district for the Turquoise Parrot.



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