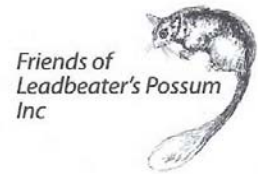




**Friends of Leadbeaters Possum
Nest Box Checking Field Trip – Lake Mountain
April 23 & 24 - 2010**



In conjunction with Parks Victoria, FLBP propose to aid the ongoing survival of Leadbeater's Possum by providing additional homes in the form of nestboxes to supplement the natural tree hollows in key Leadbeater's Possum habitat in Victoria's Central Highlands.

FLBP volunteers are needed on each day to help monitor the use of pre-installed nestboxes for use by Leadbeater's Possum. This is a daytime activity and requires volunteers to have a reasonable level of fitness to walk some distance through bush often carrying a ladder and other smaller items that will be required for the activity. Your observations will be recorded and added to an ongoing monitoring program for Leadbeater's Possum.

The boxes being checked are not part of the "Adopt-a-Nestbox" project, but are replacement boxes after the February 2009 bushfire. All boxes were sponsored through FAME (Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species), federally funded - Caring for our Country and Parks Victoria. We will be checking 77 boxes over the Friday and Saturday so this will be a busy couple of days.

There is a potential stag watch on the Friday night of a couple of boxes with known LBP presence to confirm numbers. This will be limited to only a few volunteers to minimise LBP disturbance.

All training and observations that might be expected will be provided on site. Volunteers with "Working at Heights – Ladder" training are required to check the boxes, but additional volunteers can still participate to help with carrying equipment, recording data and finding the boxes.

Meeting details for both days:

Lake Mountain – **Gerraty's** carpark.

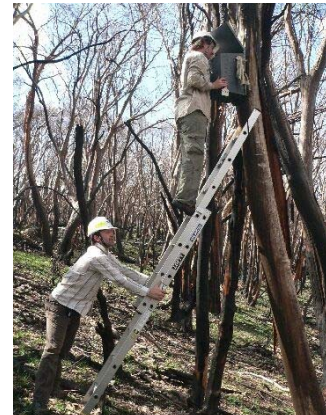
Time: TBC, but early as all day events.



Photos by
Jo Antrobus:
Nestbox with LBP nest
& at Lake Mountain
checking a box.

What to bring:

- Clothing for warm & cold (wet?) weather and to protect against scratching from thick vegetation
- Sturdy boots
- Insect repellent or sunscreen as required
- Lunch, water and/or other snacks for the day
- Dinner if you are on stag watch duties too
- Camera as required



RSVP with your interest for the Friday nest box checking and/or Saturday nest box checking and/or if you are interested in the stag watching Friday evening:

Emma Campbell - Volunteer Field Work Coordinator

M: 0428 908 024 (no message bank, please text if I don't answer)

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E: info@leadbeaters.org.au

Note:

- Car pooling could be available from Woori Yallock or Healesville. Please advise of your willingness or availability to car pool and from which location.
- All volunteers must have FLBP "fieldwork" membership to cover your insurance going into the field. For more information on how to become a member or update your membership to include "fieldwork" go to: www.leadbeaters.org.au/membership
Please allow 2 weeks for us to process your membership before you go into the field.

For more information on volunteering with FLBP or other ways to assist the ongoing survival of Victoria's faunal emblem visit: www.leadbeaters.org.au