

## Working Bee August 2011

### Part 3

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After planting at Sydenham Park and then getting stuck into snags and burgers at the BBQ, Maelor, Claude, Robert Irvine and I walked back to the Organ Pipes to put up what will now always be known as Kevin's Super Bat Box.

Maelor and Claude headed off whilst Robert and I jumped into my UTE where we met Robert Bender at the carpark, had a quick chat with Angela from Swinburne doing the survey and Robert Irvine lent her his FOOPs hi vis vest (*looks more official*) we picked up the ladder and headed down to the Keilor land where Robert had picked out a tree earlier.

A quick scout around we found a more suitable one and then the gunfire started.

Someone was shooting close by and there were too many shots for it to be goats.

With rope attached to the box and slung over a higher limb Robert scrambled up the ladder quickly worrying about a stray bullet and probably wishing he didn't lend out his FOOPs Hi Vis vest (*there was no way I was going to give him mine*)



I hoisted up the heavy box and Robert secured it with Wire. The shots were getting louder and scarily Close, we then heard duck calls so we assumed they were down by the creek.



Robert made it down alive I think we should have a FOOPs medal for bravery in the Field of Volunteering

The box sits up at about five metres facing east, the ideal aspect for bat boxes.

Easily visible from underneath and with different sized compartments we can see if bats of different species are using it.

There is also a viewing window on the side that perhaps a camera could be attached  
Kevin's Super Box is designed to last fifty years, the life of those inspecting during what must be duck season may be a little shorter

**Next working Bee**

**Sept 24<sup>th</sup> Costas planting (if not too dry)**

