



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

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Creating Habitat for Urban Wildlife

Housing shortages are a problem in urban areas for native animals as well as humans, but **Marty Harris, Senior Arborist and “dedicated urban forester” with Gold Coast City Council** is trying to ease this ongoing and serious problem. **Mr Harris will be guest speaker at NPAs first Friday Environment Forum for 2019.**



This possum enjoys the sun in its man- made hollow.

He has initiated the largest artificial tree hollow creation programme in the world, with over 600 man-made tree hollows installed in selected public trees over the last three years. The programme’s overwhelming success is reflected in an uptake of over 85% by native wildlife. The practice continues to generate support from the community, academics, universities, industries, conservation groups, urban designers and developers as well as local, state and

federal governments both in Australia and abroad. Scientists and academics are excited by this innovative practice and its potential to substantially offset habitat loss from tree clearing, over-pruning and urbanisation throughout the world.

To learn more about urban habitat creation, policy and current best practice, **join the audience at the Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive, Noosaville from 10.30am to 12.15pm.** Coffee will be on offer from 10am and to enjoy the birds of Wallace Park, meet Valda and the Interpretive Birding group in the car park at 8.30am.

Eva Ford of Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee will also talk briefly about her initiative to involve citizen scientists in locating and recording local native frog species during ***Find a Frog in February.***



Examples of artificial tree hollows suitable for various native species created by Habi-Tec on the Gold Coast.