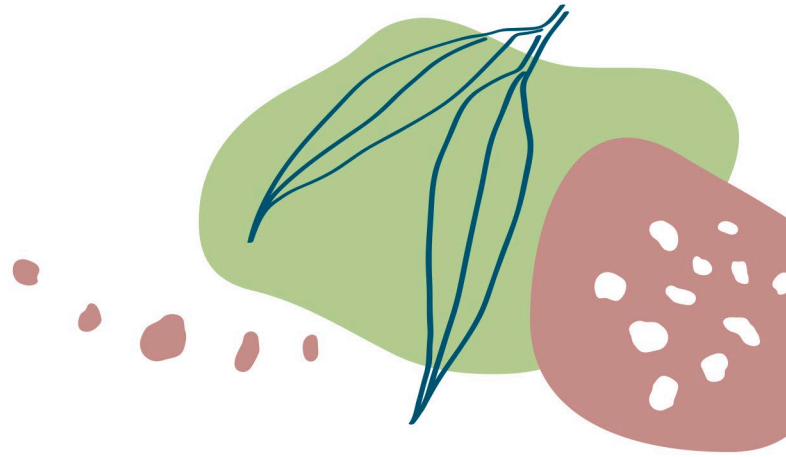


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BANDICAM BEGINS LIVESTREAMING FROM HAMILTON

The world's only livestream of Eastern Barred Bandicoots hopping around in the wild has begun streaming from Hamilton in Victoria's southwest.

Bandicam streams 24hrs a day, 7 days a week, from the Hamilton Parklands Bandicoot Reserve, and aims to connect people with these curious creatures and their native co-inhabitants online and raise greater awareness around Victoria's unique nature and biodiversity.

The Bandicam project was undertaken by Glenelg Hopkins CMA in partnership with the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning and Southern Grampians Shire Council, and was funded through the Victorian Government.

The Eastern Barred Bandicoot created national history last year when it improved its threatened species status from being extinct in the wild to endangered, thanks to recovery activities over the last 30 years.

The successful recovery of the Eastern Barred Bandicoot in Australia has its roots in Hamilton, with the last remaining population in the wild on the Australian mainland recovered from the Hamilton town tip, where they were using old car bodies to escape predation from cats and foxes, in the 1980s.

Hamilton's Parklands Bandicoot Reserve, where Bandicam is located, was Victoria's first predator-free enclosure for the species population recovery with animals introduced back into safe haven in 1991.

Bandicam comes on the back of the CMA's launch of Platycam, the world's only livestream of platypus in the wild in May, which streams the waters of the Grange Burn in Hamilton around the globe.

"Bandicoots are nocturnal animals and so spotting them in the reserve when people are visiting Hamilton can be tricky," Mr Bester said.

“Bandicam is a great way for people to connect with nature and view this amazing animal, wherever they are.

“It is also a great way to promote the extensive and ongoing work of the Eastern Barred Bandicoot Recovery Team and the many partners who have been involved in the species recovery over a long period of time.”

Bandicam streams live at www.bandicam.com.au

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CAPTION: Bandicam begins streaming - L-R Glenelg Hopkins CMA CEO Adam Bester, DELWP Bandicoot Project Officer Jonathan Lee, and Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Bruach Colliton at the Bandicam livestream camera with signage created to promote the project. IMAGE: GLENLEG HOPKINS CMA.