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NEW FUNDING WILL HELP PROVIDE A WILD FUTURE FOR OUR EASTERN BARRED BANDICOOTS

Geelong, 18 May 2010 – A new hands-on conservation project will give Eastern Barred Bandicoots a wild future at Serendip Sanctuary and Woodlands Park.

Conservation Enterprises Unlimited is excited to have assisted Conservation Volunteers Australia in the development of a simple yet powerful plan to help bring the Eastern Barred Bandicoot back from the brink of extinction. Funded by the Victorian Government's "Vision for Werribee Plains" program, the 3 year project will create much-needed breeding infrastructure for the endangered marsupial at two locations within 60km of the Melbourne CBD; Serendip Sanctuary and Woodlands Historic Park.

Conservation Enterprises Unlimited's Executive Director Patrick O'Callaghan, who designed the project for Conservation Volunteers Australia, says that the solutions that will be crafted under the project are good examples of what can be achieved with modest funding, strong partnerships and the commitment of communities. Patrick is a member of the Eastern Barred Bandicoot Recovery Team and the World Conservation Union, IUCN.

Patrick feels that "Conservation Volunteers' long history of successful environmental works will provide real benefits to this delicate, shy native mammal." "The funding announcement means that the Eastern Barred bandicoot can take its place as an iconic ambassador for the Werribee Grasslands and the larger Victorian Volcanic Plain. The bandicoot will benefit from fox-proof breeding areas, to be constructed and repaired using the funding secured", he said.

About Conservation Enterprises Unlimited

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