

Propagation Facility has a new (bird) bath to show off!

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Thanks to the ingenuity and generosity of Rod Seager the Propagation Facility has a luxury bird bath ... something that the site building doesn't have! The birdbath has recycled water that is pumped around the structure via its own solar panel and submersible pump. The flowing water, and some duck weed that helps keep the water cool, means the mossies don't get the chance to breed and the water is cleaned continuously. For the humans the water falls off the edge of the pot saucer to provide us with a lovely tinkling sound.

The birdbath is a cleverly designed and consists of a large, water proofed, pot, a pottery plinth inside that holds up the large pot saucer that has an historic brick to hold the water pipe from the submersible pump in place. Water overflows and falls back into the large pot. It did not take long for the birdbath to be set up or for birds to find this water source. We can now watch the birds stop by for a drink and a wash, and celebrate that the completion of the first 4 priority rooms is in sight!

Two of the rooms are ready for the new floor coverings, only one room is waiting for the 4 coats of ceiling paint, and two are waiting for their walls to be painted but the end is getting close.



The photo is taken by Rod and shows two species of bird (Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater (*Acanthagenys rufogularis*) on the left and Singing Honeyeater (*Gavicalis virescens*) on the right, enjoying the birdbath. If you look closely, you can see the water running over the edge of the saucer – it sounds so good.

A great way to mark our progress.

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