

AUSTRALIA'S ECO-ENGINEERS



A single wombat burrow

can be many metres long, depending on the species.



AND

Every day a wombat digs

helps establish plant roots and draw nutrients from the ground benefiting all animals in the wombat's neighbourhood.

Abandoned wombat burrows

can trap water during summer storms, which assists other animals with drinking water during drier months.



A wombat's digging helps other wildlife

Many animals rely on young grass shoots higher in nutrients. Due to all the digging wombats do, these young grasses are able to grow. Where ground cover is sparse the wombat's efforts are even more vital.

Shelter for others

Wombat burrows afford shelter for other animals too including echidnas, skinks, snakes, goannas even birds and insects and in extreme weather conditions other larger mammals find shelter at the entrance.



Helping eucalyptus trees

Wombats break up hard soil, so the roots of eucalyptus trees are able to penetrate these soils in search of water and nutrients. In turn, these giant trees provide much needed food and shelter for other important wildlife.



Contributing to forest health

Wombats are one of the world's largest burrowing animals. They are able to dig metres deep where they break through very hard soils encouraging plant growth which would not otherwise exist.



www.wombatprotection.org.au

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