# Friends of Warmled Bushland

# LIZARD LOUNGE

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Lizards are cold blooded reptiles.

In the Warwick Bushland there are Western Bearded Dragons, Geckos, Legless Lizards and Bobtails (Shinglebacks) Tiliqua species.

Lizards are shy and like a nice quiet spot with shelter and plenty of sun.

They like nothing better than sunning themselves on a flat rock or finding a warm spot to hide.

**Lizards Food**- Lizards eat insects and larvae while bigger lizards like blue tongues or bobtails will eat snails and slugs. How handy is it to have these in your garden?



## What you need to make a Lizard Lounge -

- Leaf litter, mulch and twigs on the ground (These attract insects for the lizards to eat);
- Logs, bark, pipes, sticks, smaller pebbles or rocks;
- Plant ground cover or low growing plants or grasses such as Creeping Boobialla
  (Myoporum parvifolium), Muntries (Kunzea pomifera), grevilleas, rushes and particularly
  enjoy yellow flower blossoms;
- Place your Lizard Lounge in a protected sunny spot on woodchip mulch, rocks, logs or brick pathways.
- Place a small water dish close by. They will appreciate this especially during our hot summers.



### **BEWARE** –*Hints to keep them safe*

- Lizards don't like pesticides or snail pellets;
- Dogs and cats will kill lizards;
- Look out for lizards when using whipper snippers and lawn edgers as quite a few goannas end up at animal rescue centres with injuries from these appliances.

Now all you need to do is sit back and wait for them to visit

you in your Lizard Lounge. So, if you happen to see one in your yard, it means there is a healthy balance in the local food chain.

Have fun and learn about caring and looking out for smaller things that live around us.

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