

A group of about ten people, mostly seen from behind, are walking along a dirt path that runs between rows of young grapevines in a vineyard. They are dressed in casual outdoor attire, including hats and backpacks. In the background, a large, densely forested hill rises under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a pleasant day in a rural setting.

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# 2016-17 SNAPSHOT

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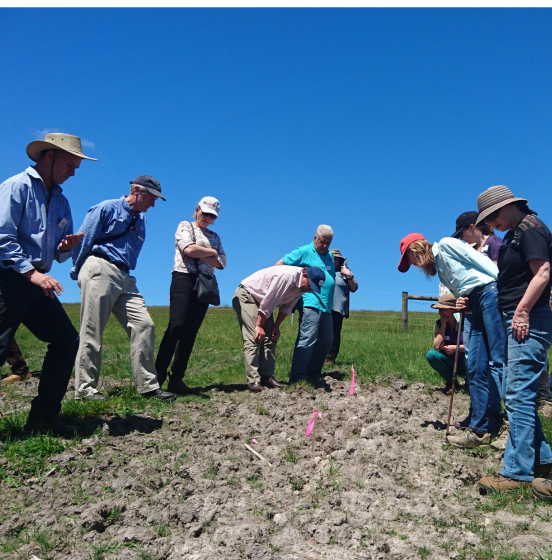


# Creating new habitat connections in the Yarra Valley



**Yarra4Life is a major environmental project in the Yarra Valley that aims to protect, improve, increase and connect habitat for native animals, including the Helmeted Honeyeater and the Leadbeater's Possum.**

A long-term goal is to create habitat links from the Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve the Yarra Ranges National Park in the north, Kurth Kiln Regional Park in the south-east and the Dandenong Ranges National Park in the west. These connections would expand the habitat range for threatened native animal species.



2016-17 was the fourth year of this five-year, \$1 million project funded by the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

Partner organisations working together on Yarra4Life include:

- Parks Victoria
- Yarra Ranges Council
- Melbourne Water
- Yarra Ranges Landcare Network
- Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater
- Trust for Nature
- Victorian National Parks Association
- Friends of Leadbeater's Possum
- Department of Land, Water, Environment and Planning
- Wurundjeri Council
- Conservation Volunteers Australia.



The Port Phillip & Westernport CMA coordinates Yarra4Life on behalf of these organisations.

# What *yarra4life* achieved in 2016-17

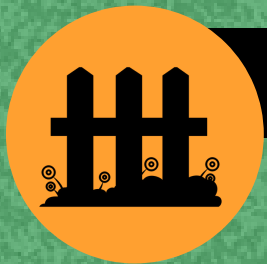


**10 years**

of Yarra4Life celebrated in 2016

**2.3 hectares**

of land purchased to expand  
Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve



**3.5 kilometres**

of fencing protecting 11.1 hectares  
of native bushland

**128 hectares**

of pest animal control



**1.45 hectares**

of weed control

**6.1 hectares**

of revegetation





# Looking forward

2017-18 will see the completion of the five-year \$1 million project funded by the Australian Government's National Landcare Program. This will include:

- the delivery of on-ground works funded through round two of the private land incentives program
- the completion of a multi-year project at Coranderrk Estate
- the delivery of a deer control and monitoring program in Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve
- the restoration of the 2.3 hectare block of land purchased to expand the Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve.

Yarra4Life will also be rolling out a series of education and training programs in partnership with the Yarra Ranges Council. The Yarra4Life Coordination Committee will develop a new five-year strategic plan and annual business plan and review their communications plan.



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