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Image: mural on Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Depot Shed by Jimmy Dyate

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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.



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
- Zoos Victoria
- Department of Land, Water, Environment and Planning
- Wurundjeri Council
- Cardinia Shire Council
- Conservation Volunteers Australia.

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



2017-18 was the final year of Yarra4Life's five-year, \$1 million *Protecting and connecting EPBC species and communities in the Yarra Ranges* project funded by the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

What *yarra4life* achieved in 2017-18



5 year, \$1 million

project funded through the National Landcare Program completed

2.3 hectares

called 'Burungma Biik' added to Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve



54,458 indigenous plants

planted across 5.4 hectares at Coranderk and 2 hectares at Burrungma Biik

233 hectares

of pest animal control



13 hectares

of revegetation

385 people

attended 11 community events



Looking forward

In early 2018-19, the Yarra4Life program secured \$299,110 in funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program for The Great He Ho Escape project. The project will commence in 2018-19 and additional financial support has been provided by the Victorian Government's Faunal Emblems Program and Zoos Victoria. This project will lay the ground work to establish new population sites for Helmeted Honeyeater and Lowland Leadbeater's Possum by developing habitat restoration plans for two key locations.

Works to continue to improve the quality and extent of habitat within the Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve will be undertaken in partnership with the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater, including revegetation works and the development of a plan to restore a natural flooding regime at Burrungma Biik. A deer control and monitoring program will also be delivered in partnership with Parks Victoria.

The Yarra4Life program also plans to develop a Helmeted Honeyeater education kit for early learning and primary school aged student, as well as at community events and workshops.

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