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President's Report

Sue Bendel



In the lead up to summer, I frequently hear the weather reporter commenting that the weather is deteriorating. For me, and others living close to the YNCA, the deterioration of the weather is actually something to celebrate after such an incredibly dry autumn and winter. We have finally been able to plant vegetation into soil that contains moisture, and we also do not have to constantly try to keep the water up to young plants.

During September, we co-hosted two Riverfest events in Burrungma Biik. These were both sell out success stories, with many people visiting Yellingbo for the first time. Thank you to the Yarra Riverkeeper Association for holding their second Riverfest event. It was wonderful to be able to be a part of the celebrations for the wonderful Birrarung. We are looking forward to holding more of these events in 2026. At these events, participants added to the revegetation plan by planting many plants. Some also enjoyed a habitat walk, while those, mostly with young children, chose to take the craft activities home to do at a later time. The children enjoyed collecting up all the empty forestry tubes and making long "pot snakes". Holding these events assisted us with the goal in our constitution, of creating public awareness of the Helmeted Honeyeater. This was further reinforced for the children who took home HeHo inspired crafts.

Awareness of our special bird has increased again this year, with the assistance of four, year four students from Berwick Lodge Primary School, who perform the role of HeHo Ambassadors. The students recently had their second visit to Yellingbo, where they enjoyed learning and practicing their propagation skills in our nursery. Thank you to Marita for making this possible. The students and their teacher all had an enjoyable time and are looking forward to their final Ambassador event where they go to Healesville Sanctuary.

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About fifty people attended the recent AGM, which was held in the Brolga Room at Healesville Sanctuary. Thank you to Dan Harley and the staff at the Brolga Room who made this event possible.

Welcomes

Welcome back to many existing committee members, Madison Hoey, Ruby Stone, Richard Case, Robin Young, Pam Gabrell and Nicholas Pattison. It is great to have your combined knowledge working together to steer the Committee of Management for another year and I thank you all for your contributions. Vivi Velasco and I had been co-opted as Treasurer and President respectively earlier in the year and were both formally voted into these roles on the committee.

We also had two people self-nominate from the floor, both who have now joined the committee. Welcome back to the HeHo committee to Suzanne Cox, after an absence of a few years. Your knowledge of FOHH will be most valuable. Mary-Ellen Wallace-Smith also joined the committee and will be a valuable member due to her experience serving on environmental committees.

Thank you

Virginia Wallace has formally retired from the committee but is continuing to assist in many essential management tasks. Virginia had introduced some great initiatives to FOHH, including the use of a risk register, the successful Wings of Hope fundraising campaign, and the Great CEO Plant Out. Unfortunately, the planting event could not be held in 2025 due to the extreme dry conditions. Hopefully, it can be organised again for 2026. We all thank Virginia for her incredible efforts for the HeHo in her years on the committee and as a previous president. Good luck in your future endeavours and hope to see you out at Yellingbo soon.

Interested?

Virginia was responsible for much of the FoHH's social media, and we are hoping that a few people will volunteer to share the load of keeping the HeHo in the news. Please get in contact if this is a role you would be interested in.

After the formal AGM and prior to the delicious lunch, the AGM was held. A key outcome to the meeting involves a fourth purpose in our constitution which will provide us with a better opportunity to access grants from the federal government.

There will be an opportunity for members and friends to come together to celebrate the end of the year with a potluck lunch on **Saturday 6 December**. We are fortunate to have Bruce Quin join us on the day. There will also be the opportunity to visit or assist at the *Back to Yellingbo Christmas Fair* at Sheepstation Creek Reserve on **Sunday 7 December**. Stock up on Christmas gifts and enjoy some HeHo inspired crafts.

I hope to see many of you at the events early December.



Wishing everyone a safe and happy festive season -Sue

Out in the Field

By Bruce Quin



Yellingbo Nature Conservation Area



Helmeted Honeyeater 2025/26 Breeding Season

The 2025/2026 breeding season for the Helmeted Honeyeaters *Lichenostomus melanops cassidix* and genetic rescue birds has seen a steady production of fledglings despite a relatively dry winter followed by 212mm of rain between October and mid-November. 29 breeding pairs and 26 fledglings have been confirmed which compares very favourably with corresponding figures for this stage of the 2024/2025 breeding season – 19 breeding pairs and 12 fledglings. Fledglings have been produced at most sites including one where supplementary feeding doesn't occur and successful breeding was last recorded during the 2008/2009 breeding season. Hopefully high rainfall during spring 2025 will prolong food availability (sugary exudates, invertebrates) for Helmeted Honeyeaters allowing for a prolonged breeding season.

2025 Yellingbo release of captive birds

Seven birds from Healesville Sanctuary's captive population were released from transport boxes into Yellingbo NCA on 28 May at a confluence of two major creek systems. Three of the seven birds have been sighted recently but hopefully two other birds are surviving. Most unfortunately, one of the release birds, a young male, was found dead on 10 October on a main road that runs between two major 'arms' of the reserve. Not surprisingly a post-mortem at Healesville Sanctuary's Veterinary Hospital (Australian Wildlife Health Centre) revealed cause of death of the bird was "*traumatic injury; likely to have been car strike*"... "*otherwise, it was in beautiful condition*" (Dr. Phillipa Mason personal comms). It was fortunate that Aaron, the finder of the roadkill bird realised it was a Helmeted Honeyeater and shifted it off the road to stop other Helmeted Honeyeaters which were investigating it from also becoming road fatalities and then contacted Sue Bendel. Many thanks Aaron for your exceptional awareness! An update on the 2025/2026 breeding season for Helmeted Honeyeaters and genetic rescue birds and 2025 release of birds will be given in the next edition of *HeHo Herald*. Thank you so much for your highly valued assistance to the program! Numerous new Volunteers have joined the Helmeted



"Mauve Site", Yellingbo NCA where supplementary feeding does not occur. Two pairs of Helmeted Honeyeaters have produced three fledglings during 2025/2026 breeding season.

Image: B Quin

Honeyeater supplementary feeding and monitoring program, but more assistance is needed. Please email heho@deeca.vic.gov.au if you would like to join the team.

“Best wishes-Bruce

Translocation News

By Nick Bradsworth



Cardinia Creek

The Helmeted Honeyeaters released in May 2025 have settled in very well to Cardinia Creek. I am still recording 12 adults, which has stayed constant since mid-May – a fantastic result! Heavy spring rain has flooded the Cardinia Creek, the birds seem happy, but gumboots and sometimes even waders are required to service the site! Very excited to report that we now have one mature fledgling on site. This is the second fledgling this season produced at Cardinia Creek (also by the same pair) but unfortunately the first disappeared soon after fledging. The other promising news is that I have confirmed five pairs nesting, so there are more nests with nestlings and eggs being incubated as we speak. Hopefully they can get a few more fledglings through at Cardinia Creek to bolster the population this season!



O'Shannassy Catchment

So far this season, the HeHos at O'Shannassy have produced three (potentially four) known fledglings. There is lots of nesting activity at both Site A and B, with many nests very difficult to find. I have seen the Tiger Snakes again, so they are certainly active, but no documented nest predation by the snakes this season yet. Here is hoping more nests are successful this season at O'Shannassy too. Have a great summer and Festive Season!

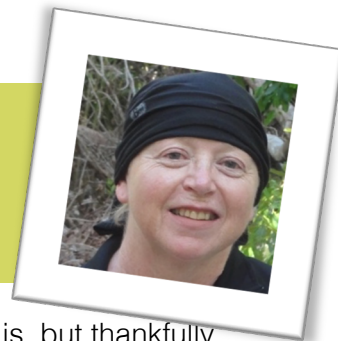


First mature fledgling on Bunurong Country in over four decades!

Image: N Bradsworth

Citizen Science Matters

By Sue Tardif



It had to come eventually. Each of my reports this year have talked about how dry it is, but thankfully, the past few weeks has seen a decent amount of rain falling on Yellingbo Nature Conservation Area (YNCA). It's still drier than we'd like below the surface soil, however the creek is running high, and we've had to jump over or walk through puddles. I'd almost forgotten how joyful that is! What a difference the rain has made to the bush, the surrounding landscape and the conversation amongst our citizen science group. No-one is complaining about the rain!

Although the days have been mostly without rain, we've had more than our share of extreme wind triggering our safety policy. Of the twenty-nine events planned for 2025, nine have been cancelled. For Kellie and Ted, two new participants, I've felt a need to assure them that there isn't a jinx on the days they register to come. After numerous false starts, it was a pleasure to meet Kellie when she joined us recently, but we're yet to meet Ted. As I write (mid-November), our December event will change that trend.

After an eerily quiet year up until October with frogs, the calls were loud and clear in November. Eastern Common Froglets, Pobblebonks and Striped Marsh Frogs have been the dominant calls. Spring brings a flow of visiting species into YNCA, including Sacred Kingfishers and birds with breeding plumage such as Australasian Grebe and White-necked Heron. The Fan-tailed Cuckoos and Shining and Horsfield Bronze-Cuckoos have been vocal, but they're not the only ones. It's sometimes surprising how small the birds are that have the loudest call. From the 64 bird species recorded over spring, it's good to see the Gang-gang Cockatoos back patrolling the mature Eucalyptus along the creek edge whilst the



Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, *Chrysococcyx lucidus*, above and Fan-tailed Cuckoo, *Cacomantis flabelliformis*, below at YNCA

Image: B Tardif



Citizen Science Walk & Talk with Viviana Halley from Melbourne Water, held at Youngs Swamp, YNCA

Image: S Tardif

raptors are always a crowd favourite.

Nineteen people attended our Walk & Talk with Viviana Halley (Waterways and Land Officer for Melbourne Water) in September. Thanks once again to Viviana for sharing her insights into a project that will see hydrological benefits to an area of YNCA where major habitat restoration works are taking place. All going well, the works will begin in autumn.

Funding bodies love statistics. Like all Friends of groups that work on public land managed by Parks Victoria (PV), they also require them of

us. Statistics tell some of the story. So far this year, there have been:

- 151 attendees at the citizen science events

- 38 people new to FoHH activities
- Great interest in the new afternoon Bird & Frog surveys. The later time and shorter commitment have made it possible for people to attend who have health, work, study or family constraints
- More than 1,400 hours of time and energy contributed to our long-term data collection program. Together, we've recorded 89 of the 122 bird species and 6 of the 9 frog species observed over the past 5 years of dedicated citizen science surveys. With YNCA boundary refinement now available on iNaturalist mapping, I've started to transition our previous project to a new one. The current tally of 1,207 species observed is a tribute to everyone, but more will be 'revealed' as the transition progresses. The species complexity is bountiful, and quite beautiful. You can find them here: <https://inaturalist.ala.org.au/projects/yellingbo-nature-conservation-area>

The real value though, I believe, and the reason I keep volunteering in this role, is the opportunity it brings for like-minded people to come together, to share skills and knowledge and to learn about the ecology and management issues within YNCA and the broader landscape. Our citizen science Bird & Frog surveys and Nature Walks are filled with friendly conversation and curious minds. Thank you to everyone who has been part of the program this year. Your contribution, from managing the survey days, collecting data, baking home-made treats to share, being so welcoming of new participants, and more, is highly valued.

At this time of year, thoughts turn to the year quickly disappearing and to the one ahead. Foremost in our minds is the sad loss of Michelle Faram this year. Michelle's legacy, particularly with growing the FoHH nursery from a fledgling enterprise into what it is today, won't be forgotten. A lot goes on behind the scenes, all of which aims to align the activities of the multiple key stakeholders operating within YNCA to Helmeted Honeyeater recovery objectives. Sue Bendel, Richard Case and I have just participated in a HeHo Recovery Team Strategic Planning Workshop. We reviewed the gains and challenges and looked to the next few years' priorities. In December, PV is hosting a Habitat Restoration Workshop, with an eye to building on current projects. We anticipate a year of challenges ahead, with funding availability tightening. For me, the pure enjoyment of the citizen science programs brings a balance to some of these conversations. There is much to be positive about.

As 2025 draws to a close, I'd like to thank the PV team, particularly Simon Dent, YNCA Ranger, for the timely communication and support he provides. My thanks also to the FoHH committee of management, particularly Sue Bendel who has taken on the role of President again for 2026. It's no small task. Thank you Sue.

Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, I wish you a safe and fun-filled summer. I hope to see you out at Yellingbo in 2026. Keep an eye on the Events page of the FoHH website for upcoming dates.



Citizen Science Bird & Frog survey at Burrungma Biik, YNCA.

Image: S Tardif



Visit the website
for event news

Seeds and Weeds

By Richard Case



It's great to see some rain in the Reserve. We've been having a busy time with planting and finishing off our Spring weeds.

September had seen a big planting effort in the Reserve, so our regular day was spent going over the site, fixing up the plants that the wallabies and wombats had pulled out of the ground. There was no trace of deer which can be extremely destructive in new plantings. As we worked, we came across a Tawny Frogmouth feather, indirect evidence of the presence of this beautiful bird. Other highlights were a Wedge-tailed Eagle being chased by Magpies, Fantailed Cuckoo and Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo, Eastern Whipbird, Crested Shrike-tit and Dusky Woodswallows.

October was our big weed day. We started at Parslows Bridge removing small & isolated patches of Angled Onion, then on to the Nursery roadside verge. Two patches near the sheds were either dead or not showing. But not so further down Shaw Rd where more Angled Onion was showing, until we removed it. Further down the track we pulled three small Ragwort from a patch we've been working on. Overhead, the Gang-gang Cockatoos did a fly past while a Sacred Kingfisher called nearby, the first I've heard for this season. A careful search of the Montpellier Broom patch didn't reveal any (there was one last year). On to the Billabong, where we removed a small number of Angled Onion. Persistence is paying off with these patches as year by year we see less of them. Next, we headed upstream to a small Tree Tobacco patch but couldn't find any. Then down to Shaw Rd Wetland where Striped Marsh Frogs were calling from the deep side and Common Froglets from the shallow side. Here we worked on Forget-Me-Nots, one patch is dead, and the other is limited in area and decreasing with our efforts. After lunch, we went to the top of the JESWA Beveridge Rd site. We had been here in July and removed eight small Stinking Iris, but I felt it was a bit early. Sure enough, there were more here now, mostly within 15m of the road where they had been dumped many years before. We also removed many small Ragwort which seem to be a problem in this gully. And we checked on an Arum Lily we removed in 2023 & 2024; no trace of it today. We went on to another site to look for Angled Onion which wasn't showing and declared the site dead. And then the day was

Seeds & Weeds Dates

Sunday 14 December

Sunday 11 January

Sunday 8 February

Sunday 15 March (not the second Sunday)

Note- No Seeds & Weeds in April or May

**We meet at the Nursery at 9.15am,
1217 Macclesfield Rd**

Events are automatically cancelled by weather events including wind gusts of 50 kph, thunderstorm, severe, extreme, catastrophic, and total fire ban days. Please check Yarra Glen forecast and Bureau of Meteorology warnings at 5pm the day before.

over, with a total of four sacks of Forget-Me-Not, half a sack of Angled Onion and half a sack of mixed Stinking Iris and Ragwort removed from the Reserve.

In November, we began with a survey of the Arum Lily pulled out of the back drain at Parslows Bridge in April. Two of the existing plants were still alive. Two new patches were found. Seven patches were either not showing or dead. We'll revisit this in the drier months. The next job was planting some Mountain Swamp Gum which we put in near various wetlands, spreading them out. Moving on to Macclesfield, we started work on a new Montbretia patch, pulling out two sacks of it. It's early days here, but if we can protect the best areas, it will be a Good Thing. After lunch we checked on a lone Oxeye Daisy we pulled out in 2024. No regrowth, looking good. Then it was on to a Watsonia patch we had been working on for ten years. Still two left, which we removed. Finally, we visited a Ragwort patch where we removed half a sack, some developing flower spikes, so it was quite timely.

Beyond Yellingbo

By Dorothy Scott



Another successful year of habitat restoration

Since 2017, the Friends and three Landcare groups (Macclesfield, Monbulk and Johns Hill) have worked closely together on the Beyond Yellingbo project, engaging the owners of over 120 private properties along creeks and tributaries in habitat restoration. Our goal is to secure the future of Helmeted Honeyeaters and a whole host of other endangered and threatened species by creating corridors along the creeks flowing into or from the Yellingbo Nature Conservation Area.

A steering committee with representatives from all four organisation oversees the project. The background to the project, and two early videos about Beyond Yellingbo can be found on the FoHH website: www.helmetedhoneyeater.org.au/about-us/projects-and-partnerships/

In 2025 the project manager was Macclesfield Landcare member, Greg Callaghan, who has done a wonderful job. We thank Greg for his contribution, and we also thank Ron Sawyer, President of Macclesfield Landcare, for his contribution as the convenor of the steering committee.

As Greg reported in the last HeHo Herald, in 2024-25 Beyond Yellingbo has had three key workstreams: weed management; revegetation; and community engagement. We have done a lot with a \$20,000 grant from Landcare Victoria and some donations from the participating organisations and their members. A total of 61 days of voluntary labour was devoted to Beyond Yellingbo in 2025, with a monetary value of \$38,878, almost double that of the grant.

Monbulk Landcare, auspiced by the Nangana Landcare Network (to which the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater belongs) has secured another \$20,000 Landcare Victoria grant for Beyond Yellingbo in 2026.

We are looking for a project manager for 2026

We are now looking for someone who can take on the project management role in 2026 and co-ordinate the on-ground works. A modest honorarium of \$4,500 will be paid. The work averages 2 hours each week. Greg Callaghan has kindly offered to assist in the orientation of the new person, and he has ensured that all the administrative processes are in place for the handover.

A position description can be obtained by emailing me: dorothy@avonsfield.com.au

Expressions of interest close on December 12. The commencement date is open to negotiation, but it is anticipated that this will be in mid to late January.



STOP PRESS 2025!

Australian Geographic Award to Nangana Landcare Network

Congratulations to the Nangana Landcare Network which has just won the Silver Tier Award in the 2025 Australian Geographic Awards, for its project *C411 COUNTRY – Saving Faunal Emblems*, aimed at securing the future of the critically endangered faunal emblems of Victoria, the Helmeted Honeyeater and the Leadbeater's Possum.

Information on the Australian Geographic Awards can be found here:

www.australiangeographic.com.au/society/awards/2025/10/winners-awards-for-nature-2025/

The \$30,000 prize to the Nangana Landcare Network will activate the Coranderrk Country stage of *C411 Saving Faunal Emblems* and involve working closely with Traditional Owners to bring about habitat restoration by engaging landholders to create biodiversity corridors radiating from the Coranderrk Bushland Reserve. *C411 COUNTRY – Saving Faunal Emblems* builds on the achievements of the Beyond Yellingbo project. Thank you to everyone who has played a part in this great success story.

Nursery News

By Marita Hanigan



The order season is coming to an end with the last handful of the plant orders made up and due to go out in the next week or so. It's been a tough planting season for everyone with the dry, cold weather from April right through to the end of October making it difficult both to grow stock and to plant it. The dry has seemingly broken with the first 11 days of November yielding 100mm plus of rain with the promise of more to come.

In September, Sue Bendel and I were invited to take part in an all-school planting at Macclesfield Primary School which was an all-day affair that included a sausage sizzle and stalls by ourselves, Melbourne Water (MW), Macclesfield Landcare, Arborgreen and others. The students all got to plant at least one tree in the grounds, which were protected by cardboard tree guards, kindly supplied by Arborgreen, and individually decorated by students. It was a sight to see and probably the most colourful and artistic revegetation I have ever been involved with. We're all hoping to make this an annual event, our thanks go to Andrew and his staff for inviting us along and inspiring us all with this novel idea.



Macclesfield Primary students, staff and parents in full swing at the planting in September (left) and Macclesfield Primary students' decorated tree guards (right).

Images: M Hanigan



At the AGM, I gave a verbal report on the numbers of plants produced along with seed sown and cuttings trays produced for the financial year and compared it to the previous year. I thought that folk might be interested to see it and given that we're nearly 6 months into this current financial year, I have included those interim figures. It may look like we are a bit behind when compared to the previous years, but we have a full 8 months of production to go in the most productive time of the year. So, I think we are on target for another great year.

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Production of pricked out material	105,964	84,080*	38715 [#]
Seed trays sown	196.75	218.11	38 [#]
Cuttings trays	71.15	72.08	11.5 [#]

** Indicates 2 full weeks of production lost to Severe Weather Warnings*

Interim figures, year-to-date as of Oct 2025

Asides from the day-to-day task of producing plants, the staff and volunteers have been busy spring cleaning the nursery with a number of jobs on the to do list crossed off. Firstly, we removed all the stacked pots and miscellany from around the polyhouses to increase ventilation and to make ready for new plastic sheeting for them to come soon. The new sheeting is a few years overdue and will be complemented by the replacement of the old wooden framing with aluminium which will make a big impact in regard to the plant hygiene with the limiting of mosses and slime. This has been made possible thanks to a generous anonymous donor. We've also removed two trailer loads of damaged and unwanted tubes and crates which were sent for recycling and allocated new areas for the good tubes, crates and hikos cells to be stored in which seems to be working well and making life a bit tidier all round. The sales area has had a rework to make it more compact and easier to stock (for us) and navigate (for the customers). This is a short-term fix, and we are working on redesigning the space at the front of the nursery to locate the sales area as the "First seen" area for customers. This will make it easier for both them and us. We plan to do this over the summer months when we have fewer customers.

We've been pleased to have been approached to provide plants for a couple of big projects in the area aimed at increasing HeHo & LBP habitat. Firstly, Greening Australia (GA) have a project at Upper Yarra Treatment Plant, and we're committed to supplying 5000 plants next year, possibly more. We've also supplied seed for several species to the project on an exchange basis (i.e. we will get back same amount of seed next year) which has been an interesting side project as GA were able to supply grams of seed needed for the quantity of plants required which means we know that 30g of *Eucalyptus camphora* which is equivalent to 2 x 50cent pieces is enough for 15,000 trees. Amazing hey! This project will run 2 to 3 years. We were able to make this seed exchange happen with the help and cooperation of the Nangana Seedies whose collecting over the years has not only helped us at the nursery but enabled us to fulfil this seed exchange request.

Secondly, we applied via tender for revegetation of HeHo & LBP habitat over 59Ha of the Domain Chandon Winery in a floodplain bordering the Birrarung and Yeringberg Creeks. The project is to run over 2 years in conjunction with Melbourne Water who manage significant billabongs on the site. Unsurprisingly, we didn't win the tender for close to 600,000 plants but we have been invited by Chandon and the project designer, Woop Woop for Nature – Dr Elisa Raulings to be one of the plant suppliers for the winning bidder. Some of you may remember Elisa from her days with GA when they joined with us in 2014-16 planting for the 20Million Trees Project. This project at Domain Chandon

promises to do great things increasing the habitat for our beloved state emblems using the best that science and management can give us. We look forward to being involved.

I've been very impressed that all these partners - GA, Chandon, MW and Elisa – have been very keen to work with us and other small nurseries and their support of community nurseries in general. It's pleasing to see that it's not just the big guys in the market that get to show what they can do and how they can contribute to these massive projects.

Till next time – enjoy some of the recent flowers from the nursery and surrounding garden.



In the nursery yard – clockwise from top left- *Dillwynia* sp in flower, Murnong, Mountain Grevilia and Creamy Candles making a lovely display of stock plants (that's *Microseris scapageria*, *Grevillea alpina* and *Stackhousia monogyna* for the plant nerds), Prickly Teatree, *Leptospermum continentale*, heavily in flower in the nursery garden, and Leafy Flat-sedge, *Cyperus lucidus* growing well for next year's orders,.

Images: M Hanigan and A Whitelaw



Have a safe and fun Christmas and New Year -Marita

A Heho-inspired festive season



Cooking up holiday feasts?

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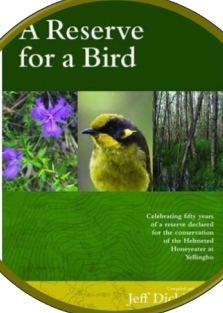
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From our flock to yours ~ we hope it's a safe and happy season!



Amazing Volunteers

By Virginia Wallace



Melbourne Water and Yarra Ranges Council help rewild Burrungma Biik

It's been a tough planting season in Yellingbo Nature Conservation Area due to the very dry first seven months of this year, so we were lucky to recently host groups who helped us rewild Burrungma Biik. A great team from the Melbourne office of Here Technologies helped us to plant over 1000 plants (and also kindly made a donation all the way from their Europe-based headquarters, THANK YOU SO MUCH!). The passionate team from Here Technologies make the effort to help us with plantings every year so we are very grateful.

We also had an awesome group of young people from a HomeSchool group who were really interested, thank you so much for the enthusiastic efforts of today's young people, tomorrow's adults! And a school group who were on a Warburton Adventure Co weeklong camp also helped to plant over 1000 plants. They also asked many questions about the local habitat, the State Bird emblem, and why conservation matters. Ask away, we say.

Every little bit we do makes a difference. We'd like to thank Melbourne Water and the Yarra Ranges Council for their funding support to make this all happen. It's all about the partnerships!



Volunteers from Here Technologies, HomeSchool Group and Warburton Adventure Co rewilding Burrungma Biik.

Images: V Wallace



Sustainable conservation

Financial sustainability of FoHH is crucial in maintaining long-term conservation projects, works and roles for the survival of the Heho. Funding is secured through grants, donations, bequests, merchandise and nursery sales.

Donations

Personal and in-kind donations enhance and support a variety of ongoing and established FoHH conservation projects and events.

Our heartfelt thanks for the generosity of *all* personal donations we receive through various ways. The following people have donated through the GiveNow platform and agreed to be published...

Jonathan McConchie Gary Dickson Virginia Wallace Ayushi Chauhan Virginia Plummer Natasha Sinclair Brendan O'Farrell

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Purchasing Heho merchandise or indigenous plants from our nursery contributes to FoHH financial sustainability, advocacy and local revegetation.



Shop online to find Heho gifts, books and apparel by visiting the FoHH website or scanning the QR code.



Visit FoHH Indigenous Plant Nursery in Yellingbo for local plants at great prices. Check the FoHH website for opening hours and days.

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Contribute to community programs that benefit your community and environment or consider a bequest in your will to support FoHH's conservation efforts.



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*You can donate your refunds from **Container Deposit Scheme** to FoHH by selecting us as the registered donor using charity ID - C2000009578 or the barcode above.*



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FoHH respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri People as the Traditional Custodians of the lands known as Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve. We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and wildlife and pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



FoHH would like to acknowledge the ongoing support from Yarra Ranges Shire for printing and distribution of the Heho Herald.