



# the He Ho Herald

Newsletter of the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Inc.

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## *Jessica and Sarah – Inspirational!!*

Over the past few months Jessica and Sarah independently contacted us from different areas of Victoria with news of their 'projects' to help the Helmeted Honeyeater. Jessica was making an endangered species mini-documentary and Sarah was fundraising. What do they have in common? They are both primary school students, they both love the Helmeted Honeyeater and both know they can do something to help their plight. It has been absolutely inspiring talking to Jessica and Sarah over the past months and hearing about the progress on their projects. The future is in good hands with young people such as these.

### Sarah's story:

"I made this documentary as part of a school project to raise awareness of the Helmeted Honeyeaters so that they won't die out. Organising the filming of the Helmeted Honeyeaters was quite hard, of course, but my dad, Geoff, helped me out with it! Bruce Quin, Field Ornithologist, organised for me to go to Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve. Bruce and Sue Tardif gave me a tour of where the birds eat and I even got to feed them! I am so thankful to them because they also helped me by letting me interview them for the documentary. Thanks to all the people who helped my eight-minute documentary become such a big success, especially Bruce and Sue Tardif and Bruce Quin."

### Jessica's story:

"My name is Jessica G, I am ten years old and I live in Warragul. I love all animals, and have been lucky enough to grow up with many animals including dogs, cats, fish, finches and chickens. A friend of mine, Mike Harrison, is a "Friend of the Helmeted Honeyeater", and one day I saw a report on the ABC news about the Helmeted Honeyeater breeding program at Tonimbuk. Inspired by the story, I have decided to raise funds for the "Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater" and the Honeyeaters themselves!! I have already raised \$128 by cooking and selling baked potatoes at my mother's work, but I have planned on more fundraising soon!! During the school holidays, I went to Tonimbuk to see the Helmeted Honeyeaters and I ended up helping Gavin and Mike feed and identify the birds, it was great fun. I love Helmeted Honeyeaters!!"



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## NEW MEMBERS

The Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater would like to welcome to the group our new members:

**P Fitzgerald** – Avonsleigh, **C Hoskins** – Emerald, **I Livingston & J Turton** – Croydon, **T James** – Boronia, **Sherbrooke Community School**, **J Klein** – Healesville, **Sacred Heart School** – Croydon, **J Tenner** – Kallista

**Thank you to the Shire of Yarra Ranges for their assistance with postage.**

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### *Members Day* 30 November 08

A rare opportunity to experience a behind the scenes tour of the captive breeding program at Healesville Sanctuary with Karina Cartwright, Senior Keeper, Threatened Species.

**Time:** 11am sharp at Healesville Sanctuary (Details of where to meet will be advised upon booking). Expected finish: 2.30pm.

**BYO:** Lunch, mug and chair. (The Friends will provide tea and coffee). Please wear good walking shoes and come dressed for the weather.

Much of the day will be outdoors.

**Prior bookings are essential:** As this event is during the breeding season, a maximum of 30 members may attend. Where more members are interested in attending, a waiting list will be taken for this event and/or another day arranged. Please phone 5964 8341 and leave a detailed message so we can return your call, or email

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***Wanted:*** 20 years of the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2009

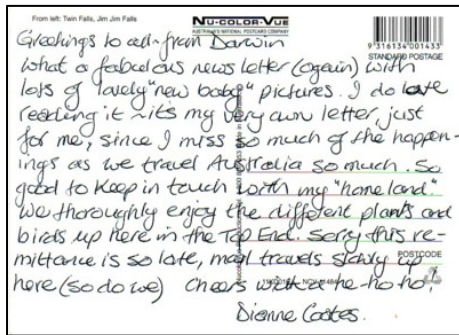
A sub-committee has been formed to create a book covering the history over the past 20 years. If you have any good, clear photos that would be suitable could you put into an envelope and post to Margot Craddock c/o Friends, P O Box 131 ,Woori Yallock 3139 before the end of September . If your name is clearly on the back of each photo with your address they will be returned. The year indicated would be helpful.

# A View from the Swamp

*editorial comment*

Glad to hear the He Ho Herald reaches our members, even when they are in the Top End. Wish I could deliver it in person. Sounds like a great place to be. Thanks to everyone who has donated to the nest camera. The cameras are an invaluable tool. The footage taken last nesting season was spectacular. It gave an amazing insight into how the birds raise their chicks.

Enjoy  
Sandra



## What's on - Calendar of events

September			October			November			December		
Date	Activity		Date	Activity		Date	Activity		Date	Activity	
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nursery		Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nursery		Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nursery		Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nursery	
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery	
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery	
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	Reveg		Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery	
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reveg		Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery	
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	AGM & Members' Day		Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery	
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery	
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Aust. Wildlife Exhibition Karwarra Gardens		Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter deadline		Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Nursery	
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Reveg		Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Nursery		Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery				
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Nursery		Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Committee		Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery				
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Committee		Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Nursery		Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Committee				
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery				
			Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery		Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Members' Day				

**Revegetation activities** are held at differing locations around the Yellingbo Reserve and area. Activities may include tree planting, seed collecting or works around the nursery or reserve. Meet at the **Yellingbo Ranger's House, 1217 Macclesfield Road, Yellingbo** (Melways Map 305 Ref. G11) at 10am. BYO Lunch. Most equipment is supplied. **For further information call Richard Case on 9720 4062.**

**Nursery activities days** are held at the Rangers House (see above). They run between 10am and 12pm, followed by (BYO) lunch. Work mainly involves the potting up of young seedlings. **For further information contact our Nursery Manager, Michelle Faram on 5964 8341**

*For your diary*

**Annual General Meeting: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September** Healesville Sanctuary  
12 noon for BBQ at Robert Eadie Pavilion, 2.00pm for AGM Meeting at the Theatre

# *The President's report* by Robert Anderson

## **Treasurer / Membership / Merchandise**

Thanks to another volunteer, Ray Turnley, there will be a new Treasurer to take on the role after the AGM. Our Coordinators, Sue and Bruce Tardif, will take care of Membership. Margot Craddock is happy to continue with Merchandise after handing over the two above roles.

## **All Members Are Important**

Each one of our members is important. By becoming a Friend, a member is expressing a view about the importance of conservation. Not all members are able to attend the various programs organised at the Nursery, in the field or at educational displays. We value our total membership. A strong membership provides the committee with a strong voice, and this makes it easier when assistance is sought to improve the habitat for all wild life. Thankyou to all of our Friends!

## **Judith Eardsley Save Wildlife Association**

Purchase of high quality natural habitat along the Woori Yallock corridor by this organisation was greatly appreciated in 2006. It is being cared for and will be added to the Reserve in the future. At present, Judith Eardsley has promised further funds to purchase more land if it is available. We can help this wonderful organisation, which is based at the opportunity shop next to the Healesville Newsagency/Post Office. Firstly visit the shop, you may find a bargain book or something else you have always wanted. Secondly, you can make a pledge to support their work. Close to \$1,000,000 has been raised to purchase land for protection throughout Australia. All money has been raised by the volunteers at this shop.

## **Members' Day**

On Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November thirty Friends have a wonderful opportunity to tour the Helmeted Honeyeater breeding complex at Healesville Sanctuary. Numbers are limited as it is the breeding season. More details are in this newsletter.

## **Annual General Meeting**

Bring this newsletter with you to gain entry to the Healesville Sanctuary for the Friends AGM on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September. Enjoy a barbecue lunch, friendship and an informative meeting.

## **A Diary Date**

Have you marked Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2008 as a special day? It is the Friends 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. Be prepared!

*Donations* will support the purchase of the **nest camera**.

Thank you to N Buck, J Fleming, S & D Everitt, B Quin, J Greenhalgh, J Galliot, S Bailey, D Dower, C Barraclough, I Pearey, I Livingston & J Turton, G Anderson, Mr & Mrs J D Creed, R Maugher & C Taylor, M Dear, D Beaumont, R Holden, P Miskin, K & P Best, D Ap-Thomas, V Williams, S Shnookal & J Jenkins, R Case, H & G Peper, D Smith, M Cantwell, J & D ennison, Cheffings family, P Bellis, N Marriott, M Case, D Neylor, R Purnell, J Epstein, L & A Thomas, E Smallwood, D Day, Turnley family, J Blaskett, D Coates, D & R Meagher, M Ross A.M., P Crowley, R Walkley, Case Family, L Kerr, B Hubschman, S & K Ruhsam, B Roy, P Craig, R Walkley, K & R Martin, T & N Bird, G Fuller, V Price and P & T Herlihy for their kind donations.

## *Gift Memberships*

**Hale Family** – Korumburra, **Kate Silva** - South Yarra, **J Silva** - Eltham, **Sharon and Robyn** - Glen Waverley

# Nursery News

by Michelle Faram

Life at the nursery continues to be very busy and next year looks like being just as hectic, with the proposed number of plants required, at this stage, hovering somewhere around the 90,000 mark.

Although we are still dealing with this years orders and preparing plants for spring, planning is already underway to ensure that we will also have plants ready for autumn 2009.

There have been lots of plant orders to prepare for pickup and for the many planting days being held in Yellingbo Reserve over the past couple of months and the nursery is now looking rather empty.

While we have continued with production of plants over winter nothing grows very quickly. The cold and still foggy mornings also cause additional problems for the plants, creating the perfect environment for powdery mildew to form and for moss and lichen to grow on the potting mix in the tubes. This last problem we have been trying to combat with some success by sprinkling very fine eucalyptus mulch thickly onto the top of the tubes.

Space in our igloos is quickly taken up with the slower growing plants, so after plant orders general maintenance of the nursery surrounds and stock takes precedence over the cooler months. The sorting and consolidation of the remnants of last season's stock in our outside holding area is well underway, this will make space for the new spring stock.

As a result of our cleanup some of the plants are deemed not good enough to sell but too good to throw away, so these are planted out into our nursery gardens. The gardens are really starting to take shape now after some excellent rainfall, with many of the plants bursting into flower. Particularly good have been the Nodding Greenhood orchids, Heath and the Native Sarsaparilla. The gardens are already providing us with a second generation of plants provided by seeds and cuttings and are an excellent way to highlight the use of indigenous plants in a garden.

Our hard working team of volunteers are the reason the nursery is able to achieve what we have done so far and to continue our progress into the future we are reliant on their continued support. It has been terrific to see a number new people coming along on Tuesdays and Thursdays but for those who can't make it during the week don't forget the first Saturday morning of the month 9-12 noon.



Geoff and granddaughter Holly



Margot, Irene, Shirley, Don & Margaret



Bob



Irene & Ruth

# Coordinator's Column *by Sue and Bruce Tardif*

We have had a great year to date with our education and revegetation program with 1,650 people involved in talks &/or revegetation days in the reserve. We are pleased to say that 6,823 plants have gone into the ground along Woori Yallock Creek creating additional habitat for our native species. We have had consistent rain days in June, July and August which has made planting much easier than we experienced in March, April & May when the ground was still hard and dry.

The following schools and corporate groups have all been involved:

Australian Unity, SP AusNet, Lilydale HS, Emerald SC, Sherbrooke Community School, Healesville HS, Woori Yallock Farm School, Belgrave South PS, Yellingbo PS, Lilydale West PS, Launching Place PS, Wandin Yallock PS, Selby PS, Upwey South PS, Sacred Heart PS, St Josephs PS, Chum Creek PS, Warburton PS, Menzies Creek PS and Swinburne TAFE. We have worked in partnership with Greening Australia, Natural Resources Conservation League and Trish Grant from Melbourne Water on several events. A big thank you to the following volunteers who have assisted at various times with revegetation days: Heather Jones, Beryl Hubschmann, John ????, Debbie Mitchell, Richard Connor, Sam Cadman, April Wilkins, Sarah Bouma, Verity Van Hoof and Ben Page.

We have run our Ambassadors' program again this year with Yellingbo and Macclesfield Primary Schools. Eight students from each school were selected by their school to be Ambassadors for the Helmeted Honeyeater where they experience what is involved in efforts to save our endangered bird emblem and to spread the word on what each individual can do to preserve our indigenous flora and fauna.

On Tuesday 10/6/08 the students were driven into the Reserve in 4WDs to observe the birds being fed in their natural environment. They got to take notes, lots of photos (especially Shanae) and ask lots of questions. After this wonderful experience they were driven back to the Ranger's house where they were given a slide show and talk on Leadbeater's Possum by Pam Miskin (Friends of Leadbeater's Possum) and Jo Antrobus (Parks Victoria). The day ended with lunch and a tour of our nursery with our Nursery Manager, Michelle Faram. It was a great day with thanks to Bob Anderson, Richard Connor, Jo and Pam.

The Ambassadors second experience was on Tuesday 29/7/08 when we took a bus to Healesville Sanctuary to look behind the scenes of the captive breeding program. They had the opportunity to look around the Sanctuary before meeting up with Senior Keeper, Karina Cartwright, who showed us around the captive breeding areas for the Helmeted Honeyeater, Mountain Pygmy-possum, Orange-bellied Parrot, Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby and Tasmanian Devil. A really unique experience to see what goes on behind the scenes. We were very lucky to meet up with one of the sanctuary's vets, Rupert Baker, who showed us a Mountain Pygmy-possum that he had operated on. Not many people get to see these critically endangered animals. We then headed for the Parrots in Flight exhibition with Jason which was a great experience before we reluctantly headed home. The Ambassadors loved the day and learnt a lot from their day.



Here are some of their edited comments:

Kristy:

“Some of the things that the keepers feed the helmeted honey eaters were millworms (sic. mealworms). Karina told us that they taste like popcorn when fried, and also a milky substance that

contains dried pollens and seeds. I think this was an excellent experience and I hope we get to do it again someday. This is a day I will never forget.”

Ryan H:

“We were given a challenge to find the lyre birds nest. I was one out of the three to find it. It was on top of a fern stump.”

Harry:

“The day ended like any other day except for the fact that I just had the most exiting day of the year. The next day I thought that it would be a normal day but I was crowded with people that wanted to know what I did.”

Sarah:

“The nest was built in the fork of a tree and it was made from emu feathers which had spider webs wrapped around it to stop it from falling apart and dingo hair on the inside to make it nice and soft for the chicks. The sanctuary put little cameras inside the aviaries. When there is a chick the camera is moved above the nest so the sanctuary can watch the chick to make sure there isn’t any problems. I still can’t believe how lucky I was to get the chance to go into so many places the public never gets to go and do so many things! I wish I could do it again!

THANK YOU FRIENDS OF THE  
HELMETED HONEYEATER AND  
HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY!”

... and what did Karina think of the day?

“Glad they all enjoyed the day, it was fun for me too. It's heart warming to see such enthusiastic young kids.” Our sincere thanks go to everyone at Healesville Sanctuary for taking time out of a busy breeding season to spend time with the Ambassadors.



Karwarra Australian Plant Garden have asked us to invite a small group of budding artists to participate in their Wildlife Exhibition which opens on 18 October in Kalorama. Artwork from both Macclesfield and Yellingbo Primary School students, along with the completed plant trailer, resplendent with murals depicting the reserve and Friends activities will be included.

A follow up to three reports in our Autumn newsletter:

The revegetation plot that was half treated in April with the browsing deterrent product called *Sentree* still has little evidence of browsing on treated plants with untreated plants having in excess of 25% of plants browsed by wallaby, wombat and/or rabbit. We will need to reapply the deterrent soon, especially after heavy rains in early August, and continue to monitor.

A Melbourne Water contractor has commenced revegetation on the 3 hectare plot along Woori Yallock Creek. Wombats however have damaged wombat gates and excavated new holes under the fence. We will install new wombat gates before revegetation continues.

The initial hydrological survey of a swamp area, a favoured frog habitat, beside Woori Yallock Creek has been completed. Melbourne Water is working on developing a management plan to rehabilitate this area.

The Friends were recently honoured to receive a Highly Commended award under the ACF Peter Rawlinson Award for our work in conservation. Congratulations to all our volunteers and staff who continue to work with such dedication and enjoyment towards the conservation of the Helmeted Honeyeater and its habitat.

# *Out in the Field* by Bruce Quin

## **Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve**

The 2008/2009 breeding season of Helmeted Honeyeaters living in the wild has just commenced. One nest has been built at the reintroduction site within Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve; however, egg-laying is yet to be confirmed. One 2008 releasee bird was observed collecting plant material on a couple of occasions, an indication that she is planning to nest. Additionally, an unbanded Helmeted Honeyeater from another colony was with the release birds and we hope that this bird will persist at the reintroduction area, increasing the number of potential breeding birds there. Nine releasees, including four of the six released in April 2008 and five released in 2006-2007, plus one offspring produced at the release area during the 2007/2008 breeding season, and the unbanded bird have been identified at the reintroduction area.

Excitement occurred after finding a tenth release bird upstream of the release area in early August (2008). This female disappeared in October 2006 after being released in February of that year, and was later found at a colony a couple of kilometres upstream. After raising a Fantailed Cuckoo fledgling in late December (2007), she disappeared again. She has now returned to the colony where the cuckoo youngster was produced, and we will endeavour to make certain that she and her mate produce their own fledgling(s) during the current breeding season! Other colonies of Helmeted Honeyeaters within Yellingbo will also be monitored as closely as possible.

## **Bunyip State Park**

Early nesting has been recorded for the 2008/2009 breeding season by Helmeted Honeyeaters at the release area in Bunyip State Park. One pair defended an egg on 6<sup>th</sup> August, whilst other pairs were either building nests or selecting nest sites for their nests; new pairings were apparently forming. Thirty-five birds have been recorded across the release sites, including five of the nine birds released in April 2008.

On 10<sup>th</sup> August (2008), a survey for Helmeted Honeyeaters was conducted in and near Bunyip State Park in an attempt to locate birds in areas outside known sites. Parts of Black Snake, Diamond, Dingo and Harold Creeks and Bunyip River were searched in drizzle to light showers on a cold day (similar weather conditions to the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2008 Yellingbo survey, but not as wet). A possible sighting of a Helmeted Honeyeater was made upstream of known colonies on Diamond Creek but the presence of the bird was not confirmed during a subsequent visit; the area will be searched again soon. A big thank you to all who helped, including members of Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater and Birds Australia, other volunteers, students from Swinburne TAFE, Holmesglen TAFE; La Trobe University and Charles Sturt University, Healesville Sanctuary and Department of Sustainability and Environment staff. The participants dedicated work is highly valued.

Actions at Yellingbo and Tonimbuk will include: application of nest cameras for predator identification and determining fledging success; nest protection where practicable; and egg swaps between captive and wild populations for genetic management.

Many thanks to Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater members, other volunteers, Sharon Ryeland (Department of Sustainability and Environment) and Parks Victoria Rangers for looking after the Helmeteds at Yellingbo and Tonimbuk while I was on leave.

An update on the progress of the 2008/2009 breeding season will be provided in the next Newsletter.



## *Richard's Reveg Rambles* by Richard Case

Winter has seen us busy with a variety of maintenance tasks. As always, the natural world we move through has provided the colour for our canvas.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of June we decided to spend the day cleaning the seed we had collected over the last few months. We set up in the Office which has such wonderful light and got to work with a variety of instruments. The early fog soon lifted revealing the view across the paddocks to the creek line.

As we worked, Pied Currawongs were fossicking in the branches above us, dislodging debris in their search for food. Two pairs of King Parrots flew in, calling noisily to each other. One pair flew on and the other pair fell silent.

A Kookaburra hopefully eyed the empty picnic tables as I finished. The fog once again rising above the paddocks, slowly blotting out the view and bringing the thinnest of veils over the short distance between the Office and the House.

The 13<sup>th</sup> of July started off nicely with a sighting of a Common Bronzewing on Macclesfield Road. Crimson Rosella greeted us as we arrived at the Office and set up for a continuation of June's seed cleaning efforts.

Our concentration made the time pass easily. Before we knew it the sunset clouds were pink behind the blue mountains. Magpies called as the wind pushed through the trees, masking the quieter voices of Thornbills and Brown Tree Frogs.

The first job on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August was to repair a fence around a reveg plot that wallabies had been getting into. The clever little individuals had found a break between the upper and lower panels of wire and left plenty of evidence of their comings and goings.

As we wandered down the Woori Yallock Creek, tools in hand, we were lucky to first hear and later see a Brown Goshawk circling over the tree tops.

A couple of Rainbow Lorikeets flew through a planting of our trees. A Little Corella called. Both birds we never used to see at the Reserve in the early days.

On a whim, we decided to have a look at our very first reveg plot, planted out in May 1990. Crossing the creek, we came to the site. Now looking good and "almost natural" as one of our party put it. The trees quite large but not too dense. The shrub layer nice and thick. And much dryer underfoot than back then. I remember a number of McCoys Skink with bright yellow bellies were disturbed from their winter torpor by our efforts. We had planted with spades and mattocks, the holes we dug filling with water before they were half finished. Give yourselves a pat on the back if you were lucky enough to be there back then!

## *Karwarra Australian Plant Garden* in Kalorama

### **Australian Wildlife Art Exhibition**

18 Oct until 9 Nov.

The Friends have been asked to invite a small number of local schools to participate in a professional art exhibition coordinated by the Karwarra Australian Plant Garden. The official opening is on Saturday, 18 October at 10.00am. The trailer should be there with its beautiful murals for all to see. The originals will be on display at the Exhibition. Members are welcome to attend. Entry fee \$3.50.

# Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Inc.

## Annual General Meeting

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Healesville Sanctuary

Free entry to Sanctuary by showing this newsletter at the front entrance

12 noon BBQ

At the Robert Eadie Pavillon, ask for directions at the entrance

We will provide meat, veggie burgers, tea, coffee, bread etc. So we can cater, please ring 59 648 341 to let us know you are coming.

Please bring a salad to share, byo cups, plates cutlery etc.

2.00pm AGM Meeting

At the Theatrette

Includes Committee elections and reports

Nomination forms (below) are to be submitted to the Secretary prior to the AGM

**Followed by Guest Speaker Natalie Holland – Threatened Species Network**

All our Merchandise will be on display and available for purchase. Pre-orders with payment welcomed.

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### Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Inc

### NOMINATION FORM - 2008 COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

I (proposer's name) .....

a financial member of the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Inc. hereby nominate

(nominee's name) .....

who is a member of the Friends & personally known to me, for the position of Committee person

Signature of Proposer ..... Date .....

I (seconder's name) .....

a financial member of the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Inc. hereby second the nomination of this applicant who is personally known to me

Signature of Secunder .....Date .....

I (nominee's name) .....

A financial member of the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Inc. hereby accept this nomination

Signature of Nominee .....Date .....

Nomination forms must be returned prior to the Annual General Meeting

Send to: The Secretary

Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Inc, PO Box 131 Woori Yallock. Vic. 3139

# Launching new photo cards for Christmas all \$2 each add 10% P&H

Bird: photo by Dean Ingwersen  with message  no message



Bird with chick: Painted by Ronda Steven

with message  no message

Greenhoods: Painted by Margo Heeley

with message  no message



Message inside

*May the magic of Christmas be with you  
And the New Year realise some of your dreams*

## Merchandise all below comes with bird emblem add 10% P & H

New with emblem **Polo shirts** sizes from **S to XXXL** \$35 each

Steele Blue colour UV protection quick dry and breathable



**Back again, all with emblem**

Green Polar fleece Jackets sizes S-XXXL \$35 each

Green canvas hat sizes 57, 59, 61 \$18 each

Green Polo fleece beanies \$15 each

**Still available and good value, displaying the bird.**

Magnetic book mark - that clips over the page 2 for \$5 or 5 for \$10

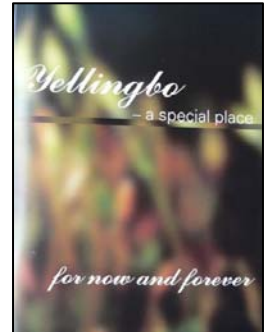
Blue Polar fleece vests Sizes M to XXL \$35 each

Badges - lapel (size of 5cent coin) \$5 each

Hilton hunts for a home (book) \$12 each

Photo Cards: Bird, L-B possum vegetation of the reserve. Powerful Owl. Paintings

Yellingbo a special place (book) \$30 **includes P&H**



## Helmeted Honeyeater Cobweb Collection

August to February is Helmeted Honeyeater breeding season and the time of the year again when the team working with the Helmeted Honeyeaters need to constantly put cobwebs into the aviaries for the birds to use to help bind their nesting material. Without the webs very little happens. It can be a daunting task to keep up the supply and this year the demand is as great as ever.



We always appreciate assistance with collecting cobwebs from around the Sanctuary and at home. If collecting from home, please ensure you have not used flyspray or any other potentially toxic sprays on or near any of the collected webs.

There are special instructions for collecting cobwebs, as only the best will do for our Honeyeaters.

1. Collect a 3 to 6 foot (1-2 metres) long stick with a small fork 4 to 6 inches (8-15 cm) at the end.

Some sticks can be provided and can be picked up from the Animal Office at the Healesville Sanctuary if you can't find your own. (Phone ahead of time to let us know you're coming & to get directions. Ph: 03 5957 2800 & ask for Karina or Averil).

2. Cobwebs need to be free of dust, dirt and other debris (otherwise the birds will not use them). Preferred species are Daddy Longlegs and Black house spider webs.

3. To collect the web, wind the cobwebs around the fork – just like spaghetti (pictured below). Then lace a plastic bag over the freshly collected web to protect it from being damaged.

4. If you find dirty cobwebs please clear them away and wait for the spiders to build a fresh web.

### Cobwebs can be returned to:

**Healesville Sanctuary.** Drop in address only: Badger Creek Road, Healesville, Vic. 3777.

Melway: 278 F8. Ph: 03 5957 2800 and ask for Karina or Averil to organise a date and time

**The Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater nursery (Tuesday & Thursday 9am-3pm)**

Drop in address only: 1217 Macclesfield Road, Yellingbo. Melway: 305 G11.

Thank you in advance for your much appreciated help.

*Give someone the gift to save a species by giving them a  
Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater gift membership.*

Gift membership opens a door to the wonders of the Helmeted Honeyeater because now it includes a copy of our beautiful book *Yellingbo* a special place. Cost \$40.00. (postage & handling incl.)

Make payment by cheque or money order to:

The Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater PO Box 131, Woori Yallock. Vic. 3139

**If undelivered please return to:**

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**Honeyeater,**

**PO Box 131,**

**Woori Yallock**

**Vic. 3139**

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