



# Heho Herald

Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Newsletter

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## Outgoing President's Report

Virginia Wallace



I'm excited to let you know that Sue Bendel has agreed to take on the role of President of the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Inc. At our recent monthly meeting we confirmed Sue in the role, and she is already off to a flying start. Sue is an excellent choice as she has a long history in environmental conservation and has previously been on the Committee of the Friends group and involved in all aspects of our operations including as a nursery volunteer. I thank her for stepping up and will leave Sue to introduce herself to you (if you do not already know her), to tell you about her ideas.

We also have appointed Suzanne Cox into a paid Finance role. Suzanne was a long-term volunteer and life member and will replace our existing paid bookkeeper. We have also agreed to appoint a new Treasurer, we are just finalising some details and will let you know as soon as it's all sorted. It's essential that an organisation like ours has a Treasurer so we are very grateful that we will be able to announce one shortly.

We are working out how we will run volunteer and community plantings this year and will be back in communication with you about opportunities to participate, especially as a result of our success with a NAB grant to hold six plantings this season. We continue to apply for grants in the absence of a paid environmental coordinator and recently submitted an Expression of Interest for a grant with National Geographic, along with Australia Post. We are also awaiting the outcome of a couple of other grant applications. A new water tank is shortly to be delivered and will enable us to harvest additional water for use in our operations. We are also in the process of purchasing a generator and replacing our defibrillator as some parts expire shortly.

Thanks again to everyone for their passion for conservation as that's what it's all about. I've appreciated your support and will now hand over to Sue Bendel. I will continue to stay on the Committee, look after our info inbox, help with grant applications and our social media posts.

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# Incoming President's Report

Sue Bendel



On February 17, 2025, I was co-opted to the Friend's committee in the position of President. Thank you to Virginia for all her efforts as the previous president. Virginia took on the role as co-president but was left running the role solo after about six months. She then continued for a further twelve months. Not an easy task since she lives in the suburbs of Melbourne. I feel very honoured to be invited, and as a local, I intend to join in many of the community's activities. Many of you will know me as a previous merchandise officer, and those who volunteer in the nursery would have met me in that role when I would visit.

I have always been interested in conservation and sustainability, as well as being an opportunist. As such, I took advantage of being permitted to do a "dumpster dive" during my lunch hour, while volunteering at Healesville Sanctuary. Thank you to the horticulture staff who permitted me to collect twenty forestry tube racks and 734 forestry tubes of the style currently used by our own HeHo nursery. Thanks to the other lovely nursery volunteers from the Sanctuary who kindly assisted in carting these items to my vehicle. It was much appreciated. However, for these items to be fully recovered and be able to be re-used rather than recycled, I need to thank our own wonderful nursery volunteers and staff for cleaning the tubes ready to use. This unusual activity took place prior to joining the committee.

On Tuesday 18 and Thursday 20, I surprised our nursery volunteers with a morning tea. The purpose was to introduce myself and thank the volunteers and staff for the incredible work they do in our nursery. It is such a major part of what we do. We would not be able to achieve so much to support the beautiful Helmeted Honeyeater without producing plants for the YNCA and for sale to contractors and the public. On Tuesday we were fortunate enough to be joined by Richard Case, who has been on the committee since it was formed. Richard has made an incredible commitment to caring for our Reserve and the HeHo by running his *Weeds and Seeds* days for several decades. Richard also organises our incredible seed storage collection. Thank you, Richard, for all that you do. It is truly amazing.

We had another special guest on the Tuesday morning. Mosaic artist, Jacqui Dawborn. She has just begun a special journey, and we were fortunate enough to be the start. Jacqui, from Tasmania, uses recycled crockery to create images of threatened birds and has just begun a yearlong road trip, *Mosaics on the Move*. Jacqui will be visiting organisations who work to protect Hooded Plovers and Orange Bellied Parrots, with the Bellarine Peninsula as her next destination. Thank you, Jacqui for your beautiful and generous gifts of HeHo mosaics. Our community appreciate them. We wish you a safe and enjoyable journey as you raise the profile of Australia's special birds. Jacqui has an article in this edition.

On Thursday we were lucky enough to have some more special guests. Michelle Farram, Robin Young and Suzanne Cox. It was so good to have the company of the three of you, and to see

Michelle at the nursery. Thank you to Marita, Anna and Stephanie for making me feel welcome. It is excellent to have you all as our nursery staff. I am looking forward to the opportunity to share more morning teas with everyone in the future. As there are only two of us who currently volunteer on a Friday, I did not organise another morning tea. Hopefully, we will soon gain some extra Friday volunteers to enjoy the fun and friendship in the nursery. I have heard it quoted, that volunteering is the equivalent of gaining a pay rise of \$40,000. Working with the lovely backdrop of the nursery and the Reserve certainly has the benefits of being in nature, as well as providing the great feelings from the worthwhile outcomes achieved.

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, I joined Sue and Bruce Tardif in the Reserve with several other volunteers where we did a bird and frog survey. Thank you to Sue for organising this and sharing your extensive knowledge of the YNCA. Thank you to Rachel Potter for keeping the bird list. We were fortunate enough to see some uncommon birds.

The Year 12 Environmental Science class from St Pauls College in Warragul started the year with a visit to Yellingbo to engage in their study of the Helmeted Honeyeater. They visited three locations where they observed our nursery, two different revegetation sites, one recently planted, and the other about ten years growth. The final destination was to observe a much older area with large Messmate that buffer the Reserve. It was wonderful to have students who are so keen to learn about the Helmeted Honeyeater.

We are running our first members activity on April 27. Maxwell Campbell, the current president of the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria is presenting the sequel, but stand-alone presentation, to that given at the celebration for Bruce Quin. The presentation is *Biodiversity, Holobionts and Symbiosis – Understanding or Misunderstanding Our Natural World*. We are hoping to see many of you then. Lastly, thank you to Mel for producing the HeHo Herald. It is always a newsletter that provides an attractive and informative read.

## Out in the Field

By Bruce Quin

@ Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve



### 2024/25 Helmeted Honeyeater Breeding Season

Thirty-three breeding pairs and 44 fledglings have been confirmed to date for the 2024/2025 Helmeted Honeyeater breeding season at Yellingbo Nature Conservation Area. There may be a small number of pairs still breeding, but the total number of fledglings produced during the current breeding season is unlikely to reach the 58 produced in the previous breeding season. Unsettled weather during the first couple of months of the 2024/2025 breeding season may have been the



reason some pairs delayed the start of their breeding and predation of nest contents has been consistently high during the season. Relatively dry weather conditions may have contributed to health issues in both adult and young Helmeted Honeyeaters during the 2024/2025 breeding season. Staff at the Healesville Sanctuary Vet Centre (Australian Wildlife Health Centre - AWHC) have expertly treated Helmeted Honeyeaters for a variety of illnesses or injuries, including suspected respiratory infections, a bacterial infection in one bird's mouth and eye injuries. Hopefully, the bird with an eye injury currently at the AWHC will be returned to his Yellingbo site soon.

### 2024 release of birds from captivity

Eighteen birds were released from Zoos Victoria's captive population as a group into Cockatoo Swamp in Yellingbo NCA on 19th April 2024. The release group comprised 10 Helmeted Honeyeaters and eight genetic rescue birds. Three of these birds have been sighted recently, but not at the release area. Two of these birds have been recorded downstream from the release area and one of these is a genetic rescue bird that paired with a wild Helmeted Honeyeater and produced a fledgling. The third is another genetic rescue bird that has settled approximately two kilometres from the release area, on another creek system and is apparently unpaired.

I will provide final figures on the 2024/2025 breeding season for Helmeted Honeyeaters and genetic rescue birds in the winter 2025 HeHo Herald.



Helmeted Honeyeater breeding season habitat; Manna Gum with a dense mid-storey of Prickly Currant-bush and Tree Violet.  
Image: B Quin



Many thanks for your wonderful assistance to the program! -Bruce

## Translocation News

By Nick Bradsworth

@O'Shannassy Catchment Translocation Site, Yarra Ranges National Park

The Helmeted Honeyeaters at the O'Shannassy Catchment have continued to nest throughout summer, and have had some great mid- to late-season success! A welcome relief since my last update. I have confirmed at least 14 fledglings produced from 43 nesting attempts, including several nests that I was unaware of, only to find a begging fledgling nearby. There has also been the first successful fledging of a clutch of three at O'Shannassy, a very rare occurrence which is





wonderful! Both parents are busily tending to all three young. We recently leg-banded and DNA sampled four of these fledglings, but there are many more still out there to catch.

Preparations are well underway for the next release of captive-bred birds into the wild. The majority of this cohort will be a reintroduction of birds to Cardinia Creek, around mid-April. The birds will be supplementary fed, and have VHF radio transmitters fitted to their tail feathers to monitor site fidelity and movements. This is a very exciting release as it has been over four decades since Helmeted Honeyeaters were in the area (until Ash Wednesday in 1983), and establishment of this site will increase the number of populations from two, to three! Some of the finer details are still being organised, so stay tuned.



Two of the three HeHo sibling fledglings at the O'Shannassy Catchment. So cute!

Image: N Bradsworth

## Mosaics on the Move

By Jacqui Dawborn



Hello Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater,



Jacqui in her studio in Tasmania.

Image: J Dawborn

I live in Southern Tasmania and this year I decided I wanted to learn more about endangered species and help raise awareness of their plight.

I am going on a road trip to meet the people dedicated to conserving endangered birds and to gain insights into the species they protect. I love birds. I also love being in nature, travelling, and making mosaics from recycled crockery. I bought a second-hand van and set it up so I can make art along the way.

My sister Kerry lived in Cockatoo for many years, and she told me about the critically endangered Helmeted Honeyeater, your dedicated group, and the Yellingbo Nature Conservation Area.

I was so impressed by the history and commitment of your organisation that I was inspired to start my project here. Thank you for the wonderful work that you do.

Making use of broken crockery and discarded tiles, I enjoy finding unusual patterns, colours and textures. Embracing imperfections and variations in the depiction of birds due to the non-uniformity of materials adds character to each piece. That's my excuse for not producing exact replicas of each bird! I enjoy the process of making something new from something old. I am looking forward to meeting other mosaic artists who can teach me new skills and techniques. On my travels, I sometimes pick up a stone or two from different places I visit and use these as my 'canvas'. The stones sit snugly in garden rockeries or in bush settings.

A simple offering of a mosaic is a way for me to acknowledge the bird and its protectors. The signage on the van and my activities will hopefully spark conversations and raise awareness. People I meet on the way may be inspired to learn more, create artwork of their own or be moved to give a donation or to volunteer.

I am starting the journey in Melbourne and will be travelling west along the Great Ocean Road, South Australian coast and then on to Western Australia, where I plan to finally reach the Broome Bird Observatory. After I leave the Yellingbo Nature Conservation Area, I will be focusing on the Orange Bellied Parrot that Winters on the Victorian and South Australian coast, the Hooded Plover, and the Mount Lofty Southern Emu Wren.



Jacqui's Helmeted Honeyeater mosaic artwork.

Image: J Dawborn



# Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Members' Day



Members' Day will be held at Helmeted Honeyeater Education Centre/ Depot Shed  
at the end of Shield Road, Yellingbo

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm

Please join the friends for a presentation and afternoon tea.  
This will provide an opportunity to meet and spend time with other members. Please bring a mug.



## Presentation

**Biodiversity, Holobionts and Symbiosis – Understanding or Misunderstanding Our Natural World.** (This is the sequel but stand-alone presentation to the previous one)

## Maxwell Campbell

Current President (10 years) of the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria.  
Field Naturalists Club of Victoria Inc. (FNCV) is Australia's oldest natural

history group, established in 1880. The many special interest groups focus on: Botany, Fauna Survey, Fungi, Geology, Marine Research, Microscopy and Invertebrate Study. There is also a group especially for Juniors.

Maxwell is an experienced naturalist, macro photographer, microscopist with a special interest in video microscopy and is heavily committed to the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems. His major interest is invertebrates and their symbiotic relationships and the holobionts they form. He has been a biologist, educator and active naturalist for nearly 60 years. Maxwell will discuss aspects of biodiversity, holobionts and symbiosis and its importance to conservation and regeneration. The critical importance of invertebrates has been grossly underestimated as there is an over-emphasis on vertebrates. He will illustrate his presentation with micro videos and photographs of lesser-known organisms.

RSVP essential by 24 April ~ text Sue on 0427 055 071 or email [president@fohh.org.au](mailto:president@fohh.org.au)

*Please note this event will be rescheduled if there is a Total Fire Ban in the Central District or forecast winds of 50km/hr or greater at the Yarra Glen listing on the BOM website*



# Seeds and Weeds

By Richard Case



Summer is our peak seed collecting season, but there are some summer weeds too.

In December, the first thing was to check the Nursery Garden for seed, a very useful source, but today the seed we sought was either green or not there. Next, we went to the WY Loop East track where we looked at the Forest Wire-grass but it was also green. As we walked on the Bush was full of the sounds and sights of Summer: Yellow-tailed Black & Gang-gang Cockatoos, Horsfield's Bronze, Shining Bronze & Fantailed Cuckoos, Rufous Fantail and a Leaden Flycatcher, always a treat to see these. It's the time of nests and fledgelings; a pair of Spotted Pardalotes were at a nest hole in a small embankment; a brown plumaged juvenile Yellow Robin was being fed by its parents; we saw a White-eared Honeyeater fluttering from low shrubs to the ground and across the track near us, a distraction display, so we quickly moved away in case there was a nest nearby. I hadn't seen this before in WEHE's but found it in the Pizzey field guides. Further on, we collected two lots of Purple-sheath Tussock-grass and some Prickly Moses. Next, we collected Prickly Moses from a roadside and Maccy Ck Bushland Deer Fence West, neither of these sites had been collected from before so I was rather pleased to add some new genetic material to the mix. Fallow Deer were outside the fence and their extensive tracks along the fence line show that it is working. After lunch we looked at Spiny-headed Mat-rush but that wasn't ready. This posed the interesting question, why are they spiny? Anyone know? Then we went down to the JESWA 3.2Ha and surrounds. Going upstream we looked for a stand of Prickly Moses but they appeared to have died off. Nearby was a Ragwort so that got removed. Back down near the old wagon, we collected Common Tussock-grass. Then we collected Swamp Paperbark, there wasn't much seed within reach, perhaps more at the top. Later as I sorted the seed in the old shed, a Swordgrass Brown butterfly wafted in on its big wings, did a circuit, then departed again, a perfect end to the day.

January was an interesting day, beginning humid, warm, with high and thin clouds. I collected Heath Wattle which on cleaning turned out to be mostly open pods. The Austral Indigo no longer had pods on it either. I checked another Heath Wattle on a roadside, but it only had about five pods. On to the WY Loop East track. It was sunny setting off. Tasman Flax-lily had nearly finished, I intended to collect it later in the day. Mid-January is the usual peak time in Yellingbo for it, but a very dry December has either pushed it forward or killed off the seed. Purple-sheath Tussock-Grass has also finished early. Collected Forest Wire-grass, this had mostly finished but there was enough to be worthwhile. Lots of mozzies, very humid, becoming dark. A Grey Fantail came down to have a look. Going on to the Up and Downs, it started to rain, followed by intense rain. I collected a small amount of Spiny-headed Mat-rush. The rain became torrential with visibility down to 100m. By the time I

decided to go back, I was already soaked so there was little else I could do except hope our birds were OK.

February was such a contrast. Overnight rain had put the dust down and filled the air with that marvellous Eucalyptus scent. Back at the WY Loop East track again. Tasman Flax-lily and Forest Wire-grass were well finished now. A White-browed Scrubwren was fussing around, telling its young ones to be quiet. At the Up and Downs collected more Spiny-headed Mat-rush. Growing nearby was Wattle Mat-rush. I spent a long time looking at this before deciding it was *Lomandra filiformis* subspecies *coriacea*. Another sub-species, *L. f. ssp. filiformis*, also grows at Yellingbo. Sadly, no seed to collect. Over on the West side, there was an overlooked patch of Spiny-headed Mat-rush. More exposed to the sun, the seed had all gone but perhaps next Dec-Jan? Upstream from Beers Bridge, there was some Montbretia (a weed) to remove. After a highly successful "What if..." removal in 2012, we became more serious in 2015, gradually expanding the area covered ever since with most of the old areas remaining clear. Lunch followed, with a Wedge-tailed Eagle flying over and calling. After, Victorian Christmas Bush was collected from a reveg cell. Then a search for Clustered Everlasting and Austral Indigo, both of which had finished. The next stop was JESWA Beveridge Rd, looking for any regrowth of Montbretia from the ones we removed from the creeklet in August. None found. A nice end to a nice day.

## Seeds & Weeds Dates

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March (not the second Sunday)

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May (not the second Sunday)

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

**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.*

## Beyond Yellingbo

By Greg Callaghan



Macclesfield  
Landcare  
Group

In the Summer 2024 edition of the HeHo Herald, Dorothy Scott and Ron Sawyer foreshadowed the return of the Beyond Yellingbo project in 2025.

For those who may not have seen this article, the Beyond Yellingbo project, which dates back to 2017, is an innovative community-led model of habitat restoration on private land, seeking to secure the future of the critically endangered Helmeted Honeyeater.

The Beyond Yellingbo project restores and extends habitat in our district through a combination of weed management, new plantings, feral animal control and community engagement. The return of the Beyond Yellingbo project has come about through the efforts of the Steering Committee in

securing grant funding, as well as support from Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater, along with some very generous private donations by members of our community. Grant funding has been received through the Victorian Landcare Grants Program (The Victorian Landcare Grants is supported by the Victorian Government). The funding allows us to continue the work of Beyond Yellingbo during 2025.

Greg Callaghan from Macclesfield Landcare Group is project managing the Victorian Landcare Grants Program for Beyond Yellingbo. Project works commenced in December 2024 on Weed Management activities and have progressed through January and February 2025. Target weeds in the district have included Ragwort, Blackberry, Spear Thistle, Spanish Heath and Holly (amongst others). To date, 40 hectares have been treated with a further 14 hectares scheduled to be undertaken by the end of February.

In parallel, work has also commenced on the New Plantings workstream. In 2025 there will be two new planting rounds, the first in Autumn and the second in Spring. Plants are being sourced through the HeHo Nursery, with plant protection guards and stakes coming through suppliers used by our Landcare groups. The Autumn group of plants have been ordered and are due for delivery during April. An invitation was extended for additional Beyond Yellingbo property owners to participate in the Spring planting round, and these orders are currently being worked on. The requirement is that all new plantings be completed by early October.

Another aspect of the Beyond Yellingbo project for 2025 is Community Engagement. This includes:

- articles in the participating Landcare group newsletters (such as this one)
- expansion of the current website information and resources, currently hosted on the Macclesfield Landcare Group website ([macclesfieldlandcare.au/beyond-yellingbo](http://macclesfieldlandcare.au/beyond-yellingbo)) - to be extended to other Beyond Yellingbo groups
- A Community Engagement Event is in the planning phase, with the intent to inform, educate and engage our community and supporters.

As work progresses on Beyond Yellingbo during 2025, including new initiatives with the funding available, the Steering Committee will keep everyone informed of the activities. In the meantime, plenty of work to get on with!



Weeding and planting activities are underway.

Image: G Callaghan



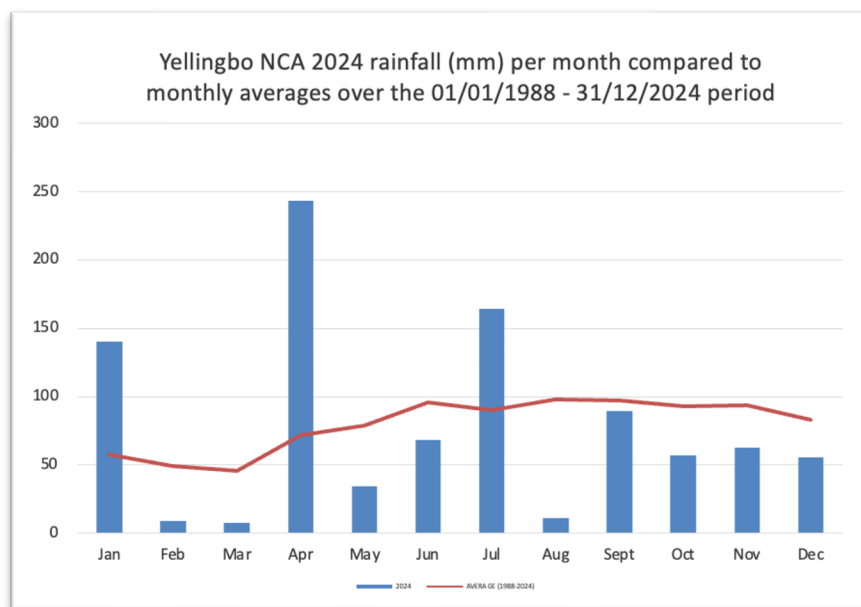


# Citizen Science Matters

By Sue Tardif & Amy Gregorovich



It's been an interesting few weeks doing some trips into Yellingbo Nature Conservation Area to plan for our first citizen science events in 2025. It seemed drier than I'd seen for a while in and around YNCA, so I was curious about what the rainfall data showed. Although the total rainfall in 2024 at YNCA was just below the 36-year average, nine of the twelve months were below average.



The dry grasses meant seeing the Blue-winged Parrots, seasonal visitors to YNCA, was tricky, but patience paid off – a group of ten feeding! This species is listed as Vulnerable under the Australian Government's EPBC Act 1999. Sadly, habitat loss, inappropriate fire regimes and climate change are thought to be three of the threatening processes contributing to this species decline. YNCA provides some refuge.

In the last Heho Herald, I quoted Jake who was coming to his first citizen science event in the following weeks. At that time, Jake said, "Really looking forward to getting involved, excited to help out and meet some likeminded people..." A few weeks down the track and Jake tells us, "A very interesting event, the people were more than welcoming and keen to answer questions I had and give me a



Blue-winged Parrot, *Neophema chrysostoma* at YNCA 2025.

Image: B Tardif

chance to learn and become more familiar with different bird identifications from their sounds and silhouettes."

Amongst the chatter of finding, identifying and recording what we set out to observe during our citizen science events, there are also times of restorative stillness and quiet. There's space, and a need, for both. I doubt whether any of us would see, hear or experience as much without these two elements.

You can almost see shoulders relax and attention to life's everyday tasks switch to silent when we hang out for a while in a peaceful part of the Yellingbo bush. Some favourite spots to stop and slow down are where the creek ripples (at times, thunders!) over rocks, or where a perfect sized log seems to beg you to sit down with new and old friends. I love those moments.

After organising a program of 39 citizen science events in 2024, Amy Gregorovich (Youth Reference Group convenor) and I had a break in January and early February to reassess and plan for 2025. If you've been part of our citizen science program in the past, or have thought about it, you're invited to share your thoughts about what we've done in the last 2 years and what we could look at offering next.

Take our two-minute survey: [https://us12.list-manage.com/survey?u=ee93a48cbeb647a61f8b21f1a&id=cdf5dd5ccb&e=\\*\[UNIQID\]\\*](https://us12.list-manage.com/survey?u=ee93a48cbeb647a61f8b21f1a&id=cdf5dd5ccb&e=*[UNIQID]*)

*Have you thought about coming to citizen science event this year?*

Registrations are open. You'll find familiar and new offerings.

Details on our website:  
[www.helmetedhoneyeater.org.au/get-involved/come-to-an-event-2/](http://www.helmetedhoneyeater.org.au/get-involved/come-to-an-event-2/)



Thank you for staying connected with the Friends, your ongoing support is valued - Sue



Citizen science groups enjoying some breaks.

Image: S Tardif





# Nursery News

By Marita Hanigan & Anna Whitelaw



Propagation has been in full swing the last few months, growing thousands of plants for the coming planting season. The hot summer has kept us on our toes with extra watering needed and planning ahead, but so far so good. We have a new plant voucher arrangement with the Cardinia Shire Council this year which has begun to bring new customers into the nursery. Vouchers have been issued by the council to residents which total nearly 4000 plants.

Late in January we held our "Christmas" lunch for all the nursery volunteers. It was a lovely event, the weather was kind to us and the food was even better! The 'Seedies' (John's Hill Landcare group) joined us and delivered the first batch of seed for the year. They presented us with an amazing amount of seed which reflects all the hard work and time they put into helping the nursery and conservation of our incredible plants. They are an indispensable part of what we do here, just like the nursery volunteers that come every week who do so much of the plant propagation. We really are so grateful. Did I mention we need more volunteers?!



Left, invertebrates making a home among nursery plants, above, belated 'Christmas' gathering celebrating the hard-working volunteers of 2024, below, seed deliveries from John's Hill Landcare group.

Image: A Whitelaw







## ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!***

Would you like to volunteer?

The nursery has been a bit low on volunteers the last 6 months and is in need of some help... there are lots of plants to grow and love, conversations and laughter to join in on and morning tea to enjoy!

We would welcome anyone who is willing to spend a few hours getting their hands a little dirty. Most volunteers come on either a Tuesday or Thursday morning but Fridays are an option and the one Saturday a month that the nursery is open.

Please call Anna or Marita at the nursery on 0438 038 702 if you are interested.

## **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 are have donated through the GiveNow platform and agreed to be published...

**Jonathan McConchie Gary Dickson, Virginia Wallace, Rochelle Hine, Caitlin Coulston, Ron Sawyer, Nick Dalziel, Andrew and Ash Thomas, Sarah Leach, Steve Hyde, Jack Grant, Yeshani Weerakkody, Caron Wasserfull, James Weaving, Natasha Sinclair, Dorothy Scott**

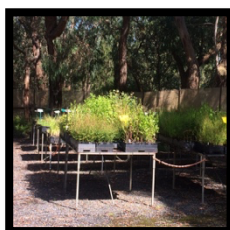
### ***Shop***

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



Scan to shop

*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.*

# Ways you can support FoHH

## Autumn gardening plans?

Check out our gardening gear with a difference



Purchase meaningful Heho-inspired gifts



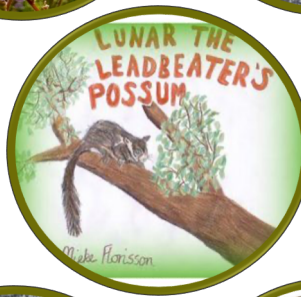
## For the birds and the bees

Visit the Nursery for some garden colour and food for a pollinator



## Something for the kids

Kids' storybooks for building their love of local wildlife



## Looking for a unique gift?

Check out these earrings, tote bags & bookmark



Or donate through our online platforms or partnerships



Donations can be made through our website on the donation platform **Give Now**



Nominate FoHH on your **Community Benefits Card** at IGA and 0.5% of your shopping docket will be directed to us



Donate refunds from **Container Deposit Scheme** to FoHH by selecting registered donor charity ID - C2000009578 or use this barcode



Considering leaving a gift to the **Friends in your will**? Scan to find relevant information on FoHH website

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