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President's Report

Sue Bendel



I have now been in the role of President for almost six months. It has been a steep learning curve with much to be done. But it does come with some enjoyable perks. I was able to attend the historic release of the HeHos back to Cardinia. The birds put on an amazing display. The second release was later in May, with seven birds released in the Yellingbo Nature Conservation Area. This time, I did not actually witness the release of the birds as I was there as a field worker to look for sightings and make observations of any HeHos that visited my site. I was well rewarded after many hours, when five of the seven released HeHos chose to spend a large amount of time in my observation area. Two people who have worked hard and put a great deal of time and effort into the success of the HeHo story provide their reflections from the release day.

Simon Dent, Parks Victoria Ranger

As the Yellingbo Ranger since 2018 working for Parks Victoria to support the on ground environmental and stakeholder management to support both the Helmeted Honey recovery team and the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater group, this was the first time I have been to a release day within the Yellingbo Nature Conservation Area. It was lovely to share such a moment with all the key stakeholder groups that have work so hard to protect and grow the wild population with Yellingbo. I look forward to seeing these birds create another wild population.



Helmeted Honeyeater on release day.

Image: S Garth

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Another reflection comes from someone that many members will be familiar with, our recently retired secretary, Stephen Garth.

Stephen Garth, previous FoHH secretary

About 11 years ago I found myself retired and with time on my hands. I had planned for retirement, and I wanted to pursue my interest in bird watching and photography. But I also wanted to 'give back' in some way. I wanted to get involved in bird focused environmental project of some sort. I had joined Birdlife Australia and started attending some of their many birdwatching outings including monthly bird walks in the Yellingbo Nature Conservation Area. Through those walks in the YNCA I became aware of the Helmeted Honeyeater and the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater. I joined the FoHH and before long I started with the Field Assistance program which means I go into the field regularly at the YNCA to provide the Helmeted Honeyeater with supplementary food, observe the birds for any possible health issues and any breeding activity.

My work with the Field Assistance program was exactly the kind of project I was looking for in retirement. The work I do is very rewarding. When I'm out there in the field observing the birds it always exciting to see them alert and active.

All the Helmeted Honeyeaters have identifying leg bands, so individual birds are easily identified. In fact part of the job is to record the identifying legs bands of the birds observed. So, overtime, as a Field Assistant you become familiar with specific individuals and even form a relationship or sorts with some – at a distance of course! So, it is particularly pleasing when you see a bird that you have been observing for years and its alert and active and doing well.

In the years I have been involved the wild population of Helmeted Honeyeaters has gone from about 60 birds to over 200. That's real reward; seeing the population increase and their outlook improve. The excitement has not diminished over the years and is why I continue to be actively involved.

Releasing Helmeted Honeyeaters

One very special part of the Field Assistance work is to help on a release day. There is a captive population of Helmeted Honeyeaters at Healesville Sanctuary and most years they provide captive breed birds to be released into the wild to supplement the wild population.

In May I was asked to assist in a release day. My role was to observe the birds for the hours after the release to help verify that the birds were adapting to their new environment. I also asked to release one the birds. The means opening the transport box that the bird is held in and allowing the bird to fly free. A moment of joy...

That moment is very special but imagine it from the birds' perspective. One day you are living happily in a contained environment, nice habitat, waiter service, no predators. Life is sweet. Then, you are



Helmeted Honeyeater on release day.
Image: S Garth

caught in a net, stuffed in a box, taken for a ride and then released into the wild. There are no aviary walls or roof. Just sky, large trees and bush as far as the eye can see. It's no wonder the birds disappear for a while.

On that day we released the birds at about 10:30am. Hours went by and there was no sign of them! It was becoming worrying. Then, about 1:30pm – a sighting. I saw them high in the gums foraging for food – behaving like normal Helmeted Honeyeaters. That moment was thrilling and signalled success. Later in the afternoon the birds found one of the feed stations that has been set up for them. Seeing the birds adapting to their new environment and behaving like all the other birds at Yellingbo is a moment to be savoured.

Our Nursery

The nursery is an essential part of the Friends, as they grow quality indigenous plants to provide and enhance habitat for the HeHo in the Yellingbo Nature Conservation Area and other locations. I often volunteer in the nursery, which is always fun. It can be an opportunity to learn new skills, become familiar with how the plants in the reserve look when they are seedlings, often quite different to adult plants. Many acacia and eucalypt species have juvenile foliage which is different to the adult leaves. At morning tea, all the volunteers and staff spend time enjoying a chat and a cuppa.

On Tuesday 5th August, we had a special morning tea, to celebrate the support from our wonderful partners at the Bendigo Bank. Two managers arrived and provided the nursery with a new AED, (defibrillator) which is now mounted in the potting up shed. Justin Hall, the branch manager from Woori Yallock, explained how to use the AED, should it be required. Peter Cownley from the Bendigo Bank explained that the AED will receive monthly checks and maintenance for well into the future. The Bendigo Bank showed us the advantage of being with a Community Bank, as this act of kindness and generosity really supports our local community.

I also attend meetings with many of our partner organisations. At these meetings I have requested a few minutes to remember our wonderful nursery manager, Michelle Faram who passed in early June. I mentioned that Michelle was a brilliant nursery manager for close to twenty years, but also a good friend and a much-loved member of the local community. Michelle is very missed by many of us.

On a brighter note, over twenty-five members and friends, braved a chilly June morning of zero degrees to enjoy a walk with the Helmeted Honeyeaters led by Bruce Quin. Bruce is the senior ornithologist who works with the HeHos. I am sure he knows each individual bird. Thanks to Bruce, Richard Case, Pam Gambrell and Marita Hanigan for making this such an enjoyable and memorable event.

I look forward to meeting many of you at one of our Riverfest events in September or our AGM in early October.



Fly safely little birds-Sue

Out in the Field

By Bruce Quin



Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve



Helmeted Honeyeater 2025/26 Breeding Season

The 2025/2026 breeding season for the Helmeted Honeyeaters *Lichenostomus melanops cassidix* and birds adding genetic diversity to the “HeHo” population is underway with one female sitting (incubating at least one egg) and three other females building nests. Numerous other females have been sighted carrying nest material indicating many more nests will be found in coming weeks. Hopefully, an increase in number of breeding pairs for the current breeding season (from 34 breeding pairs for the 2024/2025 breeding season) will occur now that the 2025 release area (see next section) has been ‘cleared of’ Bell Miners Miners, *Manorina melanophrys*.

2025 Yellingbo release of captive birds

The annual release of birds from captivity into Yellingbo NCA occurred on 28 May and comprised seven birds, including genetic rescue birds let out from transport boxes (“hard released”) at a confluence of two major creek systems. Feeding of the release group was transitioned from daily feeding to the routine regime of four days supplementary food provision per week. Most encouragingly, 10 weeks post-release (6 August 2025), six of the seven birds were still alive, with unconfirmed sightings of the seventh bird, a male Yellow-tufted Honeyeater *Lichenostomus melanops gippslandicus*. Hopefully, this bird has been less reliant on supplementary food at feed stations, and therefore, has been more difficult to observe.

Yellow-tufted Honeyeater collection

Murrindindi Scenic Reserve, near the township of Murrindindi is part of the Kulin Nation of Traditional Owners and the Taungurung People are the Traditional Custodians of the northern section where Yellow-tufted Honeyeaters *L. m. gippslandicus* are known to occur. On 11 June 2025, two male and two female *L. m. gippslandicus* were collected by Zoos Victoria and DEECA staff, assisted by Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater’s Steve Garth, for the genetic rescue breeding in captivity and all are doing well (Karina Cartwright pers. comm). The Murrindindi Yellow-tufted Honeyeaters represent the fourth



Murrindindi River, Murrindindi Scenic Reserve, from where four Yellow-tufted Honeyeaters were collected in June 2025 for genetic rescue breeding.

Image: B Quin

group of *L. m. gippslandicus* used for genetic rescue breeding, with the other three being from Licola, Noojee and north of Moe.

I will provide an update on the 2025/2026 breeding season for Helmeted Honeyeaters and genetic rescue birds as well as the 2025 release of birds from captivity in the summer 2025 edition of HeHo Herald. I hope that you have 'survived' the winter, and a big thank you for your highly valued assistance to the program! Please email heho@deeca.vic.gov.au if you would like to join the supplementary feeding team.

“Best wishes-Bruce

Translocation News

By Nick Bradsworth



Cardinia Creek

We are now three and a half months on since the reintroduction of Helmeted Honeyeaters to Cardinia Creek. We are still recording at least 12 birds on site which is a fantastic result. A day or two after my last update, we did manage to catch the feral cat, but the fox evaded the soft leg hold traps. Traps have now been removed. We will continue to monitor activity within the reserve and may deploy more traps if required.

The birds have settled into their new home very well and are largely using all of the supplementary feeding stations. The distribution of bird activity has changed with greater visits to some of the more southern feeders which is interesting, and disperses bird activity. Most excitingly, birds have started to pair off and defend stations, with some females already observed building nests - a very promising sign and start to the breeding season!



A 2025 released HeHo to Cardinia Creek captured with nesting material in early-July!

Image: N Bradsworth



O'Shannassy Catchment

Female HeHos have also been observed building nests at O'Shannassy, with at least one nest already being incubated at time of writing, and several others still being built. The birds have otherwise had a good, albeit cold, winter at O'Shannassy. Some mornings, the birds have been particularly eager for a feed and I have had upwards of 10+ HeHos in the feeding station at any one time – I struggle to get all leg-band IDs when this happens! We are all hoping for another productive breeding season moving into the warmer months at both sites.

Citizen Science Matters

By Sue Tardif



A frosty morning turned into a beautiful, sunny day for our late August citizen science Bird & Frog survey. As we sought out the sun, so did the birds! This time of year, we tend to 'just' see the resident species, those who are in the reserve all year round. Before the summer visitors bring a change to the bush sounds, it's interesting to see what niche the resident species take up. At this time of year, we commonly see the Bassian Thrush, Brown and Striated Thornbills, Golden Whistler, Superb Fairywren, White-throated Treecreeper, Wedgetail Eagle, White-browed Scrubwren and more. The insectivorous species always seem to enjoy following us, as we disturb the insects for them to feed on.

The frogs were quiet. It's a little eerie. Our walks along the swamp and creek edge, no matter what time of year, are commonly peppered with the sound of frogs calling. As mentioned in the last issue of Hho Herald, it is still dry. Too dry. The ground is hard. Despite the recent rain, the dry conditions persist in much of our region. The plants are clearly doing it tough. We would normally be expecting to wade through puddles and come home with muddy boots this time of year, but not this year, so far. Although it's lovely to be outside with the warmth of the winter sun on your back, we come away from our citizen science events saying that we'd swap it for rain - good, prolonged, soaking rain.

As luck would have it, one of the few wet days in July delayed our Walk & Talk with Viviana Halley (Waterways and Land Officer for Melbourne Water and Helmeted Honeyeater Recovery Team member) into how a large-scale conservation initiative in Yellingbo Nature Conservation Area (YNCA) is being implemented. Get in quick to secure one of the four spots remaining for this special opportunity to gain insight about the impact on habitat of historical alterations to Cockatoo Creek, and why three in-stream rock chute structures are being planned to return the creek to a more natural stream flow. If you've ever wondered how engineering and ecological restoration meet, this site visit promises to be both educational and inspiring.

You can register here: <https://www.helmetedhoneyeater.org.au/get-involved/come-to-an-event-2/>

I'm sure you will agree that anyone who loves, and is an observer of, the natural world will experience both highs and lows as they wander the areas they know and enjoy best. In recent times, it's been with more than a degree of sadness to witness the visible thinning of a treasured YNCA Manna Gum's canopy. In 2007, recognising this tree's importance, the then President of FoHH, Bob Anderson, worked with Yarra Ranges Council's arborist to secure its recognition on the Significant Tree Register of Victoria. In 2008, a group of us lobbied for fencing to stop its root zone being further impacted by the carpark, and the bare, compacted ground was revegetated. We really knew we'd dug holes for plants that day! What was described in 2007 as a "... an excellent specimen showing

strong vigour and good health,” now clearly shows its leaves dying across its breadth. As the brown leaves hold on, for what appears to be their final moments of life, the hope is that the extra sunlight now penetrating to the soil below will produce new life and vitality in this corner of YNCA where countless people have gathered at Friends events over the years. The ups and downs of conservation. You can read about the Significant Tree Register listing here:

https://trusttrees.org.au/tree/VIC/Yellingbo/Yellingbo_Nature_Conservation_Reserve_Shield_Road



From left to right- Manna Gum, *Eucalyptus viminalis*, at the Education Centre YNCR image from National Trust Tree Register 2007, Friends volunteers Richard and Bob planting around the Education Centre Manna Gum in 2009, Manna Gum at Education Centre showing canopy decline in 2025.

Image: S Tardif and National Trust

Where there are tough times, there are often highs. If you're an e-Bird (online bird survey tool) user, you may know about 'Hotspots'. They direct bird observers to places that may have good birding potential. It's a great tool, unless you're a critically endangered species like the Helmeted Honeyeater who lives in YNCA, an e-Bird 'Hotspot'. At our citizen science events we welcome everyone who registers for our hosted events. One of the things we highlight about YNCA is that it is gated and locked for a reason. It provides a level of protection for its high conservation values, not just for birds, but for many plant, animal and fungi species.

But how would e-Bird users know that, when just scrolling through their options for where to spend some time outdoors looking for birds? Knowing this, Gary, one of our citizen science Bird survey volunteers, and an e-Bird user, approached the managers of e-Bird and provided the evidence that supported their recent listing of YNCA as a 'restricted access' site. Thank you Gary! Another example of how community volunteers are making a positive difference to caring for, and protecting, the natural world.

With spring in the air, we're looking forward to restarting our afternoon Bird & Frog surveys alongside our regular events. **Will you join us?**



Citizen Science team 2025

Image: S Tardif

Visit the website
events to register



Special thanks to Karin Seamer and Bruce Tardif for recording the bird species the whole team has helped spot, to Robert Aitken for recording the frog calls and noting the species as they're verified by FrogID, and to Sue Bendel for donating a beautiful picnic table for our lunch breaks. Thank you all!!



Your ongoing support is valued - Sue

Seeds and Weeds

By Richard Case



We have been out weeding and doing some late seed collecting throughout this Winter.

In June, we started with a cold morning and a group of about thirty Welcome Swallows low over the paddocks as the sun started to touch the grass. Going to the D2 site on Woori Yallock Ck, we checked our previous weeding efforts. Holly, Ivy, some Ragwort and an isolated Spanish Heath were all dead. We found more Ragwort which we also removed. The previous year's Forget-me-not patch had remained mostly clear, so we continued moving upstream, pulling out two sacks of this widespread weed. In the process, we also removed about five Tree Tobacco. Back to the track and the Spanish Heath patch sprayed by Beyond Yellingbo in November 2023. In October 2024 we had removed about twenty that had resprouted, today we could only find and remove six small ones. After lunch, we went further upstream to the D3 site. Most of our targeted weeds here were also dead, but going carefully through the site, we removed more Tree Tobacco and Ragwort which were separated from other infestations. Finally, we returned to the Bamboo, now in three patches. Although the soil was dry and powdery, it was much easier to dig them out than last year, our combined efforts yielding one sack full.

July was an easy start, with seed collection from a small branch of Scentbark that had fallen in the Nursery car park. On to Macclesfield Creek Bushland, where we saw a Black Wallaby moving off through the bush. Walking into the floodplain, we collected from a branch of Mountain Swamp Gum that had fallen. Then we moved to our real target, the revegetation cells that contained a good quantity of Yellow Hakea seed. White-naped Honeyeaters, Grey Shrike-thrush and Spotted Pardalote called, while overhead two Wedge-tailed Eagles soared briefly. In the afternoon, we went on to a roadside, where we walked out collecting Bushy Needlewood and Dagger Hakea seed and walked back collecting rubbish and weeds. Next stop was the JESWA Beveridge Rd reserve, where we checked the Stinking Iris patch we had been working on, but only found eight small ones which we removed. On to the high Western side of Woori Yallock Ck where we searched to see if the Agapanthus dealt with last year had resprouted; they had not.

Our August day began with blue skies above and valley fog below. Spiderwebs hung on the trees, glistening with moisture. Today, we went out to the Eastern side of Cockatoo Ck, at the top of the Reserve. Almost immediately, we collected a good amount of seed from a fallen Mountain Swamp Gum. Further on, we collected from a Narrow-leafed Peppermint perched on a slope just a couple of metres above the Swamp. Nearby, we found a dead Dusky Antechinus, possibly a male dying from the stress of the breeding season. On the way back we found another one. Another interesting find was a small patch of Common Duckweed. Although widespread, I can't remember seeing this interesting, floating plant in Yellingbo before. There is an Herbarium record from 1994 near Parslows Bridge, so it's probably just something I've overlooked. White-eared Honeyeaters and Grey Shrike-thrush kept us company along most of the walk, although there were a number of others including White-throated Treecreeper, Golden Whistler, Eastern Whipbird and both Ravens. In the afternoon, we were fortunate enough to be invited onto private property, where we gathered more Hakea seed to bolster our stocks. We also saw a River Lomatia, quite a rare shrub at Yellingbo.

Seeds & Weeds Dates

Sunday 21st September (not the second Sunday)

Sunday 12th October

Sunday 9th November

Sunday 14th December

Sunday 11th January

**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



Beyond Yellingbo was successful in September 2024 in obtaining a Victorian Government Victorian Landcare Grant of \$20,000 for the 2024-25 program. This grant has been augmented by very kind donations from local community members, keen on furthering the objectives of the program.

The Beyond Yellingbo activities are managed by a steering committee consisting of Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater and three local Landcare Groups - Macclesfield, Monbulk and Johns Hill. This steering committee drives the activities of the program.

In 2024-25 Beyond Yellingbo has three key workstreams:

Weed management workstream

This workstream was completed in early February 2025. Works were undertaken over **55.5 Hectares** on **12 properties**. Treated weeds included Blackberry, Ragwort, Spanish Heath, Spear Thistle, Holly, Japanese Honeysuckle, Saint John's Wort.

New plantings workstream

Autumn 2025 plantings have been completed, with **625 planted** on properties in the district. Spring 2025 plantings will commence very shortly in September 2025, with **800 plants** to be planted by early October 2025

Community engagement workstream

A community engagement **event was held in May 2025**, where the work of Friends of Helmeted Honeyeater, Beyond Yellingbo and Birdlife Australia were explained and highlighted. The event also enabled people in the district to undertake guided tours to see Helmeted Honeyeaters in the environment.

In addition to formal grant funding for works, the activities of Beyond Yellingbo are driven by volunteers. To date during 2024-25 there have been over **520 volunteer hours**, with more to come by the completion of the 2024-25 program. This reinforces the community-led nature of Beyond Yellingbo. Interestingly, the government equates these volunteer hours to a notional equivalent labour value of **over \$23,000**, and this is seen as a major value contribution by our community to the program.

55.5



Hectares
treated

12



Properties
involved



625

Plantings
undertaken

Community
education



Nursery News

By Marita Hanigan



When I'm on my way to the nursery of a morning, my drive takes me through Sherbrooke Forest – not a bad start to the day by a longshot. So, I always know when Winter is on the turn to Spring because the Silver Wattle, *Acacia dealbata*, there seem to be the first in the area to start to flower. This year it was slightly different as the Cinamon Wattle, *Acacia leprosa*, in our nursery garden beat them by about a week and are still putting on a fabulous show. These particular specimens were planted by Michelle about 15 months ago so we can readily access seed for this often asked for species. It's this planning forward that reminds us daily of the many things Michelle did that have the nursery in good standing for many years to come. And it's truly a gift that we can think of her everyday with appreciation.



Cinamon Wattle, *Acacia leprosa*, in full flower looking resplendent
Images: M Hanigan

The late start to the planting season has meant that there is a shorter window of opportunity for everyone to get their plants in the ground. So, we are under the pump to get the orders out as well as growing and planning for the orders for next year. And yes, some have come in already and more are expected to be placed in September ahead of our general cut off time for large orders at the end of December.

As the orders go out and space opens up in the yard, moving plants out of the polyhouses becomes a bit hard this time of the year as frost is still a constant worry and the colder, shorter days slows growth even in the polyhouses. It becomes a bit of a battle making space for more newly pricked out plants to go into to the polyhouses. The solution is a couple of temporary igloos in the sunniest part of the yard which extends the polyhouse room by about 3000 plants and acts as a halfway house between the polyhouse and the yard for young plants not quite ready to take on the wilds of late winter. Not my idea – so no

credit to me. It's something gardeners have been doing in various forms for eternity nearly and we have employed this technique in the past too.

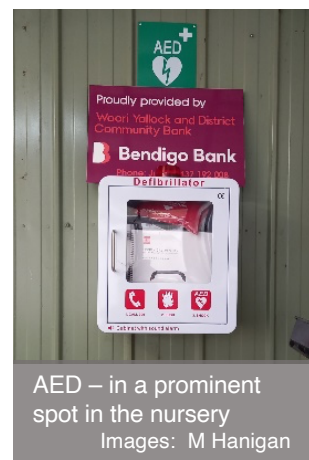


New temporary igloos in the nursery yard

Images: M Hanigan

I'm sure that Sue Bendel will mention it in her report – she tends to beat me on these stories, but we have just gratefully received a new AED (Automated External Defibrillator) courtesy of Bendigo Bank as the previous one needed replacing after 10 years. Thanks go to Justin at Bendigo Bank for providing this life saving equipment, to Sue Bendel who worked to find the grant and Robin Young and Richard Case who installed it. Great teamwork!!

Speaking of teamwork, we must mention and thank all our volunteers both those who have been around for a good while along with the new recruits. We can't do it without you, and we appreciate all the time, laughs and good fun you bring to the place.



Flowering in the nursery yard - left to right- Bushy Needlewood, *Hakea decurrens*, Mountain Grevillia, *Grevilla alpina*, Wiry Bauera, *Bauera rubroides*.

Images: M Hanigan



The last month or so without Michelle has been a bit of a journey for us all at the nursery, one that has been taken with grace and kindness, and the staff wish to thank all the vols, committee members, supporters and suppliers who have held hands with us along the way. In particular, we thank Robin who has been a great support and inspiration. Thank you.



Donor Profile

By Virginia Wallace



We're very grateful to every one of our regular monthly or quarterly donors. If you would like to consider making a monthly donation, every bit counts please sign up here: <https://www.givenow.com.au/friendsofthehelmetedhoneyeater>

Meet Natasha Sinclair

Tell us a little bit about yourself?

Originally a chemical engineer, I work in the energy sector, on long term planning for the transition to renewable fuels. It's very challenging and rewarding work but keeps me pretty busy. I have two grown up daughters and a partner who shares my interest in nature. I love to go hiking in the bush on multi-day walks and have been lucky to travel to many places in Australia in pursuit of remote trails to tackle. I'm also a keen gardener.

How did you find out about the Friends Group?

It was a random conversation with someone at an outdoor shop that alerted me to the existence of the FOHH.

What motivated you to become a regular donor to the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Inc?

I'm incredibly impressed with the work that the FOHH have done to keep this endangered species alive and to grow the population to over 230 - it's great to see such long-term vision and determination from the original founders of the group play out over the years. I don't have much time to attend events in person, so I am happy to be able to contribute to the group as a donor.

Have you come to any of our community events such as plantings, citizen science, volunteering in the nursery, or seeds and weeds?

I have been occasionally attending the Weeds and Seeds days over the last few years and have enjoyed the benefits of Rich's extensive knowledge of the bird calls in the area to identify many of the local species we see on the way. I've also been to a couple of the planting sessions - I always love getting my hands dirty.

Is there anything in particular you would like to see the Friends Group do that we are not doing already?

The program seems very comprehensive to me!

Anything else you would like to add?

I'd like to congratulate the landowners who've signed up to the Beyond Yellingbo project - this is such a great way for locals to contribute to the program by extending the habitat of this valuable species.

Thanks so much Natasha!

Wings of Hope ~ Give Now Campaign



Wings of Hope Raises **almost \$8000** to help grow more plants for more habitat for our precious Helmeted Honeyeater!

We're extremely grateful to the extraordinary generosity of every donor who supported our fundraising campaign 'Wings of Hope' at the end of this financial year. It's a very tough time for many Victorians with increases in prices for everything and a cost-of-living crisis so we appreciate every donation no matter what the amount, to help us save the critically endangered Helmeted Honeyeater!

The funds will be used to update and improve the nursery, which relies on volunteers to help us propagate plants and keep prices low so that growing habitat for our native species is more affordable for most people. The nursery has identified a number of priorities which will enable us to grow more plants, and we will keep you updated as to how we have spent the funds.



Thank you once again for your extraordinary generosity in these tough times. We are also seeing new donors join our regular donation effort, whether it's monthly or quarterly, we are so very grateful. Sign up here:

<https://www.givenow.com.au/friendsofthehelmetedhoneyeater>

You're invited!

DEECA, Parks Victoria and Melbourne Water are
hosting Walk and Talk events ~

Transforming Haining Farm, Wed 10 September

Bookings- <https://events.humanitix.com/transforming-haining-farm>

<https://events.humanitix.com/transforming-haining-farm-afternoon-gathering>

Little Yarra River, Tues 23 September

Booking- <https://events.humanitix.com/the-little-yarra-improving-health-and-accessibility>



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

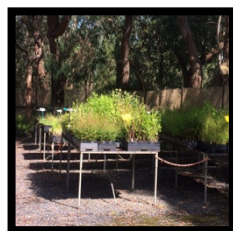
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Shop online to find Heho gifts, books and apparel by visiting the FoHH website or scanning the QR code.



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

Scan to shop

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