

Update – Winter 2019

FILM PREMIERE AND CELEBRATION OF 2 YEARS OF Y2B

A large group of participating landholders came along to the premiere screening of the short film on the From Yellingbo to Butterfield Project, produced by Roger Qureitem. Some of them were the stars! Take a look at the film at <https://www.helmetedhoneyeater.org.au/about-us/projects-and-partnerships/> and be inspired by the potential contribution that private landholders can make to biodiversity conservation.



Guests were shown images of some of the 350ha+ of very high conservation value bushland that remains on private land along the Woori Yallock Creek, between Yellingbo and Butterfield.

Landscape scale maps were shown to demonstrate to landholders how important their contribution is to the long term future of the Helmeted Honeyeater and the vast biota that is still hanging on in this area. The deep sense of satisfaction that comes with contributing a piece to the puzzle was palpable in the room.

Before and after images of implemented works showed the breadth of conservation action being undertaken by landholders; weed control, pest animal control, fencing of remnant bushland, fencing and revegetating gullies and dams, erosion control and deer proof fencing to protect substantial revegetation projects. Some 5,000 plants are now in the ground and the volunteer hours worked by HeHo nursery volunteers have helped leverage funding for contractor planting on large projects.

The Project, Project Officer and on ground works have been very generously supported by philanthropic and key stakeholder agencies. Seed funding was provided by HMST and further funding has been provided by the Australian Communities Foundation Quercus Fund and Melbourne Water. The Port Phillip and Westernport CMA secured National Landcare Funding to implement \$85K of on ground works. Yarra Ranges Council have paid for plants, guards and stakes and secured State Biodiversity Response Planning for further on ground works across the next 2 years. A DELWP Community Grant funded the rehabilitation of a large 1ha wetland on the Woori Yallock Creek.

Through this support and level of interest from landholders and agencies we are now able to expand the Project to encompass areas 'Beyond Yellingbo'. Macclesfield Creek is the focus for the next 12 months.