

yarra4life



2022-23 SNAPSHOT

Image: Kacie Melfi, Melbourne Water

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Yarra4Life 2022-23 snapshot

Yarra4Life brings together community groups, non-government organisations and government agencies to drive positive environmental change in the Yarra Valley. This year, the collaboration celebrated its 16th birthday with a tree planting day which saw over 3500 trees and shrubs planted at Yarra Valley Water's Upper Yarra Treatment Plant. The new plantings are part of a threatened species habitat masterplan for the site which will develop habitat for the critically endangered lowland Leadbeater's Possum and the Helmeted Honeyeater.

In 2022-23 Yarra4Life renewed its strategic plan and articulated an updated mission statement and 4 goals, as well as delivering on-ground projects supported by \$522,417 in Victorian and Australian Government investment. This included the Yering Gorge to Yarra Junction Integrated Catchment Management project 2021 -2024 , Nunganala Habitat Hub project 2023 -2024 and Securing a Future for lowland Leadbeater's Possum project 2022 -2024.

Mission

Yarra4Life brings together agencies and communities in genuine collaboration to protect biodiversity and rehabilitate the unique natural values of the Yarra Valley, expand the engagement of communities in actively caring for the region, and acknowledge and incorporate the approaches of Traditional Owners to heal their Country.



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Working towards our goals:

Rehabilitating landscapes

Yarra4Life has delivered the following on-ground works that increase protection and improve the condition and resilience of habitats in the Yarra4Life area:

- Area rehabilitated through revegetation activities = 8.4 ha
- Area rehabilitated through weed control activities = 42.4 ha
- Area rehabilitated through pest control fencing = 1.36 km
- Supported the development of 1 habitat restoration plan

Aligning efforts

Yarra4Life has facilitated alignment of planning and investment across partners through establishing 9 funding agreements with Yarra4Life partners, coordinating \$522,417 in project funding and facilitating 4 Yarra4Life Coordination Committee meetings.



Working towards our goals:



Connecting community

Yarra4Life has supported greater connection of the community to the natural environment through delivering 10 events attended by 158 people. These events supported active stewardship through promoting citizen science at a native bee forum and frog census events and also supported landholder to take practical action on their properties by supporting 14 landholders to participate in a seven-week sustainable agriculture course.

Traditional Owners

Yarra4Life has supported Traditional Owner owned organisation through providing \$174,372 in funding to undertake on-ground activities to care for country and participate in collaborative planning meetings.

Looking ahead

In 2023-23 Yarra4Life will develop a 3 year Action Plan to support our continued work towards achieving our strategic goals of rehabilitating landscapes, aligning efforts, connecting community and supporting Traditional Owners. A key focus will be finalising the delivery of current projects due to finish up in June 2024 and securing new investment into the Yarra4Life area.

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