

Conservation Area

The Victorian Government is creating a new Conservation Area in the Yarra Valley and southern Dandenong Ranges.

The Conservation Area will provide habitat for our two endangered faunal emblems: the Helmeted Honeyeater and lowland Leadbeaters Possum. The Conservation Area will be made up of many wildlife corridors that connect existing major reserves. We will be creating these wildlife corridors by revegetating streamside areas.

The Conservation Area has deep ties to the Wurundjeri people – the traditional custodians of the land. This is seen in the many Aboriginal names across the area, including Coranderrk, Yellingbo and Warramate.

Coranderrk Nature Conservation Reserve

Warramate Hills Nature Conservation Reserve

Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve

Beenak Bushland Reserve

Wright Forest Bushland Reserve

Leadbeaters Possums need directly connecting vegetation to move about their home, unlike some other small possums that can glide between trees

Helmeted Honeyeaters need well vegetated corridors to move through to avoid predators. Their ideal habitat is riverside or swampy areas.

The new Conservation Area will continue to allow plenty of opportunities for recreation, including bush walking, horse riding, kayaking and fishing.

Creating the Conservation Area will improve the ecological values of the area. Throughout the Conservation Area grazing licences are being phased out to remove grazing animals from waterways and improve the water quality of rivers and streams.

Wildlife corridors will be created on existing public land around the existing local communities, wineries, orchards and farms.