

The Life of the Yarra Audio Tour: Conclusion Track Transcript

Narration - Sarah: I hope you've enjoyed our journey along the Yarra river today. We've explored how our relationship with the Yarra has changed over the last 200 years, from fear and exploitation to disregard, to appreciation of its beauty and value. What it will be like in another 200 years? Will the water once more be clear? Will there be an abundance of indigenous species calling it their home? Will it continue to be a place we can come to relax and 'tune in' to our surroundings? The answer to these questions lies with all of us. Each of us can do our bit, now and in the future, to care for this iconic river. The Yarra Biodiversity Project shows us what is possible when we take action to care for and nourish our environment. If you'd like to jump right in and do your bit, the City of Stonnington has a number of resources and information on their website. Lookup 'biodiversity' when you're there.

Narration - Sarah: Thank you for joining us today. We'll leave you with the words of Arweet Carolyn Briggs of the Boon Wurrung language group to think about as you finish your journey...

Arweet Carolyn Briggs: *Water is the most valuable asset for all human beings. They used to joke about the dirty river. I see it getting better, it's healing. and it takes man to heal it. people can heal it. If they could only value the water as they value themselves, that that essence of that water is a part of their being.*