Nerrena/ Tarwin Valley Landcare

BIRD MONITORING RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

PROJECT NAME; Bird monitoring along a fixed route on the Great Southern Rail Trail

GROUP NAME; Nerrena/Tarwin Valley LC group

PROJECT LOCATION; The bird monitoring site is a transect from -38.55820, 145.9542 to -38.5581983, 145.954244 which is a 650 metre section of the Great Southern Rail Trail

PROJECT COORDINATOR; Jill Vella, Group Secretary

ASSESSMENT DATE;

HAZARDS	MITIGATION (CONTROL) STRATEGIES	PROCEED Yes / No
Driving to and parking in the Koonwarra recreation reserve (meeting point)	• Not to exceed speed limits and slow down to a speed appropriate for the driving conditions, e.g. poor visibility, road surface. • When in the vicinity of the Recreation Reserve be aware of grounds users and pedestrians • Park away from trees as branch drop is a known hazard.	
Weather conditions *Use the Vic emergency app or website to look for warnings about* • Fire danger • Total fire bans • Wind • Thunderstorms • Days of extreme heat or cold	• Bird monitoring will not take place on days when the fire danger rating is Severe, Extreme or Code Red. On days of total fire ban when the rating is Very High or below, the decision to proceed or not will be taken on the day. • On days when thunderstorms are predicted or likely, monitoring should be postponed. • Days of extreme wind carry dangers of falling trees and limbs so monitoring should be postponed • On days that are extremely hot or cold, the decision to proceed should be taken on the day with regard to local conditions	
Dehydration and sunburn	**Cool Drinking Water**; • Provide ready access to cool drinking water. • Encourage drinks of 100-200ml of water at frequent intervals to replace fluids lost in sweating. **Suitable Clothing;** • Light coloured clothing reflects radiant heat. • Loose clothing, where such clothing is not a safety hazard, assists evaporation of sweat. • Clothing of loosely woven natural fabrics assists evaporation of sweat. Wide brimmed hats protect from direct sunlight.	

Snake Habitat	• Be aware of potential for snakes • Keep to the rail trail • If a snake is spotted do not approach or attempt to interact with the animal • Inform other bird monitors • Turn back if the snake cannot be safely passed	
Bites and Stings	• Ensure that all participants are appropriately dressed e.g.: long sleeves and trousers, sturdy footwear, thick socks. • Use insect repellent. • Participants with sting allergy to have personal emergency plan	
Slips, trips, falls	• Keep to rail trail • Wear appropriate footwear • Ensure footwear is properly laced/fastened	
Children	• All children attending event must be continually supervised by a parent or guardian and must never be alone with a volunteer that is not their parent or guardian	

Are there arrangements for?	Yes	No	Outline Arrangements
Emergency Evacuation			
Emergency Communication			**Call 000 from any phone for help in an emergency. Activity organiser will make sure there is a mobile phone available for use in an emergency whilst bird monitoring.**
First Aid			

Team Persons Signatures and sign in sheet		
Name	**Contact number/email**	**Signature**

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