**Annual Report - Black Spur Creek Wetlands Project (BSCW)**

**For Nerrena/Tarwin Valley Landcare Group. September 2020**

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I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this area: The Gunaikurnai and the Bunurong/Boon Wurrung. I pay my respects to their Elders past, present, and future.

The Landcare Group executive, Sue, Jill and Coral have continued to provide impetus for this project. In particular, Jill’s creativity has facilitated communication with the broader community.

We still distribute Updates for the Black Spur Creek Wetlands Project every 2 months. They are accessible on our website and document our major activities for the year. Sue and I have presented on the project to South Gippsland Bird Observers and a group from Birds Australia.

CPB Contractors began work on the highway re-alignment early this year and we have been liaising with them and Debbie, from Major Road Projects Authority. Fragmentation of responsibilities is a challenge. As our landcare group has continued to work on “Making the Tarwin Terrific Again” and other projects, I’ve continued to reiterate our interest in caring for the public land surrounding the Black Spur Wetlands. In particular I have encouraged weed control and retention of habitat logs. South Gippsland Indigenous Seed Bank is supplying seed for revegetation.

Three bird recording sites are operational with Birds Australia but Covid 19 restrictions have prevented some of our monthly bird monitoring walks on the rail trail. These provide a pleasant way for landcarers to get together as well as documenting and learning about birds and the Black Spur environment.