**Nerrena-Tarwin Valley Landcare News - March 2025**

**President’s report**

We held a special meeting at the Meeniyan Hotel Monday 12th March to vote on the motion to incorporate NTV Landcare group- see Minutes (attached/uploaded?)

The motion was passed unanimously.

Since then, I have lodged the documents so we are now NTVLandcare Incorporated. I am in the process of lodging an application of Charity status, which has certain tax advantages following on from ATO changes last year.

At the meeting we also discussed applying for a $20k Victorian Landcare Grant (VLG). Nick Stephens, our SGLN coordinator has a list of land owners who had lodge an EOI to do some reveg works on their properties. I spent an afternoon with Nick since the meeting discussing the status of these EOI’s. There are only two that are sufficiently progressed at this stage to proceed so they are the two will apply funding for.

*Two project sites have been nominated for a VLG application:*

1. *Bushlea Farms: project involves restoration of a 2.6Ha wetland on Little Ruby Creek, which is adjacent to a 1.75Ha remnant. This will involve fencing and a significant planting which we hope to partially complete through 1 or 2 community planting days in 2026.*
2. *Treacy Farm: involves planting out a 0.6 Ha bend on the Tarwin West Branch on Beilby's Rd.*

*Both projects are consistent with a renewed focus on the Tarwin River and have already had investment by the CMA through willow removal in the past month. SGLN will also help deliver the project should it be successful. The landcare group will also receive approx. $2000 for managing the project which will go into our coffers for future activities.*

The timing of these projects for planting will be Winter ’26. I hope that NTV can participate in the planting days- stay tuned.

The Bushlea (Kuhne) project runs along the edge of the Rail Trail immediately north of Gwythers Siding rd so has excellent exposure to the general public. Tracy’s is also very visible being on a narrow strip of land immediately over the Tarwin river bridge on Beilby’s rd bound by the river and the road.