



SWAMPS, RIVERS & RANGES

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“WORKING ALONGSIDE COMMUNITY TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF LANDSCAPES”

- Swamps, Rivers and Ranges (SRR) is a community-driven landscape restoration group.
- SRR exists to make positive contributions to enhancing the natural environment of our region, filling strategic gaps and applying a long-term perspective at a broad landscape scale.

SRR'S AIMS AND VISION

- Aims to initiate, enhance and collaborate with community efforts to conserve, enhance and restore healthy landscapes.
- SRR is a 'grassroots' organisation that enjoys working with private landholders, government agencies and non-government organisations.
- Aims to improve the health of landscapes within the broader North-East Victorian region and its borders.
- Achieves this by working at a 'grassroots' and community level alongside existing and new groups to provide a long-term and landscape scale perspective to connect people and organisations and natural landscapes.



SRR'S ROLE IN BUSH FOR BIRDS

- SRR was brought onto the Bush for Birds project to monitor woodland birds and involve community
- We've monitored across a range of 70+ sites across 4 seasons
- We've run a range of events focussed on educating and engaging communities with their environments and birds



A photograph of three black cockatoos perched on a tree branch. The birds are dark with a yellow patch on their necks. They are silhouetted against a clear blue sky. The tree trunk and branches are visible, and some green foliage is in the background.

BIRD MONITORING COMMUNITY

- Volunteers survey site 4 times a year
- Have a set list of sites they monitor
- Send through results to SRR
- Are encouraged to attend and collaborate on other sites
- Often have morning teas or check ins

THE POWER OF PEOPLE

- Feel they are adding value
- Good food and coffee
- Are appreciated for the skill they bring
- Have an any level entry point
- Different roles for different skill sets





THE IMPORTANCE OF LONG TERM

- The value of “long term” projects such as Bush for birds
- Monitoring over time and engagement over time
- Flexibility to be adaptable to the needs of the region



WHAT WE WILL CONTINUE

- Fill the gap rather than reinvent the wheel, looking for the value add
- Support engagement with science
- Make connections with other organisations
- Monitor and assess the condition of birds especially woodland birds in the North East region



ACCESS TO COLLABORATION

NEEAR = North East Environmental Action Roundtable

Seek to value add to bigger projects
e.g. Bush for Birds

Partnerships

Collaboration for bigger reach





THANKYOU!

GET IN CONTACT

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