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The Whistler Report 2013

During 2013 HBOC Members received two issues of *The Whistler*, Volumes 6 and 7, each of 64 pages. Volume 6 was actually in press at the end of 2012 and we entered 2013 with a material held over from Volume 6. Again we have excess material and a nine page article has been accepted and formatted ready for volume 8.

The Hunter-Central Rivers CMA generously provided \$1500 towards the publication costs demonstrating the value of *The Whistler* to land managers concerned with the protection of environmental assets of the Hunter Region.

Although limited, feedback from the general membership appears positive with respect to *Whistler* being readable and interesting, while providing a factual record of the Hunter Region's bird populations in a style which is not too academic. The Editors were extremely pleased with the balance of copy available to them for Volume 7.

A number of papers are in preparation for Volume 8, but at this stage there are few short notes and we would like to see more new authors.

We acknowledge the important contribution of the many people who contribute to the production of *The Whistler*, with specific mention of Liz Crawford's final stages of publication.

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