



Newsletter

Hunter Bird Observers Club

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- The Club aims to:
- Encourage and further the study and conservation of Australian birds and their habitat; and
 - Encourage bird observing as a leisure-time activity

*A pair of nesting Osprey at Green Point, Forster in the last week of May.
Photo by Trevor Murray.*



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President's Column

In this newsletter you will read about a Gibson's Albatross that we saw and photographed on the Port Stephens pelagic on 30 March this year. Gibson's Albatrosses are one of the 'Wandering Albatrosses' that breed in New Zealand and are the type of 'Wandering Albatross' that we encounter most often on pelagics off the Hunter coastline. Whilst I was initially excited about the fact that we were able to know so much about the recent life history of the bird, that excitement was soon tempered by the story that lurked behind it (see the article for context).

This bird was at least 30 years old, possibly much older and we had the privilege of her company for about two hours on that day. If we could know just how many

kilometres she has travelled in her lifetime we would be humbled by the fact. That she has not been successful in breeding for a decade is such a concern, for her and for her species. Experiences like this make you think a bit more laterally about the birds that we watch and get so much enjoyment from – in particular the "travellers" amongst them.

Next time you peer out to sea and see a Gannet fly past, a Tattler standing on the rocks, a Needletail soaring high above or even just a Koel hooting away at night, consider the life stories of the "travellers" that visit us here. We shouldn't take them for granted.

Mick Roderick

New Members

The Club extends a warm welcome to:

Jocelyn Barker of Tighes Hill
Grace Bryant of Wyong
Vic Duncombe of Kingsgrove
Scott Papworth of Seaham
Jeremy Pepper of Hamilton
David White of Blacksmiths

We hope to see you at club meetings and outings.

Health and Safety Awareness for Activities

When attending field outings, ensure you are wearing appropriate clothing, including wet weather gear in inclement weather, and suitable footwear. It is advisable to bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and to carry water.

Please sign the attendance register at field outings and also at meetings.

If you leave an outing early, please let the leader know before you go.

Participants attend at their own risk and should refrain from any behaviour that might put themselves or others at risk. That includes assessing whether they have the level of fitness required for the advertised outing. If in doubt contact the leader beforehand.

August Club Night Fundraiser

For the past two years, HBOC has dedicated the July club night to being a fundraiser for a conservation issue that is in need of a few dollars to keep up the good work. We have made it a bit of an “Xmas in July” event and have invited people to bring a plate of food to share, like we do in December. This year that same format and concept will be moved into August – “Xmas in August”!

The fundraising will benefit seabird breeding research and conservation on the islands off Port Stephens and appropriately our main speaker will be Yuna Kim, who has recently completed some major studies on the movements (and other aspects) of “our very own” Gould’s Petrels.

There will be 3 great raffle prizes on offer:

- A painting by Club member, Bruce Hosken;
- A voucher for a trip to Broughton Island to see where many of these birds breed (and viewing the Gould’s Petrel breeding sites); and
- Wine, of course!

We will also have some exclusive Gould’s Petrel T-shirts for sale, designed and handmade by Alison Green (who does our Club T-shirts). \$20 from every shirt sold on the night (they are \$42) will go to the fundraiser.



Gould’s Petrel T-shirt design by Alison Green

Come along and hear about the amazing Gould’s Petrel, share some fine food and cheerful spirits whilst raising money for a good cause.

Mick Roderick

Banded Albatross

On the last Port Stephens pelagic we observed a ‘Wandering type’ Albatross that we identified as a Gibson’s Albatross.



Mrs. “56G” by Mick Roderick

The bird was sporting a band that was clearly readable in the photographs that were taken and so Mick Roderick reported the sighting with the hope of learning where the bird had been banded. A reply was received from Graeme Elliott, with the following details.

“The bird Red-56g, metal band R-47562 was banded in our study area on Adams Island in the Auckland Islands on 17/2/1993. It was an adult incubating an egg when we banded it. She’s a girl. Since then she’s bred 11 times and raised six chicks.

She was doing very well up until 2005 having raised six chicks from eight nesting attempts with the same partner. However, since 2005 she has had two new partners and not succeeded in her three nesting attempts. This is consistent with what has happened with both *gibsonii* and *antipodensis* whose populations

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and productivity have crashed since 2005 – we’ve only got half of the birds we used to have, and they struggle to raise chicks.

We last saw her on Adams Island on 25/1/14 on a nest. The nest failed so we would have expected her back in

2015, but she wasn’t there – at least we know she was still alive.”

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South Port Stephens

18 April 2015

The 15 souls who took a punt on the ominous weather forecast and turned up for the South Port Stephens field trip were rewarded by finding 51 species at Tanilba and a combined tally of 56 species for Salamander Waters Estate and Soldiers Point. Except for a few sprinkles towards the end, the leaden clouds drifted northward taking their moisture with them.



Two-thirds of said 15 souls “in action”

A big thanks to Pam Hill who guided the group around the Tanilba Habitat. As a long-term Habitat volunteer her knowledge of that patch far exceeds mine. A previously reported Spangled Drongo was located along with 12 species of honeyeaters and a good assortment of bush birds. The Koala was a bonus. The Swamp Mahogany were heavily in bud and just beginning to flower. A thorough search failed to turn up a Regent Honeyeater, but should last season’s visitor remember the address, there’s a definite promise of bountiful nibbles. This area will be well worth checking in coming weeks.

After a restorative cuppa we drove over to Salamander for a walk around the ponds by the recycling depot. Here we found another Koala, added some waterbirds to our list (including the resident Nankeen Night Heron) and spotted the first of the day’s raptors. We spooked a pair

of Whistling Kites as we pulled into the parking lot at Pearson Park, Soldiers Point. One of the kites was carrying a small snake. Both birds returned to a nearby tree and what appeared to be a nest that was a bit the worst for wear. We ticked off a few more new species during lunch, but unfortunately the Beach Stone-curlews failed to appear. Possibly the very high tide that day (combined with inclement weather) convinced them to remain in the shelter of Dowardee Island. In summary it was an enjoyable morning, with a respectable tally to show for it.

Field Trip Footnote

On May 9 the site at Salamander Waters Estate, (as previously pictured) was surrounded by a chain-link fence and closed to the public. A large area of native woodland has now been bulldozed in preparation for a new housing estate. 118 species have been recorded at this site during the past 8 years and 5 months (*a solid list and saddening news indeed – Ed*).

Lois Wooding



The ominous “You shall not pass!” notice.



The inevitable end result...

Rain Stops Play

1 to 5 May 2015

Unfortunately, due to the extreme weather event that brought widespread chaos to the Hunter, some scheduled events were cancelled.

The well planned and highly anticipated Tocal Field Days over the weekend of Friday 1 May through Sunday 3 May were cancelled and so too was the planned mid-week outing to Green Wattle Creek scheduled for 5 May. The Williams and Paterson valleys (where these two events were located) had been particularly hard hit during the storm.

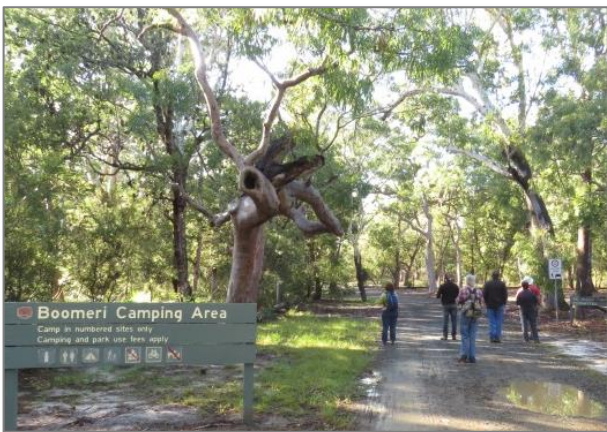
Old Gibber Trail, Myall Lakes NP

17 May 2015

A select group of eight birders met in the car park at Tea Gardens on what promised to be a clear day, despite the recent wet weather. Following the usual banter and the pre-outing formalities the small convoy proceeded along Mungo Brush Road in pursuit of adventure (or a leisurely morning amble at least).

The first stop was at the ferry crossing to dutifully check in on the presence or otherwise of the Radjah Shelduck. Its status was in the 'otherwise' camp, which wasn't unexpected. The foundations of a well-rounded list were in the initial phases of construction and some useful birds were added to the list. The presence of Noisy Friarbirds was notable by their, well... noise I suppose. A Forest Raven could also be heard calling.

The group then retraced their steps (or more precisely tyre treads) to the Boomeri Camping Area, which is the access for the Old Gibber Trail. This track can be walked all the way through to Seal Rocks and is a known location for a population of Turquoise Parrots.



The journey begins, photo by Lene Parashou

There had been some discussion as to the potential state of the trail following the storm and recent rain. However, there needn't have been any concern as you could drive a caravan down the track; such was the condition and width of the surface. With the warm sun beating down it certainly made for a pleasant stroll.



HBOC taking Sunsafes to the extreme at Mungo Brush (L.P.)

A cacophony of Noisy Friarbirds formed the background music to the sweet harmonies of humorous anecdotes from Ray, Rowley and Graeme. There was clearly much blossom in the area (Little Lorikeets were heard also) and the troupe was optimistic about the potential for a chance encounter with some Swift Parrots. Indeed, when four Rainbow Lorikeets flew silently overhead and landed in a gum Graeme and I felt sure we'd be on. Alas it was not to be, but it turned out our level of expectancy was not unfounded as it later transpired that some Swift Parrots had been observed not far away just the day before.

Despite a lack of Swifties (or Turqs for that matter) some great birding was still to be had, with no fewer than eight species of Honeyeaters observed: Eastern Spinebill, Lewin's, Yellow-faced, Scarlet, White-cheeked, Brown-headed, White-naped and Noisy Friarbird. A single White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike announcing its presence as it flew overhead and landed for all to see was probably the star performer.

The party retreated to the cars for a belated morning tea before progressing further south to Mungo Brush. A full loop of the rainforest track was completed but it was relatively quiet (save for the odd wisecrack or conversational piece), which was not unexpected given the time of day. However, a few highlights included the appearance of a Large-billed Scrubwren, a couple of Crested Shrike-tits and three Australian Brush-turkeys.

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A pleasant lunch was enjoyed upon return to the camp site, accompanied as always by good conversation. We stopped on the way back at the Hole-in-the-Wall for a look out to Broughton Island and added a few more species to the list in the process, including New Holland Honeyeater. A quick search for blossom-chasing birds in Hawks Nest failed to produce the goods, but all up we had a good return of 65 species.

Dan Williams

Styles Point

2 June 2015

The 22 members who attended this outing to Styles Point must all have 'rubbed the rabbits' feet' as it was the most glorious day weather-wise. After the 'superstorm' and many wet days I contacted Hunterbirding to warn folk to wear their galoshes. Two members did!

However, with the sun beaming down on this cold, clear morning we set off looking forward to this exhilarating walk. Two beautiful Scaly-breasted Lorikeets preened themselves in the sunlight after inspecting the numerous hollows in the surrounding trees. Rainbows chattered in the foliage above. Along the parklands we saw Eastern Rosellas, Superb Fairy Wrens, a Spotted Pardalote, Noisy Friarbirds, a Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike, a Golden Whistler, Welcome Swallows, Magpie-Larks, Australian Ravens and Crested Pigeons.

We had perfect views of the lake and came across Chestnut Teals, Pacific Black Duck, a Darter, Little Pied and Pied Cormorants, Pelicans, Crested Terns, Silver Gulls and a White-bellied Sea Eagle. A beautiful Great Egret was basking in the sun along the water's edge and was unperturbed when 22 birdwatchers strolled past. By morning tea we had a total of 34.

We decided to go on to Myuna Bay and walk as far as the Power Station Outlet. Rainbow Lorikeets and Noisy Miners were screeching at the top of a dead trunk and we assumed (after much discussion) that a huge lizard must have taken refuge there. Anyway, that was the major suggestion.

Further on we were delighted to come across a family of Varied Sittellas doing what they do best - going down tree-trunks. In the same glen we appreciated a female Golden Whistler, Yellow and Brown Thornbills and again two Scaly-breasted Lorikeets looking at tree hollows.

Another highlight was excellent views of four Little Egrets fishing in the channel. In the distance the usual collection of Pelicans, Little and Pied Cormorants, Little Blacks and a Darter were draped along the branches of a dead tree. A Whistling Kite was surveying the scene from high above. Ray spotted a Striated Heron amazingly camouflaged amongst the grey rocks on the edge of the channel.

Our day ended with someone seeing a Nankeen Night Heron on the way back. All in all 37 species were found in this area on a lovely winter's day.

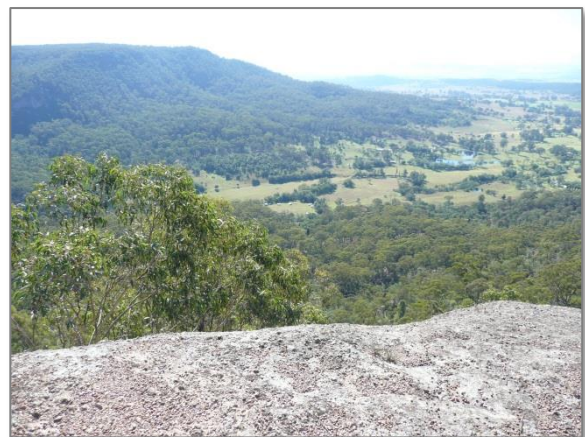
Di Johnson

'Wongalee' Camp, Appletree Flat

6 to 8 June 2015

The 'Wongalee' property has a dramatic setting – straddling Appletree Creek and nestling against the northern sandstone heights of Wollemi National Park. Due to a misunderstanding, HBOC had not visited this site since 2004, but contact earlier in the year by Ann Lindsey resolved this and we received a very warm welcome.

Despite an overnight temperature forecast of near-zero, 29 of us (aged four and upwards) forsook home comforts and central heating and headed west, to what turned out to be a fine weekend, albeit with brisk mornings. Nights were clear with Venus, Jupiter and Saturn visible.



Lookout! HBOC's about...

The back paddock, where we camped, was grassy, flat and had a stream down one side and plenty of firewood. It also provided easy access to the National Park via the Commission Road and the Bulga fire-trail. The lookout up on the ridge above us afforded excellent views over the Upper Hunter River and down to our campsite and

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proved a popular destination. Side excursions were also mounted to the Jerry's Plains cemetery, the local quarry and Medhurst Bridge.

Birders dispersed either individually or in small groups, which split and reformed as the day progressed, with everyone returning to the campfire at 4ish and again after dinner at 7ish.

The competition to determine who was the smartest smart-alec around the campfire was conducted with humour and grace, in many cases lubricated by a little alcohol. If parliamentary privilege had applied, several would have received honourable mentions for their efforts in this regard, but it didn't, so they didn't.



Welcome to Wongalee!

As a newcomer to birding, my naïve take on the birds we saw goes like this:

- The strings of double barred finches on the entry fence were a nice welcoming touch;
- The trees surrounding the paddocks supported King-Parrots, Rosellas, Olive-backed Orioles and Satin Bowerbirds;
- Robins came in four colours: Eastern Yellow, Scarlet, Red-capped and Rose;
- The number of Pied Currawongs was an impressive 'E' (= 100+);
- There were more Yellow-faced Honeyeaters than you could poke a stick at and token numbers of

others (Lewin's, Brown-headed, Yellow-tufted, White-plumed, Striped, etc.); and

- The Commission Road provided a Chestnut-rumped Heathwren and a mixed foraging group of Speckled Warblers, Rockwarblers and Red-browed Finches, along with several other ring-ins.

The total species count for the weekend numbered an impressive 95.



Wood smoke? Or the sweet scent of enthusiasm?

The success of such weekends depends on the contribution of many people and my particular thanks go to Ann for organising it, to Robert for putting up the "HBOC >" signs and erecting the toilets and to everyone who contributed firewood to the most enthusiastic campfires I have enjoyed in a while.

George Voss

Future Club Activities

New Members Day

21 June 2015

Being as large and active a club as HBOC is, we typically welcome a significant number of new members to the club each year and the last 12 months have been no exception. As is now customary, the June field outing will be a special 'New Members Day' at the Hunter Wetlands Centre, Shortland.

All new members that have joined HBOC in the last year (you should have received your invitation in the post) are encouraged to come along, especially if you have not yet had an opportunity to meet each other or our

longer-term members. Of course, 'regular' members are also encouraged to attend to welcome the newcomers to the club. The event will begin at 09:30 in the Wetlands Centre foyer.

Special Outing to Ellalong

7 August 2015

August will see a special additional mid-week outing added to the program of events calendar. The club were keen to organise a field outing to visit the Ellalong Lagoon site, which was purchased by Port Waratah Coal Services as part of the proposed environmental offset package for the T4 coal-loader project.

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The site includes the lagoon and some high-quality surrounding woodland habitat. The logistics of arranging the visit meant that it could not be readily accommodated within the regular Sunday and mid-week outing schedules. Therefore, in order not to miss out on the opportunity for a visit to the site, HBOC will be running an additional mid-week outing on 7 August.

The trip is being led by Mick Roderick and will embark from the Paxton Hotel at 07.30. Members are encouraged to come along for what is sure to be an interesting birding experience. We hope to see some of you there!



Ellalong Lagoon

Mid-week Camp

14 to 16 September 2015

This year's mid-week camp will be to the Riverwood Downs Mountain Valley Resort. The website has full information, so use it: www.riverwooddowns.com.au. The resort is located at 311 Upper Monkerai Rd, Monkerai and can be contacted on 1800 809 772 or 4994 7112.

Riverwood Downs is about 100 km and two and a half hours drive north of Newcastle. Follow Pacific Highway, about 20 km north of Raymond Terrace turn left onto Buckets Way (to Stroud and Gloucester). About 17 km north of Stroud turn left from Buckets Way onto Monkerai Rd. The turn off comes up quickly at highway speeds. The last few km are country road, gravel – all weather but narrow and twisting, so care is needed.

Accommodation is in the resort or cabins or camping. Make your own bookings and mention HBOC. The resort and the spa cabins are pricey and rather rustic. Park cabins and camping seem good. Cabins are best priced for two nights, Monday and Tuesday. If you wish to stay one night only, ask Max about the options. Book online if you prefer.



Visit 'Tops' Country...

There is a doggie group booked into the bunkhouse, which will hopefully not be a problem.

Prices

Cabins: \$137 one night, \$194 two nights (discount \$80 for second night) or \$331 three nights. HBOC may get three nights for \$251 online or if you ask for it.

Camping: Unpowered \$12, powered \$15 – pay two nights, stay three.

Program

Monday 2pm: Meet at cabins for local survey. Bird count in the evening. Riverwood Downs is situated in a bend of the Karuah River. Morning arrivals will find good birding on the property.

Tuesday 8am : Meet at cabins for morning visit to Hildegard's acreage at 1161 Monkerai Road and lunch. After lunch exploring the area.

Wednesday: Home. For those with time to spare, meet at 8am to travel home by way of Dungog, perhaps lunch on the way. See the HBOC website for the Dungog Area Birding Route.

Facilities include kiosk, BBQ, meeting place, café and restaurant (booking required). For further details please contact Max on 4962 1793 or 0425 300 389.

Max Blanch

Brand Envy? Grab the latest HBOC Merch.

A Literary Request

A recent request was received from Tea Gardens Retirement Village, where a lady is keen to encourage other residents to take notice of the birds around them. They are in need of bird-related reading material for their Library, particularly Field Guides. Any unwanted or

surplus matter would be greatly appreciated. Outdated Field Guides would be quite suitable for these raw beginners. Any contributions can be brought along to Club Night, where Sue Hamonet will arrange for their delivery.

Norfolk Island Bird Week

Each year Wild Mob (www.wildmob.org) run a Bird Week on Norfolk Island in November. They are a not-for-profit organisation that conducts threatened species projects with volunteers.

The objectives of the Norfolk Island Bird Week are partly to raise the profile of Norfolk Island and its wonderful birds (including eight endemic species/sub-sp.) and also help to stimulate the island's economy, which has really struggled in recent years. The locals take great pride in their unique island environment, but without tourism there will not be the resources (human and otherwise) to sustain such work in the long-term. So Wild Mob see

the Bird Week as ultimately contributing to preserving the island's biota.

The island is spectacular, and also boasts World Heritage convict sites and very friendly locals. It's a special place that has suffered seven endemic bird extinctions, and we really need to preserve what is left.

Keep Norfolk Island in mind when planning your next holiday, or check out more details on this years' Bird Week at the following address:

www.norfolkislandtravelcentre.com/events/norfolk-island-bird-week

Brand Envy? Grab the latest HBOC Merch.

Struggling to keep up with the latest fashion trends? Make a statement with the timeless look of an HBOC club shirt. Another batch of shirts is being produced by the fabulous Alison Green. The design is similar to the previous version, but is only available in one colour this time around. To grab yourself a T-shirt or some other quality HBOC gear, visit the recently launched merchandise section of the HBOC website at <http://www.hboc.org.au/resources/merchandise/>

As well as the new T-shirts, other items available for purchase include badges, bookmarks, car stickers and copies of the club Annual Bird Reports and Whistler scientific journals.

So, what are you waiting for? Log on and treat yourself to some stylish new threads!



The latest Alison Green Club Shirts

Recent Observations

Hunterbirding is an email group set up by HBOC that is run through the Yahoo Groups. It is a great way to keep in touch with the latest goings-on in Hunter Region birding. Members are able to report sightings, post questions to the group and get involved with group discussions on bird related issues. If you are interested in joining the group then the easiest way is to send an email to hunterbirding-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.au. You can choose either to receive individual emails or a single daily digest. Alternatively, email me at scythrops@yahoo.com.au and I'll sort it out for you – what could be easier?! In addition to being a forum for interesting discussions on issues such as bird identification and behaviour it is also a great place to report your observations. Some of the Hunterbirding observation highlights from the last couple of months include:

- A possible sighting of a Black-backed Wagtail at Tuncurry on 1st April;
- A Diamond Dove at Durrigere SCA on 4th April;
- A Diamond Dove at Glen Martin on 9th April;
- A pair of adult Black-necked Storks with a juvenile at Bulahdelah on 16th April;
- A White-faced Storm-petrel, several Gould's Petrels and a probable White-bellied Storm-petrel in Newcastle Harbour following stormy weather on 21st April;
- A beach-washed juvenile White-tailed Tropicbird at Redhead on 24th April;
- An Emerald Dove at Hamilton South on 13th May;
- Two immature Pacific Gulls at Nobbys Head on 21st May; and
- Eight Swift Parrots at Quorrobolong on 21st May.

Bird records are obtained by the club through a variety of means, In addition to bird records communicated via Hunterbirding others are received through the BA atlas database, club outing sighting sheets, the club night observations forum and direct communications with the record officers. Of particular interest to the club are those records of regional significance, including sightings of the more unusual species, observations of breeding activity, early and late records of migratory birds and significantly large counts. A selection of records of this nature reported at the club nights and through direct communications is provided below. Unfortunately, space limitations do not enable all of the records to be reproduced here. However, the club is appreciative of all records that are received and all contributors are acknowledged in the Annual Bird Report.

Species	Number	Date	Location	Observer
Australian Wood Duck	2+6juv	25/03/2015	Dora Creek	C. & R. Goodenough
Brahminy Kite	1	8/04/2015	Eraring	C. & R. Goodenough
Chestnut Teal	1+8juv	27/03/2015	Dora Creek	C. & R. Goodenough
Glossy Black-Cockatoo	2	15/03/2015	Merewether	J. Nicholls
Leaden Flycatcher	1	16/03/2015	Galgabba Point	J. Adams
Masked Lapwing	2+1dy	18-25/04/2015	Dora Creek	C. & R. Goodenough
Pacific Baza	3	14/04/2015	Rankin Park	T. Kendall
Powerful Owl	1	23-24/04/2015	Rankin Park	T. Kendall
Rainbow Lorikeet	200+	4/04/2015	Wallsend	C. & R. Goodenough
Rainbow Lorikeet	2+2dy	12/05/2015	Dora Creek	C. & R. Goodenough
Spotted Harrier	1	7/04/2015	Warkworth	T. Kendall
Superb Fruit Dove	1	7/04/2015	Warners Bay	S. Hamonet
Topknot Pigeon	6	4/04/2015	Eraring	C. & R. Goodenough
Yellow-billed Spoonbill	5	3/05/2015	John Browns Lagoon	C. & R. Goodenough

Club Activities April to June 2015

DATE	EVENT	MEETING PLACE & TIME	CONTACT
JUNE 2015			
Tuesday 16 June	Tomago Wetlands Survey	7.30am Entry to Tomago House	Neville McNaughton 4951 1265 Please ring to confirm
Saturday 20 June	Hunter Wader Survey	9.30am Ash Island 10.00am Various locations as directed	Alan Stuart 0409 978 171 – Ash Island Dan Williams 0408 023 262 – Kooragang Jack Adams 4971 5334 – Swansea Jenny Powers 4944 7274 – Stockton Sue Hamonet 4958 1023 – Swan Bay Steven Cox 0409 848 390 – Tomago
Sunday 21 June	Field Outing – New Members Day	9.30am Hunter Wetlands Centre, Shortland	Mick Roderick 0421 761 237
JULY 2015			
Wednesday 1 July	Management Committee Meeting	6.30pm – 9.30pm Garden Suburbs School	Mick Roderick 0421 761 237 All members welcome
Tuesday 7 July	Mid-week Outing – Walka Water Works	8.00am Meet inside the gate	Dinah Stehr 4933 2134
Wednesday 8 July	Club Meeting	7.30pm The Wetlands Centre, Shortland	Speaker: Allan Richardson 'Little Brown Jobs'
Friday 17 July	Port Stephens Waterbirds Survey	9.00am Locations as directed	Alan Stuart 0409 978 171 Essential to ring to confirm
Saturday 18 July	Hunter Wader Survey	9.00am Ash Island 9.30am Various locations as directed	Alan Stuart 0409 978 171 – Ash Island Dan Williams 0408 023 262 – Kooragang Jack Adams 4971 5334 – Swansea Jenny Powers 4944 7274 – Stockton Sue Hamonet 4958 1023 – Swan Bay Steven Cox 0409 848 390 – Tomago
Sunday 19 July	Field Outing – Galgabba Point & Murrays Beach	8.00am Marks St, Swansea	Jack Adams 4971 5334
Tuesday 21 July	Tomago Wetlands Survey	7.30am Entry to Tomago House	Neville McNaughton 4951 1265 Please ring to confirm
AUGUST 2015			
Saturday/ Sunday 1/2 August	Swift Parrot & Regent Honeyeater Searches	Various locations as desired or directed	Mick Roderick 0421 761 237 mick.roderick@birdlife.org.au Or Steve Roderick 0409 452 921 Please contact for information
Tuesday 4 August	Mid-week Outing – Werakata (Kitchener)	8.00am Poppethead Park, Kitchener	Robert and Margaret Stewart 4963 2029
Wednesday 5 August	Management Committee Meeting	6.30pm – 9.30pm Garden Suburbs School	Mick Roderick 0421 761 237 All members welcome
Friday 7 August	Special Outing to Ellalong Lagoon and surrounding bushland	7.30am Paxton Hotel	Mick Roderick 0421 761 237
Wednesday 13 August	Club Meeting – Fundraiser for seabird research	7.30pm The Wetlands Centre – please bring a plate to share	Speaker: Yuna Kim - 'The Extraordinary Lives of Gould's Petrels'