



# 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

Undoubtedly one of the most magnificent Birds of Prey on Earth – this Spotted Harrier was photographed by Lene Parashou in the rain at Martindale on 30<sup>th</sup> April.



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## President's Column

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Listing – do you list? I came to keeping track of what I'd seen, and what I hadn't, fairly late in my birding life. When I think back to the very early days of my birding exploits, they were largely concentrated on parrots. Early on I did have mates whose dad was interested in parrots, so in my very early teens I was lucky enough to go out west and get better acquainted with more westerly parrot species.

However, it wasn't until my very late teens that I started taking a greater interest in the other 700 or so Australian birds. Yet even when I began trying to get to know birds better, I never dated the sightings, I just put a tick next to them in my field guide. Now I have a bunch of regrets. I wish I had have kept better records in those early years, particularly when my earliest birding memories were still within easy reach of my brain space. Lately, I've been trying to piece together those awakening years and I've found it just about impossible to recall early memories of our commonest birds – there's just fragments here and there, the memories of holidays and random natural history experiences.

Now that I survey birds for a profession I've finally learned the value and power of better records. We've just celebrated our 40th Birthday with HBOC and if there was one thing that our walk back into those early years of the club impressed on me, it was how important keeping tabs on even the commonest of our birds is in the long-term. Mapping the changes in distribution, numbers and habitat-use are so important when trying to retrospectively pin down reasons why some populations are falling and others growing.

Birdlife Australia will soon be releasing a portal which will make it easy to record and share your bird observations in a scientific way that will remain indefinitely, which makes them so much more powerful when joined with records made in the same way by our birding friends. Just think what my record bank would look like if I was encouraged to take on recording like that in my early years? Therefore, I'm looking forward to contributing when it comes out, so I encourage you to have a look at this new tool and see if you can fit more regular recording into your birding habits.

**Allan Richardson**

## New Members

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### **The Club extends a warm welcome to:**

Rosemary Aldrich of Hamilton South  
Julie Jones of Adamstown  
Michele Maddock and David Atkinson of East Maitland  
Kieran Marshall of Hamilton  
Sonnle Moran of Branxton  
Michael and Irene Morcombe of Armadale  
Simon and Helen Palfreeman of Gateshead

Beverley Parker-Brown of Speers Point  
Steve Rush of Coal Point  
Shawn Ryan of Newcastle East  
Eric Sticklen of Soldiers Point  
Deborah and Philip Thompson of Valentine  
Rossana Untaru of Lambton

**We hope to see you at club meetings and outings.**

## Health and Safety Awareness for Activities

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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.

## Life Begins at 40

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As most reading this will know, HBOC turned 40 this May and a couple of special events were held to honour this landmark occasion. The May Club Night was a celebration of the club's 40th anniversary and over 80 people turned out. In the main feature, pioneering members Fred (inaugural President) Tom, Sue and Dorothy entertained us with tales of what things were like back in those heroic days of few members, scarce resources and primitive communication (by modern standards). But clearly they had lots of great times and formed great friendships.



*The captivated audience listening attentively*

They also gave us many examples of how the local bird life has changed over the 40 years. Migratory birds once present in thousands we now have in hundreds (or fewer) but species such as Galah, Crested Pigeon, Blue-faced Honeyeater etc. were very uncommon back then.

## The Great Honeyeater Migration

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Hopefully many of you got out to witness the migration spectacle that unfolded during April and May. The well-known mass migration of species such as Yellow-faced and White-naped Honeyeaters that is observed and surveyed annually in the Blue Mountains (under the coordination of Carol Proberts) came a little closer to home this year.

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A couple of weeks later the club formally celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a BBQ lunch at Hunter Wetlands Centre. Almost 90 members attended, on a gorgeous May autumn afternoon, and we had an absolutely wonderful time.



*Wherever there's a cake being cut, there are kids on the front line!*

There were lots of discussions about birds and about the places we have gone to for birdwatching. Also a few tall stories, no doubt! One of the local TV stations came out, and interviewed our inaugural and current Presidents Fred van Gessel and Allan Richardson. They did a great job and the news item was terrific!

**Alan Stuart**

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*Yellow-faced Honeyeater by Dick Jenkin*

This year it appeared that most of the migration was passing close to Newcastle, en route to their regular winter haunts of the northern NSW coastal heaths and farther afield to Queensland. A significant concentration

of birds could be observed crossing the Sugarloaf Range, between George Booth Drive and Mount Sugarloaf. This stream was then being supplemented by further movements through the Lower Hunter Woodlands, that was then being 'squeezed' through Pambalong Nature Reserve on the fringes of Hexham Swamp. Movements of over 20,000 birds per hour were estimated during the peak flows. The spectacle also gained media attention, featuring in the Newcastle Herald.

It is unknown whether this pattern of movement is a regular occurrence that has previously been overlooked, or whether it is a relatively new phenomenon. The concentration through Pambalong appeared to be in part due to the Hunter Expressway, which ushered the birds eastwards to the Pacific Motorway before they felt game enough to cross this obstacle.

It is hoped to establish a formal survey of the migration in future years to assist the Blue Mountains efforts in further understanding the nature and variability of the annual migration, and to monitor any long-term trends. Please make yourself known to me if you are keen to help out.

**Dan Williams**

## Club Activity Reports

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### Belmont Lagoon

**17 April 2016**

Thankfully conditions were ideal; rain held off 'til our group of 15 HBOC members had completed a survey of Belmont Lagoon, Cold Tea Creek and Belmont South lakeshore. Our tally was 61 species (totalling 429 individuals), up from six species (42 individuals) on the April 2015 survey.

Our trail along the creek found a sizeable group of Chestnut Teal at the highway end, and the only raptor for the day, a Swamp Harrier, near the eastern end. Walking along BHP track recorded moderate (<30) numbers of honeyeater species (eg. White-cheeked, Yellow-faced, Brown, Lewin's, Scarlet, Striped). White-breasted Woodswallows were also noted in this area.

Swamp Paperbark *Melaleuca quinquinervia* is the main native plant species in bloom around the lagoon, attracting Little and Red Wattlebird, Rainbow and Scaly-

breasted Lorikeet, and seasonal birds of passage like Noisy Friarbird, Silvereye and Brown Thornbill. Swamp Mahogany *E. robusta* is not yet in bloom here.

Pleasing sightings also included Striated Heron, Fan-tailed Cuckoo and Shining Bronze-cuckoo; in all, a good mix of waterbirds and coastal heath species. Special thanks to Robert McDonald and Anthony Gooden for their expertise within the group. A copy of the species summary list will be available on the HBOC website, or from [gfeletti@bigpond.com](mailto:gfeletti@bigpond.com)

**Grahame Feletti**

### Broughton Island

**18 to 20 April 2016**

An intrepid crew of eight HBOC members, ably led by Alan Stuart conducted the fifth survey of non-seabirds on Broughton Island from April 18 to 20. Other members of the survey crew were Allan Richardson, Greg Little, Judy Little, Fred Van Gessel, Robert McDonald, Jeff

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Pettifer and Neil Fraser. In a remarkable demonstration of his ability to cater for every contingency, our President Allan turned up with enough food to feed the entire island for a week, enough photographic equipment to film an episode of Star Wars and a pair of gum boots.

The survey was conducted in collaboration with the New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and was designed to monitor changes in the non-seabird avian population following the elimination of feral species from the island in 2009. Broughton Island is part of the Myall Lakes National Park, lies within the Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park and is a significant breeding site for a large number of seabirds.



*That backdrop is so incredible it looks photo-shopped!*

On this occasion we were comfortably accommodated in the newly constructed NPWS hut which has accommodation for eight people, solar power, gas stove and refrigerator, and hot showers. Despite an adverse initial forecast, the weather for the three days was magnificent and the scenery, as always, was spectacular. As it was also a school holiday period, we shared the island with a number of other visitors. It is two years since HBOC conducted the last survey and the most noticeable change is the increase in the number of small wattle trees and, to a lesser degree melaleuca and banksia, across the island.

Over the three days we conducted 41 surveys in accordance with Birdlife Australia guidelines, 18 x 2 ha surveys and 23 x 500 m surveys. A total of 31 species

were recorded. As previously identified, the most common species were Golden-headed Cisticola, Tawny Grassbird and Brown Quail. Large numbers of migratory Silvereye (Tasmanian sub-species) were recorded and although a population of Lewin's rail is known to be present, there was only one direct sighting. The island's flagship shorebird is the Sooty Oystercatcher and a population of 25-30 birds was present on the rocky shores, including a number of juvenile birds.

Six new species were recorded on this survey; Spotted Crake, Mistletoebird, Striated Heron, Masked Lapwing, a pair of Golden Whistler and four Little Wattlebirds. It was Fred Van Gessel's encyclopaedic knowledge of bird calls that led to confirmation of the presence of the Spotted Crake. Recently arrived Yellow-faced Honeyeater and Little Wattlebird appear to have become permanent residents on the island and it will be of future interest to see what becomes of the Golden Whistlers. The Broughton Island bird list now contains 58 species, however many of these are vagrants.

The other flagship species are members of the raptor guild and ideal viewing conditions are present on Broughton Island. On this survey we recorded possibly 8 White-bellied Sea-eagle including 4 or 5 juveniles, a pair of Osprey defending a potential nest site, Black-shouldered Kite predated skink and a small bird, Whistling Kite, Australian Hobby, Swamp Harrier, Peregrine Falcon and Brown Goshawk.

In addition to surveying the non-seabird population, the HBOC crew conducted a search to identify suitable breeding habitat for White-bellied Storm-Petrels. This species has not been recorded breeding on the island for more than 50 years. Although no breeding records were obtained this survey, we found a prospective area that we will check again in Spring. The Spring surveys this year should also provide the ideal opportunity to confirm the resident status of various other species.

HBOC wishes to thank Suse Callaghan of Nelson Bay NPWS for her support and assistance with conducting these surveys.

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Photo from left: Fred Van Gessel, Judy Little, Neil Fraser, Jeff Pettifer, Greg Little, Robert McDonald, Alan Stuart and Allan Richardson relaxing on the deck of the NPWS hut on Broughton Island. Photo by Allan Richardson

Neil Fraser

## Anzac Day Camp, Bulga

23 to 25 April 2016

The attendees included four day visitors and 15 campers, including four children. It was great to see four happy kids running around the campsite and toasting marshmallows together. Highlights of the campsite were the movement of noisy friarbirds and the large number of Eastern Rosellas.

It was very special to be able to sit in front of the tent and watch birds soaring over the ridge, including Yellow-Tailed Black Cockatoos, Little Eagle and Wedge-Tailed Eagles.



*Howzat!*

We witnessed part of the amazing honeyeater migration, with over 500 Yellow-faced Honeyeaters, over 300 Silvereyes and a scattering of other honeyeaters. Up on the hillside, in addition to the honeyeater migration, we saw Speckled Warblers, Little Lorikeets, Golden and Rufous Whistlers and many other small bush birds.

Along Inlet Road, before entering the property, there were many places to enjoy the local bird life, including many common water bird species. Some other highlights from Inlet Road were Peaceful Dove, Scarlet Robin, large flocks of Double-barred and Red-browed Finches, and Yellow-rumped Thornbills.

Robert McDonald

## Seaham Swamp and Green Wattle Creek Road

3 May 2016

On a beautiful Autumn morning a group of 29, including two new members, gathered at Seaham Swamp where there was a good array of waterbirds present, including ibises, Cattle Egrets and 10 Royal Spoonbills. The nearby bush was also very busy with three species of thornbills and six species of honeyeaters.

Honeyeaters certainly proliferated when we moved to the bushland at Green Wattle Creek Road, (a reserve at Woodville), with Fuscous being the most common. Yellow-faced, White-naped, along with one White-plumed and one Yellow-tufted were also spotted. At least 20 Little Lorikeets greeted us as we alighted from our cars, and a Pacific Baza was soaring overhead (our HBOC bird of the month).



*Here come the hordes!*

A Rose Robin was also seen as we walked along the track, and those who ventured further were rewarded with two Speckled Warblers in a paddock. We also managed to spot a lone Koala up in the tree, and Michael thoughtfully left a note on the ground telling stragglers to look up to spot it. We totalled over 70 species seen or heard over the two locations.

Margaret Stewart

## Tomalpin Woodlands

15 May 2016

The HBOC outing to Tomalpin Woodlands at Kurri Kurri saw a good turnout of 32 people. The weather was kind and a good day was had by all, with many people getting a few 'ticks' along the way.

## Tocal Field Days

Good numbers of Honeyeaters were seen including Brown-headed, White-naped and Black-chinned. Brown Treecreepers were seen by all as were White-bellied Cuckoo-shrikes. Little Eagles put on a good show where 3 birds gave good views.



*Swift Parrot by Mick Roderick*

## Tocal Field Days

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The 2016 Tocal Field Days took place from 29th April to 1st May and once again HBOC was involved. After the disappointment of 2015 when that massive April storm caused Tocal to be cancelled entirely, it was great to be back there in 2016 (and using the materials we had prepared for our 2015 display stand).



*The HBOC stall gimmicks reeling in the punters...*

We were allocated a space in the Hunter Local Land Services community marquee and that worked well for us. The Tocal Field Days attract lots of visitors (more than 20,000 attendees this year) and so we had a steady flow of people coming through and talking with us. There are so many people in the general community who have a latent interest in birds (or an interest that's well beyond latent!) and many were keen to share with us some of their birding stories or to have our help in

The day coincided with the Regent Honeyeater / Swift Parrot Survey (more often a 'search' rather than a survey) weekend. We didn't manage any Regents but a few members were able to get brief views of a single Swift Parrot.

It's been a 'long' time since I headed an outing and it was good to catch up with some old faces!

**Steve Roderick**

sorting out an ID that had been troubling them. We ran a Favourite Bird poll which proved very popular and the Rainbow Lorikeet emerged as the clear winner. The top five species are listed on the front page of HBOC's website.

Jim Smart loaned us a computer and screen for the event plus he'd prepared a CD of bird images which we operated on constant rotation. This gave us a colourful and dynamic "lure" which brought many people in. Next time we'll aim to also have bird calls playing in the background, somehow. The various pamphlets we had available were also very popular. But, perhaps the most popular items of all were our "props" - a giant inflatable penguin (the recipient of many hugs) and two talking bird toys. People at the other stands near us, apparently soon grew tired of hearing the toy Kookaburra belting out its call - but visiting kids loved it, and even more the toy Butcherbird which repeated what they said to it. Well, some of what they said to it!

Many thanks to all those who helped prepare the display or assisted for a session as an HBOC representative. And for those others of you who dropped by to say hello - it was really great to see you!

**Alan Stuart**

## Future Club Activities

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### Midweek Camp

19 to 21 September 2016

#### Accommodation

North Coast Holiday Parks, Kinka Road, Seal Rocks. Has beach bungalows, en-suite and standard cabins as well as camping sites. Tel 4997 6164.

Check the website for details of prices etc: <http://www.northcoastholidayparks.com.au/park/accommodation/seal-rocks>

A couple of people have already booked cabins here, and it is where we stayed when we had a camp there in 2011.

Treachery Camp, 166 Thomas Road, Seal Rocks, tel. 4997 6138. Yagon Cabins, Surf Side Cabins and The Beach Hut.

Check the web for details of prices etc. Gates close at Treachery at 7 pm: <http://www.treacherycamp.com.au/>

If you search the web for accommodation at Seal Rocks there are other alternatives, such as at the lighthouse. There are also basic houses for rent in Seal Rocks for \$80 - \$90 on [www.stayz.com.au](http://www.stayz.com.au)



*Seal Rocks, 'nuff said...*

No program has been worked out yet, but we will follow much of what Lois and Pam worked out for us in 2011, which included Yagon camp site, Myall Lakes National Park, Sugar Creek Picnic site, Wallingat National Park, Smith Lakes town, Cellito Beach and Naraine.

For further information, contact Margaret and Robert Stewart on 4963 2029 or at [rstewart@netcall.com.au](mailto:rstewart@netcall.com.au)

**Robert and Margaret Stewart**

## In Short

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### New Library Additions

The HBOC library has recently made a few new additions to its collection, as summarised below:

- Atlas of the Birds of NSW and the ACT; Volume 2, by Richard M Cooper et al
- Birds of Prey of Australia. Second edition, by Stephen Debus

- Bird minds; Cognition and Behaviour of Australian Native Birds, by Gisela Kaplan
- The Big Twitch, by Sean Dooley.

The library catalogue can be accessed on the website under Membership.

**Margaret Stewart**

### Photo Twitch

The photo twitch from the 9th to 13th April had eight entrants with the top five totals ranging from 53 to 66 – very close indeed! I crept in with the top total but congratulations to everyone else who had a go, including

my 5-year old in his first attempt. I Hope you all had fun and look forward to lots more fun next time.

**Robert McDonald**



## Vale Mavis Jackson

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Once again we are called to bid a sad farewell to a very early member of our Club. Mavis Jackson passed away on 16th April after a brief illness and joined an ever-growing group of “birdos” at the great campfire on high.

Mavis and her then-husband Al Gillies joined our Club in its early infancy and I first made her acquaintance when we were helping Fred with a survey of the Leard State Forest, before the days of coal mining. We camped for several days on a nearby property where we had the use of the shearing quarters. Great birds, great company and great memories – particularly of the rats that used the rafters of the building as a freeway at night.

Mavis was continuously and actively involved with us for many of those early years before personal issues and her work kept her otherwise occupied. So it was pleasing to

welcome her back in the early nineties with her second husband Bob and to renew old reminiscences.

After nursing Bob through a long and demanding illness, his passing left a huge gap which she filled with much overseas travel – and adventures. We welcomed her back again recently and spent many happy times together. Her passion for birds never diminished.

Mavis was a true friend, a gentle caring soul always smiling and never too busy to listen to the troubles of others. She will be greatly missed by the many friends she made in birding circles and also the many other activities she involved herself with.

**Sue Hamonet**

## Recent Observations

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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:

- 18 Grey-crowned Babblers and 17 Common Bronzewing seen at Wingen TSR on 5<sup>th</sup> April;
- An Australian Reed Warbler dropped in to the Tighes Hill Wilderness on 9<sup>th</sup> April;
- A Square-tailed Kite seen at Hexham Swamp on 9<sup>th</sup> April;
- Reports of two Scarlet Robins at Werakata NP & five Gang-gang Cockatoos at Tomalpin Woodlands on 14<sup>th</sup> April;
- Two Great Knot reported at Stockton Sand Spit on 14<sup>th</sup> April;
- A Square-tailed Kite seen at both Kurri Kurri and East Maitland on 16<sup>th</sup> April;
- C.5 Plum-headed Finches reported from Belmont Wetlands on 16<sup>th</sup> April;
- An Emerald Dove photographed in Glenrock SCA on 16<sup>th</sup> April;
- A Crescent Honeyeater reported from the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens on 19<sup>th</sup> April;
- A female Red-capped Robin recorded at Rouchel on 20<sup>th</sup> April;
- Numerous counts of large Yellow-faced Honeyeaters migrating through Mount Sugarloaf and Pambalong NR in late April and early May;
- Three Swift Parrots heard and seen in flight over Shortland on 24<sup>th</sup> April;
- An Australasian Bittern flushed from reeds at Ash Island on 26<sup>th</sup> April;
- Two Red-winged Parrots and a Restless Flycatcher reported from the Cassillis Bowling Club on 27<sup>th</sup> April;
- A count of around 600 Pink-eared Ducks at Muswellbrook WWTW on 5<sup>th</sup> May;
- A begging Eastern Koel observed at Nelson Head on 5<sup>th</sup> May;
- 10 Swift Parrots seen at Weston on 6<sup>th</sup> May;
- A Singing Honeyeater seen at Medhurst Bridge, Martindale on 14<sup>th</sup> May and again on 29<sup>th</sup>;
- A Spotless Crake seen at Morisset on 15<sup>th</sup> May;
- A total of 58 Swift Parrots recorded at the Singleton Training Area on 17<sup>th</sup> May (plus one heard at Murrays Beach);
- 13 Swift Parrots and four Painted Button-quails seen at Pelton on 23<sup>rd</sup> May;
- Southern Whiteface reported at Durridgere Road on 29<sup>th</sup> May; and
- Hooded Robin (m and f) seen on two occasions during May at Wallaby Scrub Road, Warkworth.

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 Logrunner	1	9/05/2016	Redhead (nr. Forster)	D. Cooper
Welcome Swallow	c.100	Late May 2016	Woodberry	R. Smith

## Club Activities June to August 2016

DATE	EVENT	MEETING PLACE & TIME	CONTACT
<b>JUNE 2016</b>			
Sat – Mon 11 – 13 June	Long Weekend Camp	Treachery Camp Seal Rocks	Alan Stuart 0409 978 171 <a href="mailto:almarosa@bigpond.com">almarosa@bigpond.com</a>
Wednesday 15 June	The HBOC Brunch	10:00am Braye Park, Boomerang Rd Waratah W.	Max Blanch 4962 1793 / 0425 300 389
Saturday 18 June	Hunter Wader Survey	6.30 am Ash Island 7:00 am Other 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 Ann Lindsey 4951 2008 - Hexham
Sunday 19 June	Field Outing – New Members Day	9.30 am Hunter Wetlands Centre, Shortland	Allan Richardson 0459 806 176
Tuesday 21 June	Tomago Wetland Survey	7.30am Entry to Tomago House	Ann Lindsey 4951 2008 <b>Please ring to confirm</b>
<b>JULY 2016</b>			
Tuesday 5 July	Mid-week Outing – Black Hill / Leneghans	8.00 am Cnr. Wayaba and Phoenix Streets, Black Hill	Judi Thomas 4952 2960
Wednesday 6 July	Management Committee Meeting	6.30pm – 9.30pm Garden Suburbs School	Allan Richardson 0459 806 176 All members welcome
<b>Wednesday 13 July</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>7.30pm The Wetlands Centre, Shortland – please bring a plate to share</b>	<b>Speaker: Graham Fry “Lessons from 50 Years of Banding at Munghorn Gap”</b>
Sunday 17 July	Field Outing – Coorabakh NP	7.00am Raymond Terrace McDonalds (2hr drive)	Dan Williams 0408 023 262
Tuesday 19 July	Tomago Wetland Survey	7.30am Entry to Tomago House	Ann Lindsey 4951 2008 <b>Please ring to confirm</b>
Wednesday 20 July	The HBOC Brunch	10:00am Wallsend Brickworks Park, Iranda Gr. Lambton	Max Blanch 4962 1793 / 0425 300 389
Friday 22 July	Port Stephens Waterbirds Survey	9.00am Locations as directed	Alan Stuart 0409 978 171 <b>Essential to ring to confirm</b>
Saturday 23 July	Hunter Wader Survey	10.30 am Ash Island 11.00 am Other 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 Ann Lindsey 4951 2008 - Hexham
<b>AUGUST 2016</b>			
Tuesday 2 August	Mid-Week Outing – Cessnock Woodlands	8.00 am Poppethead Park, Quorrobolong Road, Kitchener	Brian Laut and Robert Stewart 4963 2029 / 0401 283 305
Wednesday 3 August	Management Committee Meeting	6.30pm – 9.30pm Garden Suburbs School	Allan Richardson 0459 806 176 All members welcome
Sat – Sun 6 – 7 August	Swift Parrot and Regent Honeyeater Surveys / Searches	Various locations as desired or directed	Mick Roderick 0421 761237 <a href="mailto:mick.roderick@birdlife.org.au">mick.roderick@birdlife.org.au</a> Or Steve Roderick 0409 452921 <b>Please contact for information</b>
<b>Wednesday 10 August</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>7.30pm The Wetlands Centre, Shortland</b>	<b>Speaker: Dick Jenkin “Birds of Papua New Guinea”</b>