



# 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 cracking photo of a male White-fronted Chat captured by Alwyn Simple at Hexham Swamp on 16<sup>th</sup> September



*White-fronted Chat  
by Alwyn Simple*

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## President's Column

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### The Little Things

We recently attracted a nomination for the team category in the Volunteer of the Year Awards. One of the local National Parks and Wildlife Service guys was so impressed by our collective commitment to the local environment, through our various bird conservation activities and strategies, that he submitted a nomination for us to be considered for the team award. If you were to ask any one of the folk who have contributed a small amount of time here or there towards the well-being of birds in the Hunter I doubt if any of them would think their efforts worthy of an award, yet collectively our little contributions amount to a substantial effort that is noticeable to our peers.

The same goes with writing down your bird sightings in a methodical manner. We all enjoy birds, sometimes on different levels, but collecting your data in a regular way at a specific location can tell us much about what is happening on the local level in your patch. It doesn't have to amount to a huge body of work in the short-term to be significant in the medium to long-term. If you can do it weekly, great, but monthly or bi-monthly records at the same site would eventually amount to a body of work upon which scientific conclusions could be

drawn. Collecting your data in the same way, at the same site, at the same time of day has great power in the long-run, and the latest efforts by BirdLife Australia in building the new Birddata portal, and dedicated phone application, has made the bureaucratic side of collecting and reporting your data incredibly easy.

The data that HBOC has amassed over the years thus far is highly significant for a single region, although what we have amassed, was built on those small pieces of information being recorded systematically and passed on. Keep in mind that just because you decide to make systematic surveys for birds a part of your bird-watching habits, doesn't mean you have to be systematic with all of your bird watching activities, but you will be surprised at how easy it is for your general outings to fit into one of the categories of systematic birding suggested by the BirdLife Australia team. Your birdwatching records may seem insignificant to you, but when they are added to the collective work undertaken in our region, those little things will amount to much more in the long-term.

Happy birding.

**Allan Richardson**

## New Members

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### The Club extends a warm welcome to:

Belle Farley of Belmont North  
Belinda Jenkin of Raymond Terrace  
Trent Liang of Aberglasslyn

**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.

## New Birddata Web Portal is Here

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The new, improved and easy-to-use Birddata web portal is now available, making it simple to submit your bird surveys. A free Birddata mobile app for Apple and Android users will be available from the app stores shortly (*as of now – ed*). The new portal replaces the old Birddata website and the Shorebirds 2020 database portal, but don't worry: all of your existing data has been transferred across.

To take advantage of this Birddata revolution, all you need to do is register for a BirdLife Australia username. This is really important, because your old Birddata or Shorebird login details will not work on the new Birddata platform.

As well as making things easier for you, the Birddata web portal has many new features that let you take control of your own data: now it's simple to keep your own lists (site, species, or the last month or year, for example) and generate distribution maps and site lists with the click of a button. You can even edit your records if you've made a mistake.

The new Birddata platform will be the place for BirdLife Australia's bird monitoring programs, and already features Shorebirds 2020, WA Black-Cockatoos, Painted Snipe and Bitterns.

If you have any questions, our Help section gives you all the answers you need along with some handy video tutorials on how to register and navigating the web portal and mobile app.

Don't worry if the web portal is slow at first, it will speed up as more data is cached. We are ironing out any major bugs as quick as we can based on your feedback, so please be patient. We're currently updating the maps to exclude unverified and rejected records.

Remember, the old Birddata website is no longer available, so sign up, learn the Birddata basics, and make your birding count for conservation.

### BirdLife Australia

The portal can be accessed via the following link: <http://birddata.birdlife.org.au/>

HBOC receive the Birddata database annually for the Hunter Region, which is used as a basis for many Whistler articles and from now on, species mapping in the Annual Bird Report. More systematic survey data furthers our knowledge of our regional birds and their changing status in an ever-changing environment. Register now and help us further our knowledge even more.

The club also plans to organise activities over the course of the next year to assist members in using the Birddata portal, and in undertaking bird surveys more broadly, so stay tuned for future announcements.

### Dan Williams

## Club Activity Reports

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### Ellalong Lagoon and Bushland

**21 August 2016**

About 20 people joined the HBOC outing to the bushland south of Ellalong Lagoon on a beautiful winter's morning. We were accompanied by Port Waratah Coal Services staff, as they own the property (as an environmental offset site).

Things got off to a great start with the very first bird seen once we'd parked our cars being one, then a second, Pacific Baza. They were hunting through the

foliage of a group of trees on the edge of the forest, and in fact were still there when we returned from our walk about 90 minutes later.

From there things were actually pretty slow. There was barely any blossom, but the small amount there was (in stringybark) was usually attended by Little Lorikeets. We also had great views of Black-chinned Honeyeaters low down in a small Spotted Gum and amassed a reasonable tally of Honeyeater species, despite the lack of blossom.





*Black-chinned Honeyeater*

Other good sightings included a Chestnut-rumped Heathwren (not seen by all), a single Painted Button-quail (not seen by many!) and some *substriatus* Striated Pardalotes on the ground, presumably collecting nesting material. This remains (I think) the easternmost site we have recorded this subspecies. We also saw half a dozen White-bellied Cuckoo Shrikes, displaying a variety of pale and dark plumages.

**Mick Roderick**

## Blackbutt Reserve

**6 September 2016**

The September HBOC mid-week outing was to Blackbutt Reserve in Newcastle. About 20-22 people attended and we had a really pleasant time ambling our way through various parts of Blackbutt. At a morning tea break we did a bird list, which came to 41 species, but I think we probably added about five more species later in the morning.



*Buff-banded Rail by Allan Richardson*

Just about every decent sized tree hollow in the reserve was being inspected by pairs of Sulphur-crested Cockatoos, accompanied by much loud commentary by them. The undoubted highlight though was to find a pair

of Buff-banded Rails near the ponds in the Richley Reserve section. Eventually, everyone in the group managed to have quite decent views of this usually very cryptic species (and it was a lifer and/or Hunter tick for several people).

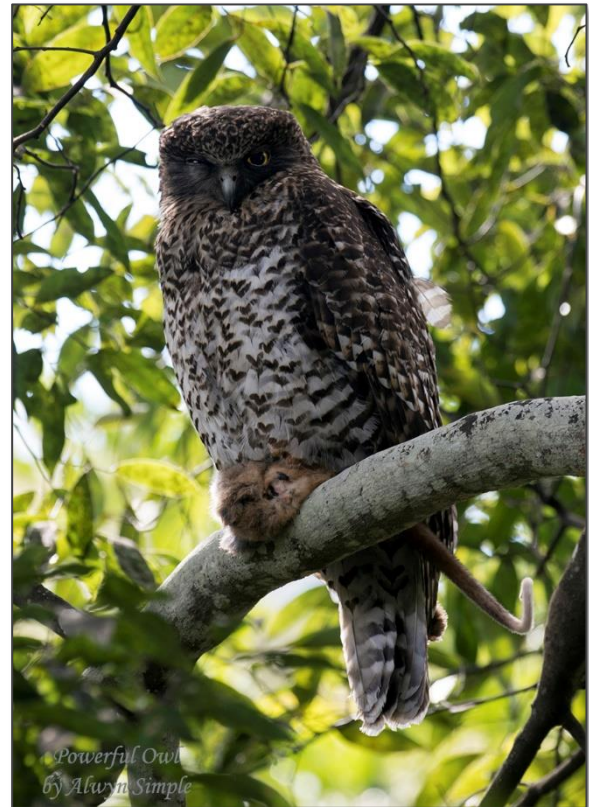
Unfortunately, recent reports of Noisy Pittas and Powerful Owls were not able to be confirmed. Many thanks to Joy Nicholls who was our tour leader.

**Alan Stuart**

## Glenrock SCA

**18 September 2016**

Forty hardy members took part in Septembers Sunday outing. We started off in cool, overcast and still conditions. Our route took us from Yuelarbah Carpark along the disabled access path and on to Leichardt's Lookout.



*Powerful Owl by Alwyn Simple*

From the lookout we headed down the steps along Yuelarbah Track to the Lagoon. We traversed the Lagoon by way of the beach and made our way up past the Scout Camp, along Burwood Track and back to the carpark, a walk of approximately 4.5 km.

Our morning finished at 10.30 as the rain started to come down heavily. The undoubted highlight was three Powerful Owls (2 juveniles & 1 adult) only 20 m from the

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track – we all had fantastic views and gave other interested bushwalkers the chance to look at these awesome birds. Other highlights included a male Regent Bowerbird, a Rose Robin and Black-faced Monarch heard, Channel-billed Cuckoo and eight Topknot Pigeons.

In total 50 species were recorded. Thanks to all those who attended.

## Rob Kyte

### Mid-week Camp, Seal Rocks

19 to 21 September 2016

On two lovely Spring days sandwiched between two wet ones, the 15 of us who camped, the two who travelled up for one day and the one visitor from Brisbane, enjoyed some very profitable time at Seal Rocks.

Our first stop was Neranie in the Myall Lakes National Park where highlights included 12 Glossy Black-Cockatoos flying in, a flock of 20 Topknot Pigeons flying over, five Forest Ravens and a mixed flock of 16 Chestnut-breasted Mannikins together with Red-browed and Double-barred Finches.



*Glossy Black-Cockatoo*

The afternoon at Yagon was a little less profitable. The main honeyeaters here were White-naped, and Rainbow Bee-eaters were heard but not sighted. Lace Monitors and the inevitable Brush-Turkeys roamed around the camping area.

The next day we travelled to Cellito Beach. The boardwalk to the beach was very quiet but the walk towards Sandbar yielded what was probably the

highlight of the camp – a male Logrunner identified by call for us by Sue Hamonet. A trip around the Frothy Coffee on Smiths Lake, and Sue again helped us identify seven Black-tailed Godwits on a sandspit.



*Australian Logrunner*

Once again, the afternoon was less profitable. Some of us went into Wallangat National Park where Kay Imrie put us on to playground duty, picking up discarded cans and bottles.

The campsite and surrounds were magical places to be. Those who were lucky enough to get a cabin facing the ocean could sit and watch the gannets diving and the whales and dolphins swimming past. Those at the back had great views of male Regent Bowerbirds, and George Gillam spotted a Wompoo Fruit-Dove. A young Whistling Kite could be seen high up, trying out its wings and landing back in the nest. Brahminy Kites and Sea-eagles soared overhead.

A most enjoyable two days, with a nice round hundred species seen or heard.

## Margaret Stewart

### HBOC Phototwitch

19 to 25 September 2016

Over the week of 19 to 25 September, eight keen photographers went out for a consecutive 8-hour period and photographed as many birds as possible during that time. The results are as follows:

- Michael Kearns 93
- Robert McDonald 85
- Belle Farley 78
- Stephanie Owen 75
- Micaela McDonald 70
- Helen Windon 62



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- David White 56
- Judith Thomas 53.

Many thanks to all those who took part. We hope to welcome you and others back for the competition next year.

### Robert McDonald

## October Long Weekend Camp

### 1 to 3 October 2016

Another wonderful HBOC camp was attended by 26 members, including four boisterous little ones. Unfortunately, the rain on Monday made for a wet pack-up but on the two dry days before some great birding was had. A total of 95 species were, with seen some of the highlights including a small flock of Glossy Black-Cockatoos, a Bassian Thrush, over 100 Double-barred Finches, two Black-chinned Honeyeaters, a White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike, Brown Treecreepers, Speckled Warblers and many more.

### Robert McDonald



*Bassian Thrush by Belle Farley*

I thought the camp at Baerami Creek in Wollemi NP was a great success. Dan provided a ferry service over a stretch of muddy road so that people could walk further along Reubens Fire Trail. It was an adventure nevertheless as the creek was running strongly and it crosses the trail at many points. Donna and Rob hauled wood for the campfire which kept the chill at bay. A great camp thanks to Rob for organising.

### Ann Lindsey

## Mount Vincent

### 4 October 2016

On this beautiful sunny Tuesday, we were treated with access to Julie Lau's 100-acre private property, suitably

called 'Lauzcowz'. Her home was perched on top of a rather steep hill above lush green pastures and behind were the tall leafy trees of the Watagan Forest. A Black-shouldered Kite sitting on the fence as we drove up heralded a very successful day of birdwatching.

Fourteen of us followed Julie down to a rainforest glen where Whipbirds, Shining Bronze-cuckoos, Fan-tailed Cuckoos, numerous Superb Fairy-wrens, Eastern Spinebills and Spotted Pardalotes could be heard calling. A prospective new member of HBOC, who'd never been out with us before happened to get a photo of a Bassian Thrush and Eastern Yellow Robin amongst the dried patches of dead blackberry bush. We encouraged her to promptly join the club.

Further up the hill, Silvereyes, two White-throated Treecreepers, Grey Fantails, Lewins Honeyeaters, Golden Whistlers and Brown Gerygones created interest but even more so was a Black-faced Monarch. Then above us soared two magnificent Grey Goshawks and low and behold a Pelican.

Morning tea was out the front of Julie's house overlooking the Watagan Mountains in the distance. We felt very spoilt on such a lovely day. Later Rod drove us right up to the top of the property and making our way back down we had great sightings of two Brown Cuckoo-Doves and a Crested Shrike-tit that lingered around quite happy to be photographed madly.



*Crested Shrike-tit by Rob Palazzi*

All in all, 60 species were seen and heard by a very happy group of birdwatchers after sharing our day with such a hospitable couple on their 'Lauzcowz' property.

### Di Johnson

## Possible Good News Story for 'Red-56G'

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Here's an interesting story with the possibility of a good news twist. On last year's 30<sup>th</sup> March Port Stephens pelagic we photographed a female Gibson's Albatross carrying a darvic band "56G". Following contact with the researchers that banded the bird, we learnt of her age and breeding history, which wasn't all good news. See the article on Page 3 of the June 2016 HBOC newsletter for details.



"Red-56G" by Brook Whyllie

She was seen again recently on a SOSSA pelagic out of Kiama. In fact, she was recaptured by the SOSSA team. So they contacted the researchers again to let them know, and it turns out she was last seen by them sitting on an egg. Whether or not the egg has hatched (and subsequently if chick-raising has been successful) is not known. She hasn't been successful since 2005, so fingers

crossed this was a feeding trip for a chick back on Adams Island! Some text is copied below from the researcher (Graeme Elliott):

*"Red-56G was last seen by our team on Adams Island on 17/01/16 when she was sitting on an egg. Red-56G's partner (Red-744) was seen on the nest up until 15/02/16, after which time our team left the island. We don't know whether the nest is still going – it might have failed. So it might have been a feeding trip or it might have left the island for good after a failed nest. It's pretty routine for birds with chicks or eggs to visit the east coast of Australia.*

*Red-744 is an older bird, like Red-56G. They were both banded in 1993 and had long-term mates, which they lost during the horrible population crash we had in about 2005. So they're old widows and widowers that have paired up. The nesting success of albatrosses on Adams Island has been low since the big crash, so the failure of these two is not surprising."*

According to observers on the Kiama trip she was feeding furiously at the boat!

**Mick Roderick**

## Future Club Activities

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### Birdlife Australia Twitchathon / Birdathon

**29 to 30 October 2016**

Whilst not strictly an HBOC activity, the Twitchathon has long been supported by the club in both pledged sponsorship and the provision of (winning) teams. There's been a bit of a shake-up this year, with the competition set to go national. The individual State competitions are still being run, but will now be aligned more concurrently. The NSW sponsorship this year will help benefit breeding seabirds, including the local colonies of the Port Stephens offshore islands, which includes the Gould's Petrel.

Please help make the first national Twitchathon a memorable and successful one by pledging your sponsorship online at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Twitchathon-NSW-ACT>, or by joining the celebrations with the returning Hunter teams at the Carnley Avenue (Black Duck) Picnic Area at Blackbutt Reserve on Sunday 30 October. Teams will begin arriving from around 2:00 pm and will be followed by a well-earned (self-catered) barbecue.

Go you Buzzards!

**Dan Williams**

## Efforts by HBOC Volunteers Recognised

Each year, members of HBOC spend thousands of hours in aggregate doing bird surveys at locations all over the Hunter Region and sharing the results with local land managers for the ultimate benefit of birds. This effort was recently recognised in the NSW 2016 Volunteer of the Year awards, when HBOC was nominated (by one of the land managers we deal with regularly: NPWS) for an award in the Volunteer Teams category.

**Alan Stuart**



*A beaming Alan, together with NSW MPs Sonia Hornery (Wallsend) and Michael Johnsen (Upper Hunter)*

## Biodiversity Day

The fifth Biodiversity Day was held at Blue Gum Hills Regional Park at Minmi on 22 September. It is understood that around 750 people attended the event. Despite the on-again-off-again weather at Minmi we had a great set-up and very pleasing result, with interest from lots of families with kids.



*The merry band of volunteers making it happen.*

Many thanks to the planning advice from Lorna Mee, and textual resources from Mick Roderick & BirdLife Australia. Robert & Micaela McDonald, Robert Stewart (and Mick for his bird walk tour) did the Club proud. It was also great to have family visits from Dan Williams and Rob Kyte as well. It was a great team effort.

**Grahame Feletti**



**Bird & Nature Photography Tours**

**Amazing Destinations!**

- \*South Africa-Kruger Safari.**
- \*Darwin, Kakadu, Katherine.**
- \*Cairns, Daintree, Atherton.**
- \*Flinders Ranges & Gluepot.**
- \*Hunter Valley.**
- \*Riverwood Downs Weekends.**

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## 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](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:

- Returning White-breasted Woodswallows reported at both Cattai Lakes and Newcastle Wetlands on 26<sup>th</sup> July;
- 8 Swift Parrots seen at Tomalpin Woodlands on 2<sup>nd</sup> August;
- Two White-browed Woodswallows reported from Quorrobolong on 3<sup>rd</sup> August;
- Both Antarctic and Slender-billed Prions seen from the Port Stephens Pelagic on 7<sup>th</sup> August;
- Both Lewin's and Buff-banded Rails and Spotless Crake recorded at Hexham Swamp on 9<sup>th</sup> August;
- Two Spotted Harriers seen near Parkville on 11<sup>th</sup> August;
- White-fronted Chats observed carrying nesting material at Hexham Swamp on 14<sup>th</sup> August; Lewin's Rail seen also;
- 47 Plumed Whistling-Ducks seen at Rathluba Lagoon on 16<sup>th</sup> August;
- Hooded Plover still present at Worimi Conservation Land until 19<sup>th</sup> August at least;
- Very early returning Dollarbird recorded at Salamander Swamp on 19<sup>th</sup> August; Channel-billed Cuckoo also;
- Two Latham's Snipe seen at Hexham Swamp on 7<sup>th</sup> September and one again on 16<sup>th</sup>;
- 14 Swift Parrots seen in Shortland on 8<sup>th</sup> September;
- 40+ Zebra Finches seen at Pitnacree on 13<sup>th</sup> September;
- At least four Painted Honeyeaters recorded at Medhurst Bridge on 15<sup>th</sup> September;
- 1-2 pairs of Plum-headed Finches and 3+ White-backed Swallows recorded at Bureen Bridge on 15<sup>th</sup> September;
- An Australian Pratincole located at Hexham Swamp during the monthly Wader Survey on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

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              |
|--------------------------|--------|------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Black-chinned Honeyeater | 3      | 10/08/2016 | Galgabba Point     | J. Adams              |
| Cicadabird               | 1      | 30/08/2016 | Tomalpin Woodlands | T. Kendall, A. Gooden |
| Lewin's Rail             | 3      | 10/08/2016 | Belmont Lagoon     | G. Brosie             |
| Scarlet Robin            | 1      | 2/08/2016  | Kitchener          | T. Kendall, A. Gooden |
| Striated Thornbill       | 2+dy   | 30/08/2016 | Tomalpin Woodlands | T. Kendall            |
| Tawny Frogmouth          | 1+nest | Sep-16     | Speers Point       | S. Hamonet            |
| Topknot Pigeon           | 33     | 10/08/2016 | West Wallsend      | G. O'Connor           |
| White-headed Pigeon      | 75     | 10/08/2016 | Swansea            | S. Hamonet            |
| Yellow-tufted Honeyeater | 2+dy   | 30/08/2016 | Tomalpin Woodlands | T. Kendall            |

## Club Activities October to December 2016

| DATE                             | EVENT  | MEETING PLACE & TIME   | CONTACT  |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>OCTOBER 2016</b>              |  |  |  |
| Thu – Fri<br>20 – 21 Oct.        | Rufous Scrub-bird surv.<br>Gloucester Tops IBA     | Camping at Sharpes Creek<br>and driving up   | Alan Stuart 0409 978 171   |
| Saturday<br>15 October           | Hunter Wader Survey                                | 8.00 am Ash Island<br>8.30 am Other locations as<br>directed                         | Alan Stuart 0409 978 171 – Ash Island<br>Dan Williams 0408 023 262 – Kooragang<br>Jack Adams 4971 5334 – Swansea<br>Jenny Powers 4944 7274 – Stockton<br>Sue Hamonet 4958 1023 – Swan Bay<br>Steven Cox 0409 848 390– Tomago<br>Ann Lindsey 4951 2008 - Hexham |
| Sunday<br>16 October             | Field Outing – Boarding<br>House Dam (Watagans)    | 7.00 am at Freemans<br>Waterhole   | Lucas Grenadier 0401 945761  |
| Tuesday<br>18 October            | Tomago Wetland Survey                              | 7.30am Entry to Tomago<br>House  | Ann Lindsey 4951 2008<br><b>Please ring to confirm</b>   |
| Sat – Sun<br>29 – 30 Oct.        | BirdLife Australia<br>Twitchathon / Birdathon      | meet 4.00pm Sun for a<br>BBQ at Blackbutt Reserve,<br>Carnley Ave entrance           | Mick Roderick 0421 761 237<br><a href="mailto:mick.roderick@birdlife.org.au">mick.roderick@birdlife.org.au</a>   |
| <b>NOVEMBER 2016</b>             |  |  |  |
| Tuesday<br>1 November            | Mid-week Outing –<br>Stockton Sandspit             | 7.30 am under the bridge   | Judi Thomas 4952 2960  |
| Wednesday<br>2 November          | Management<br>Committee Meeting                    | 6.30pm – 9.30pm<br>Garden Suburbs School   | Allan Richardson 0459 806 176<br>All members welcome   |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>9 November</b>  | <b>Club Meeting</b>                                | <b>7.30pm The Wetlands<br/>Centre, Shortland – please<br/>bring a plate to share</b> | <b>Speaker: Carol Probetts “Blue<br/>Mountains Honeyeater Migration”</b>   |
| Saturday<br>12 November          | Hunter Wader Survey                                | 6.30 am Ash Island<br>7.00 am Other locations as<br>directed                         | Alan Stuart 0409 978 171 – Ash Island<br>Dan Williams 0408 023 262 – Kooragang<br>Jack Adams 4971 5334 – Swansea<br>Jenny Powers 4944 7274 – Stockton<br>Sue Hamonet 4958 1023 – Swan Bay<br>Steven Cox 0409 848 390– Tomago<br>Ann Lindsey 4951 2008 - Hexham |
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| Wednesday<br>16 November         | The HBOC Brunch                                    | 10:00am Wetlands Centre<br>following 9.00 am walk                                    | Max Blanch 4962 1793 / 0425 300 389  |
| Sunday<br>20 November            | Field Outing – Broke<br>area                       | 8.00 am at Broke Service<br>Station  | Lorna Mee 0499 015 500   |
| <b>DECEMBER 2016</b>             |  |  |  |
| Tuesday<br>6 December            | Mid-Week Outing –<br>Earthcare Park and<br>Morpeth | 7.30 am Maize St, off<br>Metford Rd Tenambit<br>opposite Sports Oval.                | Dinah Stehr - 4933 2134<br>Lunch afterwards  |
| Wednesday<br>7 December          | Management<br>Committee Meeting                    | 6.30pm – 9.30pm<br>Garden Suburbs School   | Allan Richardson 0459 806 176<br>All members welcome   |
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| <b>Wednesday<br/>14 December</b> | <b>Xmas Club Night</b>                             | <b>7.30pm The Wetlands<br/>Centre, Shortland</b>                                     | <b>Members Night: bring your slides,<br/>anecdotes, videos and a plate to<br/>share the festive spirit</b>   |