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NEWSLETTER of the BUNYRA (Newcastle) BIRD OBSERVER GROUP

Issue No. 7/80 - Released monthly at General Meetings.

MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday of each month (except January)  
at the Garden Suburb Primary School at 7.30 pm.

Principal Officers: Chairman: Fred van Geesell

Secretary: Mrs Wilma Harden (57 3928)

1. Notes from the July Meeting.

- (a) Attendance 18 with 4 apologies. Present for the first time were John and Sue O'Malley (Cooranbong) and Teri Sabella.
- (b) David Waterhouse commented on the lack of management of "green" areas. Lantana controls the understorey preventing regeneration of native species. Councils to be notified.
- (c) Lyrebird Survey seems to be breaking down through lack of communication. The field day of July 20 was scheduled for the survey area.
- (d) Toronto Swamp - another letter to be sent to gain some kind of reply from Lake Council. (Brian Gilligan had suggested the formation of a wetlands committee to help to protect and to rehabilitate swamps etc)
- (e) Bird Call of the Evening was presented by Wilma Harden - the Red-capped Robin.
- (f) Speaker of the Evening was David Waterhouse. He spoke of his experiences in Tasmania, about National Parks, reserves and the South West Conservation Area. He discussed the types of habitats with particular reference to the birds in them. Endemic species were mentioned, in particular the Forty Spotted Pardalote which seems to be disappearing. Maria Island (N.E. of Hobart) was a significant bird area especially for endemic species.

2. Fees for 1980/81 Subscriptions are now due and may be paid to our Fees Officer, Tom Kendall. Single Membership is \$6.00 and Family \$7.00.

3. Atlas Counting Waukivory grid. 9th August. Kay and Jim Imrie recorded 62 species. Highlights included a Catbird, Bell Miners and Scaly-breasted Lorikeets.

4. Coming Events

- (a) Sunday 24th August. Wollombi-Yango Track. Meet at Wollombi Park at 9.30 am.
- (b) Atlas Camp. Cassilis September 6/7.
- (c) October 4/6 Long Weekend at Boggabri.

(d) October 12/19 Bird School at Burrumbungle National Park.

(e) November 9/16 Bird Week at O'Reilly's-Lemington National Park.

(f) FLORA and FAUNA Meeting/Outings.

Monday 25th August. Carl Atchison: Problems of Management of National Parks. Room 11, Wickham School at 8 pm.

Saturday 16th August. Mawson's Lookout - Swansea - Caves Beach. Meet at lookout at 2 pm.

Sunday 31st August. Five Islands, Teralba. Working Bee, 10 am. Inspection of area, 2 pm. Leader: John Dorman (58 1564)

5. Next Meeting 10th September, 1980.