

NEWSLETTER No. 2/82 - March 1982. (Released monthly at Club Nights)

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Annual Subscriptions : Family \$6.00, Single \$5.00, School Student \$1.00  
Due on 1st January each year.

Meetings: Club Nights: 2nd Wednesday of each month (except January) at the Garden Suburb School at 7.30 p.m.

Committee Meetings : 1st Monday of each month (public holidays excepted) at Garden Suburb School at 8 p.m.

# 1. NOTES FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING - 10/2/1982

## a) Attendance - 19 and 2 visitors.

A welcome was extended to three new members: Annette Kilshaw, Bob Heaney and Bevan McGregor.

## b) Annual Meeting

The greater part of the evening was taken up with business pertaining to the Annual Meeting - principal aspects of which were:

- i) The Chairman's Annual Report which was a concise summary of the year's activities. This report was embodied in the Annual Report File which contained details of all aspects of Club activities during 1982.
- ii) The proposed CONSTITUTION which had been prepared by the Management Committee was presented for adoption - the subsequent motion being carried unanimously.
- iii) The election of Officers and Committee members then ensued and resulted as follows:

President: Mr. F.W.C. (Fred) van Gessel

Vice President: Mr. G. (Gary) Weber

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. K.M. (Kay) Imrie

Hon. Treasurer : Mr. E.L. (Ed.) Hamonet

Committee Members: Mrs. W.P. (Wilma) Barden; Mrs. M.A. (Marion) Walker  
Mr. W.J. (Bill) Cambridge; Mr. A. (Arthur) Williams.

Auditors : Messrs. R. Watson and H. Doherty

- iv) Bird Emblem for Club Badge - As previously advised (see November Newsletter) a ballot was conducted to determine which bird would be included in our Club Badge. Prior to the ballot a 'campaign' speech was delivered by certain members who expounded the virtues, qualities and attractiveness of a respective bird. Speakers were : Jim Imrie (Golden Whistler); Fred van Gessel (Gould petrel); Tom Douglass (King Parrot); Ted Felton (Regent Bowerbird) Sue Hamone (Scarlet Honeyeater); Dot Bates (White-throated Warbler); Wilma Barden (Wompoo Pigeon). After two ballots the GOLDEN WHISTLER emerged as a convincing winner and will henceforth adorn the top of our Newsletter.

## v) Report on Unusual Sightings

Wood Sandpipers at Hexham and Kooragang.

Avocets and a Peregrine Falcon at Kooragang

Pheasant Coucal & Tawny Frogmouth at Fullerton Cove.

24 Regent Bowerbirds (5 males and 19 females/immatures feeding on an umbrella tree at Garden Suburb.

# 2. FIELD DAY to MUNMORAH STATE RECREATION AREA - Sunday 21/2/1982.

Despite the petrol strike, eight persons attended the above outing. A few Emu wrens were sighted at the first stop on the bluff overlooking Fraser Park beach, also some Variegated wrens, New Holland and Brown Honeyeaters and numerous Silvereyes while hundreds of Spine-tailed Swifts circled overhead. Those members who went down to the shore were rewarded with a good view of a lone Reef Heron, but the highlight of the day was the discovery of a Tawney-crowned honeyeater's nest with two babies being fed by the parents. Although we all had a good look at the nest, which was in a small bush on the ground, we were relieved to see feeding resumed after our visit. Blustery conditions forced the party to move on to the picnic area at Birdie Beach for lunch. Altogether 44 species were listed - our thanks to Bill Cambridge for a very pleasant and well organised outing. Eva Van de Werken.

3. Notes from the Committee Meeting held on 1/3/82.

a) The following recommendations which were presented at the Annual Meeting were considered by the new Management Committee:

i) Club Library - it was decided to go ahead with this suggestion and Eva Van Der Werken was appointed as the Librarian. The question of storage has yet to be resolved but in the meantime Members may borrow books on any Club night. Our thanks are due to Arthur Austin and Eva for their donations of appropriate books and also to the cash donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

ii) 'QUESTION TIME' as part of the Club Night programme.  
It was agreed that this aspect could be incorporated in the BACKBENCHER SPOT. Members are therefore invited to submit with or without notice questions, hopefully of an ornithological nature.

iii) FIELD DAY 'DEPOT' - it was considered that this suggestion had merit and would be given a trial on the next Field Day which will be at Kooragang Is. on Sunday 21st March. The depot will be established at the entrance to the Australian Fluorine Chemicals plant.

iv) Subscriptions to BIRD JOURNALS - Journals available are to be scrutinised by Committee members to ascertain suitability or otherwise.

b) CAR STICKERS - quotes to be obtained for supply of same.

c) NEWSLETTER LOGO - the drawing of the GOLDEN WHISTLER which appears in the heading of this Newsletter was the work of Miss Alison Raine and we would like to express our appreciation and thanks to this young lady for her excellent facsimile.

4. SUMMER WADER COUNT - Sunday 7th February 1982.

Eight of our members surveyed the following areas: Taylor's Beach, Tomaree, Tea Gardens, Kooragang, Swan Bay and Swansea. 19 species were sighted and the total number recorded was in excess of 4800 birds.

The next effort will be the WINTER COUNT and Al Gillies has volunteered to organise same.

5. COMING EVENTS

Saturday 20th March - Bird Banding at Tumbi Umbi - members interested in the techniques of Bird Banding are invited to attend a 'workshop' to be conducted by Bill Lane at Tumbi Umbi which is 8 km from Tuggerah along the Long Jetty Road. Details: Wilma Barden. 573928.

Sunday 21st March - CLUB FIELD DAY TO KOORAGANG ISLAND. Contact, Wilma Barden  
Meet at Simsmetal at 8 a.m. Depot at entrance to Aust. Fluorine Chemicals.

Monday 22nd March - General meeting of F. & F. Society. Topic: Flaggy Creek.

Sunday 28th March - Flora & Fauna Flaggy Creek Field Day. Details: Don Morris  
488629.

Monday 5th April - Management Committee Meeting - Garden Suburb School at 8 p.m.

Wednesday 14th April - Club Night. Main feature: AUDIO VISUAL presentation  
by Arthur Austin.

6. B.O.C. TOUR TO FRASER ISLAND AND O'REILLY'S.

The Bird Observer Club which has its headquarters in Melbourne has announced that its official tour for 1982 will spend a week at Rainbow Beach, Fraser Is. and a week at O'Reilly's in the Mt. Lamington National Park from Saturday 16th October to Saturday 30th October. All inclusive accommodation ex Brisbane \$635 per person. Further details from Sue Hamonet or Kay Imrie.