



# Hunter Bird Observers Club

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## **Newsletter 7/August 2023**



Sue Hamonet delivering welcomed advice to three past-Presidents and some other long-time HBOC members

### **Vale Sue Hamonet**

Sue Hamonet was a Life Member of HBOC. She passed away on 17 July at the age of 93, after a short illness. Despite the various official and unofficial positions that Sue held, and her field work, I think that her greatest contributions to HBOC were as a mentor and as an ambassador.

There is no doubting that Sue had a major role in shaping the club as we now know it: HBOC's high national reputation for the credibility of our records and the scientific rigour of our data collection, and also our club's inclusiveness of all members, are very much a part of Sue's legacy.

To read a Tribute to Sue Hamonet and comments from members who knew her:

[Sue Hamonet](#)

## HBOC Happenings

August and early September will be a busy time with an HBOC Bird Forum on 2 September, Our Bushland Festival on 10 September at Kitchener, Port Stephens EcoNetwork day on birds of Woodlands, Parks and Gardens. For all details and the usual Upcoming Activities and New Members click here:

[Happenings](#)

## Club Activities

See reports on two field outings, a fledglings report and a report on our second inshore pelagic trip accompanied with some wonderful photographs by Stephanie Owen.

[Activities](#)



Black-browed type Albatross photo by Stephanie Owen



## Articles

Read two articles based on recent club night talks: a fascinating talk about female Lyrebird vocalisations and Dick Jenkins talk on the Galapagos with some of his own photographs.

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photo by Dick Jenkin

## Observations

For July observations click here:

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