



# HBOC e-News

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## Merry Christmas and Happy Birding in 2020

### From the President

With the year drawing to a close your committee is busy tidying up the year's activities and planning for another productive year in 2020. A **summary of our 2020 activities** is available by following the link in this e-News. There are a few **field outings** planned for the next two months. The 15 December outing is to Mount Sugarloaf, there will be a January outing to the Watagans on 19 January, an Australia Day camp at Smith's Lake on January 24 – 28 and our first mid-week outing will be to Belmont SCA on 4 February. Always check the web site for the latest information about activities. This is even more important than ever with our unpredictable weather and bushfire threats this year.

Our December club night is the traditional **Members Night** where you have an opportunity to inform and entertain your fellow members. You are also asked to bring a plate of food and money for the raffle which this year is supporting Australasian Bittern research.

You will soon be receiving notice of our **Annual General Meeting** which will be held on 12 February. We are also calling for nominations for the committee and for the position of President. Please give this some thought as the position is not too demanding but is very rewarding. There is plenty of support from fellow committee members and club members generally. I wish all members a Happy Christmas and good birding in 2020.

### New members

### Reminder of Upcoming Activities

Tue 3 Dec	Mid-Week Outing – Minmi/Pambalong	Meet – 8.00 am Blue Gum Hills Regional Park, Minmi Lunch after at Minmi Pub.	Bob Stewart 4963 2029 or 0401 283 305
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Xmas Club Night	7.00pm The Wetlands Centre	<b>Topic: Members' Night</b> - bring your slides, anecdotes, videos and a plate to share the festive spirit
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mount Sugarloaf	<b>Cancelled due to fire risk</b>	Greg Little 0414 562169

Sun 19th Jan	Field Outing - Watagans		
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> – Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Long Weekend Camp – Smiths Lake	<a href="#">Details here</a>	Andrzej and Lyn Karpiel 4952 3458 / 0427 483 663
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mid-week Outing – Belmont SCA	TBA	Grahame Feletti
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Field Outing – Jerusalem Creek	Meet – 8.00am Hollywood Hill on right as you enter Dungog.  Car pooling.	David Stuart 4992 1899

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**For a summary of 2020 Club Activities** [CLICK HERE](#)



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