



Hunter Bird Observers Club

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e-News

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The Club Aims: To encourage and further the study and conservation of Australian bird and their habitat, and to encourage bird observing as a leisure-time activity.

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Club Announcements

Clean-up Australia Day Sunday 7 March, 8am

As usual we will be collecting rubbish and marine debris from around the Stockton Sandspit. Meet at the Stockton Sandspit car park where you will receive some instructions and be asked to register. Come ready for working outside, wear sensible shoes and bring whatever you need to stay hydrated and sun safe. Any questions contact Tom Clarke 0418411785

Whistler Number 14 and the 2019 **Annual Bird Report** are now being distributed. If you do **NOT** wish to receive either of these contact Rob Kyte, 0420 821 460

A New Activities sub-committee has been appointed. The members are:
David Stuart who will look after Sunday outings and co-ordinate the group
Claire Philp who will look after Tuesday outings
Robert McDonald who will look after Camps
Greg Little who will maintain the activities web page.

A special thank You to Andrzej Karpiel for his sterling work as Activities Officer for the past four years.

NEW MEMBERS

Natalie Moltschaniwskyj, Nelson Bay	Single
Roksana Boreli& Terry Percival, Northbridge	Family
Selene Laurent, Raymond Terrace	Single
Holly Munday, Kurri Kurri	Single
Geoff Coates, Marks Point	Single
Sue & Peter Doody, Mayfield West	Family

Welcome. We look forward to seeing you at meetings and outings

Upcoming Activities

Wed 10 March, Club Meeting 7pm Wetlands Centre and Zoom, Speaker: Dick Jenkin-Uganda/Tanzania/Kenya birding

Sun 21 Mar Field outing Jerrys Plains Meet 8.00am- Jerrys Plains Community Hall Wambo St. Contact: Robert McDonald, 0408 877 827

Fri 2nd Apr – Mon 5th Apr, Easter Camp – is Whoey Tank, Round Hill Nature Reserve, Mt. Hope. Contact Robert McDonald, 0408 877 827 Directions will be on web site soon

Tues 6 April, Walka Water Works, Meet 7.30am, Contact Margaret Clarke, 0412 616 030

NOTE: we ask you to pre-register for outings, camps and club nights at Wetlands Centre

For a list of upcoming activities [Click Here](#)

For a summary of activities planned for 2021 [Click Here](#) Subject to change



Drone Training

Four enthusiastic HBOC members fronted up for two days of intensive training in the use and operation of our HBOC Evo II drone.

To read about their experience and subsequent surveys out on Hexham Swamp. [Click Here](#)



Ash Island Field Outing Report

It was a pleasant, informative and productive morning at Ash Island.

[Read More](#)



Adventures of a Purple Swamphen Family

Chris Cameron is very happy to live on a rural property near Maitland with both bush and farmland habitat, providing many and varied opportunities to observe the birds who share this place as their home. To read about sharing her experiences with a growing Purple Swamphen family [Click Here](#)



Latham's Snipe Project Update

HBOC members participate in national Latham's Snipe surveys three times a year. For an update on the project and our participation

[Click Here](#)

Latham's Snipe by Rob Palazzi HBOC BIL



Black-fronted Dotterel
by Steve Merrett HBOC BIL

Photography Corner

Each month we will feature photographs from the HBOC Bird Image Library (BIL). This month's featured photographer is Steve Merrett. To view Steve's photo gallery of water birds [Click Here](#)

To view the photos in the Gallery these steps may help:

Open the link (above, by clicking on it) to the HBOC SmugMug site which will display the gallery.

Click on any photo with your mouse to open it up to display the photos full page. (Generally the first photo.)

Use the small side arrows on the screen (> or <) to move backwards and forwards through the photos.

To return to the gallery there is a cross (X) in the top right hand corner. When you put your mouse on it, it says "CLOSE". Click on it.

Enjoy the photos.

Your Observations

Some Recent Observations [Click Here](#)