



Hunter Bird Observers Club

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

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Club Announcements

Ethical Birding

HBOC has adopted BirdLife Australia's Ethical Birdwatching Guidelines. For a link to BLA's guidelines [CLICK HERE](#). These guidelines are reasonable and emphasise that the welfare of birds is paramount.

Activities Page Overhaul

HBOC is trialling an overhaul of its activities page on the web. The aim is to combine an outline of current activities with a full year calendar of events. Check out the Activities page, or for an outline of the changes [CLICK HERE](#). Your comments and suggestions on the new layout are welcome – email president@hboc.org.au

LMCC Seniors Week

Graeme Feletti, Greg Little, Gary Tong and Jim Stone led a very successful Birds of Belmont Wetlands Walk on 28 April, 7 am to 9 am as part of Lake Macquarie Seniors Festival. Thanks to these members for representing HBOC in the community.

Club Night Supper

The committee has decided to trial making 'supper' available before the meeting. So come along at 6.45 for a cup of tea/coffee and a snack before the meeting and have a chat.

New Committee Member

Judy Little has rejoined the HBOC committee to fill a casual vacancy. Her experience and knowledge in a variety of fields will be welcome.

NEW MEMBERS

David Perry	Hamilton	Single
Leanne & Matthew Beckhouse	Kilaben Bay	Family
Pari Lewis	Morpeth	Single
Michael & Paula Candlish	Rathmines	Family

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

Upcoming Activities

June Camp

The June camp will be at Appletree Flat. The contact is Lorna Mee, 0499 015 500

For a full list of upcoming activities [CLICK HERE](#)

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

Milestone Clubs

HBOC has two milestone clubs, number of species sighted in the Hunter and number of species photographed in the Hunter. [READ MORE](#)

Baerami Camp Report

The camp at Baerami was a great camp with glorious autumn weather. [READ MORE](#)

Grahamstown Field Outing Report

Eleven HBOC members and 1 visitor saw 47 species, a good result considering the challenging conditions. [READ MORE](#)

Myuna Bay Field Outing Report

The morning turned out calm, dry and only a bit cloudy with 54 species seen including a pair of Brahminy Kites. [READ MORE](#)

Club Night Report

Dr Will Glamore spoke about Restoring our Estuaries and Tidal Wetlands. His talk was very detailed but very relevant to us here in the Hunter. For a detailed summary of his talk and a summary of Bird of the Evening [CLICK HERE](#)

Bittern Day at the Wetlands Centre

HBOC recently participated in Bittern Bird Day organised by the Wetlands Centre as a school holiday activity. [READ MORE](#)

Saving Ellalong Lagoon

This 400-hectare conservation jewel is currently being sold by Port Waratah Coal Services (PWCS) through an Expression of Interest process and it is at risk of being sold to property developers. If you are concerned about the loss of bird habitat and subsequent loss of woodland birds in the Hunter (and who isn't?) write to the NSW Minister for the environment using [this Form Letter](#) as a basis, or read the letter sent by HBOC [CLICK HERE](#)

Your Observations

Some Recent Observations [Click Here](#)