

Welcome to your November e-News.



# HBOC e-News

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## From the President



Don't forget that our **December Club Night** is a Christmas Special, a members' night and a fund-raising raffle. This is Members' Night, a chance to present something entertaining, interesting or informative. All members are asked to bring a plate and money for the raffle which this year supports Australasian Bittern research.

This month I have become interested in feeding birds, should we or shouldn't we?

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### **NOTICE**

*If you would like to help HBOC help birds, perhaps you could volunteer to come onto the Management Committee next year. We expect to have some vacancies, as some long-serving members move on to other priorities - HBOC only works if we members make it work. Please give this serious consideration, your involvement will help bird conservation and enjoyment for Club members.*

*If interested feel free to contact any member of the Management Committee.*

## Reminder of Upcoming Activities

Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Club Meeting	7.00pm The Wetlands Centre	Speaker: Sarah Legge- Impact of Feral Cats Bird of the Evening: Rowley Smith
Sun 17th Nov	Field Outing - Mangoola	Meet - 7.30am Mangoola Mine	Lucas Grenadier 0427 213 796
Wed 11th Dec	Xmas Club Night	7.00pm The Wetlands Centre	Topic: Members' Night - bring your slides, anecdotes, videos and a plate to share the festive spirit

For a full list of Club Activities [CLICK HERE](#)

## New Member

Welcome to the following New Member, Bill Boyd of Pelican. We look forward to seeing you at outings and club night.

### Club Activities Reports



#### Old Brush Outing

22 members of HBOC visited Old Brush at Brunkerville which is always a pleasant venue. A total of 56 bids were seen, including Superb Lyrebird and Brown cuckoo Dove. [READ THE FULL REPORT](#)



#### Biodiversity Day

Fantastic Biodiversity Day on October 3. Perfect day and 1200 visitors, mostly children and their parents, visited us in four hours. [READ THE FULL REPORT](#)

#### Munghorn Gap Camp

The weekend's HBOC camp was at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve, near Mudgee. It's been favourite spot for HBOC since the year dot, and we often have our camps there. [READ THE FULL REPORT](#)

#### October Club Night

At our October meeting, firstly Tom Kendall told us about Fennel, an introduced plant that seems to have important health benefits to several of our native species. Birds certainly do use that plant, and probably on purpose. Our guest speaker was Bill Boyd, reminiscing about the birds that he found in Belmont when he was a teenager in the 1950s and 1960s. [READ THE FULL REPORT](#)

#### Tabbil Forest Outing

The area was still dry but the birding was good for 22 members of HBOC who ventured to Dungog for this outing. [READ THE FULL REPORT](#)



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## Birding at Belmont in the '50's & '60's

To read more of Bill Boyd's recollections of his early years of birding [CLICK HERE](#)

### Your Observations

Some recent Observations

Species	Count	Date	Location	Observer
Stubble Quail	1	7/11/19	Hexham Swamp	Ray Burton
Crimson Chat	2	3/1/19	Smedes Rd	Michael Kearns
Black-tailed Native Hen	1	3/11/19	Millers Dam near Ulan	Michael Kearns
Dollar Bird	1	5/11/19	Woodville	Peter Weinstock
Black-necked Stork	1	1/11/19	Main Creek Rd, Dungog	David Stuart
White-throated Needletail	20	31/10/19	Belmont North	Belle Ciezak
Cockatiel	16	30/10/19	Ringwood Rd	Bruce Watts
White-throated Needletail	100	25/10/19	Pipers Creek Firetrail	John Connors
Wompoo Fruit Dove	4	21/10/19	Paterson Reserve	Ted Elks et al
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	3,000	20/10/19	Hexham Swamp	Mick Roderick
Painted Honeyeater	6	18/10/19	Medhurst Bridge	Graeme O'Connor
Pallid Cuckoo	2	16/10/19	Cassilis Rest Area	Alan Stuart
Grey-tailed Tattler	17	10/10/19	Pindimar	John Connors

To keep track of the very latest sightings why not join hunterbirding.

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### Vale Dr Clive Minton

It is with great sadness that we advise you that Dr Clive Minton was killed in a car crash on 06/11/2019 at Dunkeld in Victoria.

Clive was elected as the inaugural Chair of the Australian Wader Studies Group and continued to be a key Committee member and contributed to the work of the AWSG Committee for 39 years! Many members of our club will have fond memories of working with Dr Clive Minton.

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