



Hunter Bird Observers Club

Affiliated with BirdLife Australia

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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

2021 Twitchathon has 2 more weeks to run before we know the result. The recipient this year is the vulnerable Gould's Petrel. It is not too late to donate.

To find out how [CLICK HERE](#)

December Happenings. There will be no club meeting on 8 December but instead there will be a get together at Shortland Hotel, see details in December e-News.

On Sunday 19 December there will be a family Xmas picnic and junior members' day at Walka Water Works starting at 12 noon.

NEW MEMBERS

Kristian Brockmann, Kerrabee	Student
Charlee & Philip Rowlings, The Hill	Family
Angela Metcalfe, Mayfield	Single
Lewis Benham, Thornleigh	Single
Noeline Karlson, Tanilba Bay	Single

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

Upcoming Activities

It is necessary to register for all events you are attending in person, particularly as some locations have restrictions on numbers. In order to attend Club events you must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Please bring proof of vaccination in case property owners require as such.

EVENT	DATE	INFORMATION	MEETING PLACE & TIME	CONTACT DETAILS
Club Meeting	Wed 10 Nov	Ann Lindsey on Worimi Conservation Land Surveys with BOE by Ross Zimmerman	7 pm Zoom Only due to Covid. Link will be sent	M Clarke 0412616030 secretary@hboc.org.au
Field Outing	Sun 21 Nov	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens	Meet – 8.00am – Botanic Gardens car park, Heatherbrae. Morning tea can be purchased at the Gardens. Entry fee is \$3	M Clarke 0412616030
Field Outing	Tue 7 Dec	The Old Brush	Meet 07:20 at Leibert's Lane, Brunkerville to carpool or convoy to The Old Brush. Bring morning tea and insect/leach repellent. \$5 entry fee applies. Numbers limited to 10. Please register	M Clarke 0412616030

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

Regent Honeyeater Release

Exciting News!- 58 captive-bred regent honeyeaters have been released in the Hunter Valley.

It is unfortunate when a species is in such critically low numbers that we need to supplement the population by releasing zoo-bred birds into the wild. This has been happening for over ten years now for Regent Honeyeaters and recently a Population Viability Analysis (PVA) for the species concluded that without these captive releases the species could be extinct within the next ten years. Up until a small release of 20 Regent Honeyeaters was carried out in the Lower Hunter last year, all of the large releases have been in Chiltern, Victoria. This is why it was so exciting to set the bar higher for the next NSW release, which again happened in the Lower Hunter. This time we released 58 individuals into an area where there was already a wild pairing breeding. Working alongside Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council and hearing their elders and community leaders welcome us and the birds to Country added an incredible layer of meaning to this release. I hope you enjoy reading the first community update.

Mick Roderick

To read the full Community Update [CLICK HERE](#)

Radjah Shelducks Visit the Wetlands Centre

On 20th of August 4 Radjah Shelducks turned up in the Hunter and then moved on to the Hunter Wetlands Centre. To read the full story and a report by Alan Morris on all NSW sightings since 1890 [CLICK HERE](#)



Clickers Corner Mk 2

Welcome to the third of the revamped monthly Clicker's Corner, with a focus on just one photograph and the photographer's comments on it. [READ MORE](#)

October Club Night Report

Emily Mowat spoke about *Monitoring the Pirate Petrel on Phillip Island* near Norfolk Island and the Bird of the evening was the Pheasant Coucal presented by Kristy Peters

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BOG to BOC

A brief history of the first 5 years of our club. A long read but you might find it interesting

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Media Report

Culling Noisy Miners: Should we cull Noisy Miners? Read the views of some eminent scientists [CLICK HERE](#)

Your Observations

Some Recent Observations [READ MORE](#)