



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

Fees due

2021 Fees Due Club membership fees were due on 1st January. Electronic Funds Transfer is the preferred method of renewing your membership. For more details [Click Here](#)

NEW MEMBERS

Jocelyn Barker, Tighes Hill	Single
Madeline Robinson, Merewether	Single
Richard Barrie & Theresa Spens-Black, Adamstown	Family
Dennis (Denzo) Neader, Marks Point	Single
Rebecca Cocks, Adamstown Heights	Student
Blair & Emma Lemke, Cooranbong	Family
Isaac Steel & Hana Edgar-Jones, Carrington	Family
Dianne & Terry Butler, Wangi Wangi	Family
Brianna Coulter, Holmesville	Student
Kate Bradshaw, Quorrobolong	Single
Mattea Taylor, Jesmond	Student
Reg Vaughan, Tenambit	Single
Andrea Connell, Wallsend	Single
Krista Tomas, Wallarobba	Family

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

Your New Committee

President:

Dan Williams

Vice-president:

Mick Roderick

Secretary:

Margaret Clarke

Treasurer:

Helen McCall

Committee Members:

Rob Kyte

Robert McDonald

Kristy Peters

Robert Stewart

Christophe Tourenq

There is 1 vacancy

There are other ways you can volunteer to help the club. To found out more see a committee member.

Advance Notice: clean Up
Australia Day 7 March

Report on AGM and Club Night

President's Report for a summary of the president's Report [Click Here](#) The full report will be published on the HBOC web site

Club night speaker was Alan Stuart who gave a fascinating talk on the secrets about Rufous Scrub-birds, including rare video footage. [Click Here](#) to read his article.

Upcoming Activities

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

Note: The Tuesday outing on 2 March will be to Ash Island. Meet at parking area on left across bridge at 8 am. Bring scope if you have one. Contact: Ann Lindsey 0455 515 774

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

Recent News about Rufous Scrub-birds

Some exciting discoveries have been made in the study of the elusive Rufous Scrub-bird with help from technology and researchers from ANU. [Read More](#)

World Wetlands Day 2 February

World Wetlands Day this year celebrated 50 years since the signing of the Ramsar Convention. For an article about Ramsar in the Hunter by Christine Prietto, HWCA Ramsar Officer [Click Here](#)

For those who want to know more about the Ramsar Convention see the following link submitted by Phil Straw, AWSG East Asian Australasian Flyway Liaison Officer:

<https://awsg.org.au/short-history-of-the-ramsar-convention-on-wetlands-of-international-importance/>

Watagans Field Outing Report

Our first outing for 2021 produced some stunning sightings [Read More](#)

Awabakal Field Outing Report

Despite a damp start it turned out to be a good morning's outing ably led by Jenny Powers [Read More](#)

Media Links

For an article on using a drone and thermal imaging in the search for Australasian Bitterns on Hexham Swamp [Click Here](#)

Your Observations

Some Recent Observations [click here](#)