



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 birds and their habitat, and
To encourage bird observing as a leisure-time activity.**

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Committee Announcements

Activities Update

The club's organised activities, which have been unavailable for the past two months due to the COVID-19 lock-down, will be recommencing later this month with restrictions. Check HBOC's website for notifications regarding the mid-week and Sunday monthly outings. The annual New Members Day will be rescheduled to 19th July (formerly 21st June) at the Hunter Wetlands Centre.

June Club Night

HBOC will be holding its June Club Night on Wednesday 10th at 7pm. It will be our second virtual meeting using Zoom software. Members will be sent an email invitation to 'join' the meeting. For members to participate, you will need to download the Zoom software. For instructions on how to do that and how to set up your computer or mobile device, [click here](#).

The main speaker will be Stanley Tang, who is best known for his discovery and subsequent work on Black-throated Finches on the Adani Mine site in Queensland. The title of Stanley's talk is "The Tiny Finch and the Mega Mine - My Story with the Black-throated Finch". Bird of the Evening will be on Banded Lapwings by Archie Brennan.

The club's management committee is considering the hosting of future general meetings on Zoom, as this will enable the club to invite international speakers to present their work.

A special thank you to the producers of Dick's Birds, Alwyn's Galleries, Alan's Penta Puzzles and Liz's Quizzes that have kept us entertained during isolation.

Great Honour for Alan Stuart and Margaret O'Leary

Alan and Margaret have won the Durno Murray Award for the most outstanding major paper in the journal, Corella, in 2019. [Read More](#)

New Members

Sue & Graeme Crabbe, Whoota
Gordon Arthur, Charlestown
Anthony Gleeson, The Hill

Brenton Hays, The Hill
IngerLazone, Fletcher
Peter & Nicholas Phillips, Cardiff

**Welcome. We look forward to seeing you at meetings and outings,
specially New Members Day, 19 July**

Note: If you have not renewed your membership for 2020 by June 30, you will cease to be a member. To renew [Click Here](#)

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Club Night by Zoom: a first for Hunter Bird Observers Club

HBOC made history on 13 May by conducting a full club night online. For a while to come yet, HBOC may be holding virtual club nights using Zoom software. For members to participate, you will need to download the Zoom software. For instructions on how to do that and how to set up your computer. [Click Here](#) and go to the right hand column.

For two reports on the meeting, background organisation and some screen shots. [Click Here and here](#)



Glenrock State Conservation Area Field Outing

Our last organised outing before the lockdown was to Glenrock State Conservation Area on 3 March [Read More](#)

Explore your Local Wetlands: 2

Many members have been doing regular surveys of small local wetlands over many years. The figures for these are no longer listed separately in our Annual Bird Report. For those wetland areas available to the public, we begin a series of articles about small local wetlands that you might like to visit. They describe the locality and species likely to be seen there. [Read More](#)

Library Notes

Recent Donations to HBOC Library [Read More](#)

Conservation Notes

During the current lockdown there are few organized club activities to report on so we are providing reports on some ongoing club activities. Last month it was Field Studies, this month it is Conservation and next month will be Birdwatching and Education. We hope you find time to read some of these articles to get a better idea of the variety of activities that go on behind the scenes in our club.

- **Conservation Sub-committee notes and activities:** Hunter Bird Observers Club has always had an active Conservation Committee. Ann Lindsey has taken on the role of conservation co-ordinator for 2020 and has formed a sub-committee to assist in this work. [Read More](#)
- **HBOC Submission to the Review of the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act:** This review takes place every ten years and the results of this review could determine how the environment is managed by the commonwealth government for the next ten years. [Read More](#)
- **HBOC Objection to Kings Hill Concept Development Application:** This is a huge and complex application for a development north of Raymond Terrace between the Pacific Highway and Newline Road. On completion it will comprise 1,900 residential lots within 7 precincts as well as a local centre, parks, a school site and associated roadworks. [Read More](#)

External Links: Tom Clarke Local Hero [click here](#)

Rainbow Lorikeets Alan Stuart [click here](#)



Penta Puzzles

Those of you with access to Hunterbirding will be familiar with Alan Stuart's Penta Puzzles. To find three more challenging puzzles [click here](#)

Your Observations

Some recent Observations

[click here](#)