



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.

Next edition: December 2020, deadline: 10 December; send contributions to newsletter@hboc.org.au

Club Announcements

Registration for Club Activities

Attendees must pre-register for all club outings and numbers are restricted by state requirements, currently 30 people, but will change as state requirements change. To pre-register, contact the outing leader.

HBOC Xmas Celebration – Sun 13th December, Walka Waterworks

An HBOC Xmas get together is being organised that complies with COVID-19 rules for outdoor gatherings. You are invited to a BYO Picnic to Walka Waterworks on Sunday 13th Dec, 12 noon.

HBOC December Meeting Replacement

To support participation in the Members Club Night in this COVID year of Zoom meetings, the management committee is **calling for members to contribute 5-minute bird stories via video**. Our Activities Officer, Andrzej Karpiel, has offered to meet with each contributor via a one-on-one zoom meeting to record their story. These videos will be compiled into one video that members can watch after requesting the video URL from Andrzej.

Contributions for Xmas e-News

This has been an unusual and restricting year so let's have a lighter Christmas edition of your newsletter – **photos, video links, anecdotes, puzzles, traveller's tales etc etc**. The e-News team will support a write-up on the Xmas meeting replacement contributions, but it depends on your contributions. Don't sit by the phone waiting to be contacted, send ideas and contributions to newsletter@hboc.org.au or ph 0401 293 305.

Please contact either the Activities Officer (activities@hboc.org.au) or the e-News team (newsletter@hboc.org.au) or both if you would like to contribute an item to HBOC's Xmas video and/or Xmas e-News for 2020. It can only happen if you contribute. Do it now!

Management Committee 2021

The 2020 Management Committee is asking members to consider nominating for the 2021 committee or other club roles. For more details [Click Here](#)

Members Hunter Photo Badges

The Photography Sub-committee has recently updated the badge awards and awardees for the several levels of achievement. For more details [Click Here](#).

Reminder: Sat 21st November is the second Latham's Snipe survey day for this season. To register your preferred site or for a site location contact Peter Weinstock, 0417 415 738.

New Members

Mary Mahony & Brian Cleland	Summer Hill	Family
Steve Roderick	Kurri Kurri	Single
Laurie Smith	Avoca Beach	Single
Rushna Alam	Jesmond	Student
Kelly Ophel	Charlestown	Single
Rosemaree Dowling	Carrington	Single

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

Upcoming Activities

Check the web site to get the latest information about activities [Click Here](#)

Shorebird Workshops

Would you like to know more about shorebird identification (and who wouldn't)? You can attend a Shorebird Training Workshop at various venues in the Hunter. For full details [Click Here](#)

2020 Twitchathon In The News

Publicity before the event - read how it works: [Click Here](#)

2020 Twitchathon Preliminary Results

To see how well our local teams performed [Click Here](#). There is still time to sponsor a team.

October Club Night Report

Our guest speaker via Zoom was Alan Stuart whose presentation was titled *All Change for Broughton Island*. [Read More](#)

October Long Weekend Camp

20 campers enjoyed kind weather and great birds at Fossickers. [Click Here](#)

September Mid-week Camp

Six campers enjoyed the birds and company at Harrington. [Click Here](#)

Duninald Field Outing Report

This field outing led by Margaret Clarke was to a new site [Read More](#)

Martindale Surveys Report

For details of the October quarterly survey of Martindale Valley [Click Here](#)

Bishops BridgeField Outing Report

Twelve members sighted 60 species at Chris Cameron's property. [Read More](#)

HBOC Members Mentioned in Parliament

Over time two HBOC members have received Community Recognition Statements in state parliament. To find out who and when [Click Here](#)

Explore Your Local Wetlands

This wetland is a popular one at Raymond Terrace. [Read More](#)



Apostlebird as sighted by Alan Stuart

Your Observations

Some recent Observations

[Click Here](#)