



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: November 2020, deadline: 4 November; send contributions to newsletter@hboc.org.au

Club Announcements

Important Notices

Registration for Club Activities

The committee has decided that attendees must pre-register for all club outings and that the current Covid-19 restrictions of 20 people must be adhered to. To pre-register, contact the outing leader.

Call for Management Committee Nominations for 2021

HBOC comprises over 350 members. Its organisation and the success of its activities depend on the dedicated work of its members, including the management committee. Please consider taking on a management position in 2021 or ask a fellow member if they would consider nominating. You can contact one of the 2020 committee members if you have any questions. Nominations need to be submitted by the first Wednesday of February 2021.

Management Committee 2020

President: Vacant
Vice-president: Mick Roderick
Secretary: Margaret Clarke
Treasurer: Helen McCall

Committee Members

Liz Date-Huxtable
Lucas Grenadier
Andrzej Karpel
Rob Kyte
Robert McDonald
Kristy Peters

New Members

Brian, Amberlena & Rebecca Lake	Mt Hutton	Family
Paul Freeman	Woronora	Single
Charlotte McCabe	Tighes Hill	Single
Peter Vaughan	Broadmeadow	Single

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

Upcoming Activities

Wed 14 th Oct	Club Meeting	7.00pm Zoom	Speaker: Alan Stuart – All Change for Broughton Island
Sun 18 th Oct	Field Outing – Julie Wokes Paterson	Meet – 7.30, 1525 Paterson Rd, Paterson	Marg Clarke 0412 616030 Please pre-register
Tue 3rd Nov	Midweek outing – Ash Island and Stockton Sandspit	Meet – 7.30 Carpark at the Radar Station	Tom Clarke 0418 411 785 Please pre-register

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



NSW Twitchathon 2020

The 2020 NSW & ACT Twitchathon will be held on Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November this year. The funds raised will go to a very good cause this year: **how to save NSW's cryptic birds after the**

devastating bushfires. Mick Roderick has agreed to be our local contact. Sign up as a team or a sponsor! For full details [Click Here](#)

September Club Night Report

Our guest speaker via Zoom was Tom Kendall speaking about his trip to Christmas Island. [Read More](#)

GirvanField Outing Report

This field outing led by Stuart Fleming, was to a new site at Girvan, a property being developed as a permaculture farm. [Read More](#)

Main Creek Field Outing Report

Fifteen birders travelled to David Stuart's property at Main Creek near Dungog. Despite intermittent rain it was a very enjoyable outing. [Read More](#)

Snipe Survey

The national Latham's Snipe national surveys take place three times a year. Read full details of the project [Here](#)

Rufous Scrub-bird Surveys

The mid-September Scrub-bird surveys found 20 different individuals, the best result for several years. [Read More](#)

Origins of HBOC

HBOC celebrated its 40th birthday in 2016, but this article traces its origin back to the 1960's. [Read More](#)

BIGNET Report

BIGNET stands for **B**ird **I**nterest **G**roup **N**etwork that meets twice a year. [Read More](#)

Aussie Backyard Bird Count and Birds in Backyards

Count the birds in your backyard this spring. [Read More](#)

Vale: Jenny Meynell

It was sad to hear of the passing of another Hunter Birdo. Jenny Meynell joined our ranks in June 1991 and became a staunch member. Living as she did at Ellalong she kept a wary eye on the important Ellalong Lagoon and became our eyes and ears on that important wetland. She sent regular reports to us, and conducted many club outings to that area. She was a regular contributor to the annual bird report and her I.D. "MEJ" occurs frequently in reports well into the 90's. Jenny was a lively and very likeable companion on many club outings and will be missed by her many friends. Vale Jenny, and thanks for the memories. You will join the great campfire of birders swapping stories on high.
Sue Hamonet

Your Observations

Some recent Observations

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