



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: October 2020, deadline: 7 October; send contributions to newsletter@hboc.org.au

Club Announcements

New Members

Bela & Ash Anand,	Wallsend,	Family
Rebecca Citroni,	Budgewoi,	Single
Janeen & Robert Greig,	Harolds Cross,	Family
Jolanta Jaworska,	Rutherford,	Single
Anton Nya,	Hurstville,	Single
Wendy Wales,	Muswellbrook,	Family

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

Upcoming Activities

All of HBOC's regular activities are running again. Please check the Activities webpage, [Click Here](#)

This includes:

The mid-week camp to Harrington, 20-23 September, which is being led by Lorna Mee.

The October long week-end camp to Fossickers, 3-5 October, led by Tom Kendall.

Contact the excursion leaders **to register**.

Wed 9 Sept Club meeting by Zoom 7pm **Speaker:** Tom Kendall: Birds of Christmas and Cocos Islands. Bird of the Evening: Greg Little

Sun 20 Sept Field outing Main Creek Meet 8 am Hollywood Hill on right as you enter Dungog
Contact: David Stuart 0436 488291 or Marion 0428 921899 or home number 49921899

In these difficult times it is imperative that members check the web site to get the latest information about activities [Click Here](#)

Broughton Island Report

The regular Broughton Island surveys are **revealing** some fascinating aspects of bird life on the island. [Read More](#)



August Club Night Report

Our guest speaker via Zoom was Dr. Jacqueline Nguyen from the Australian Museum and Flinders University. Her talk was entitled *The Fossil Birds of Australia*. It might sound boring but it was far from it.

[Read More](#)

Galgabba Field Outing Report

After two false starts we finally had a sunny winter morning to explore Galgabba. [Read More](#)

Green Wattle Creek Report

The August Sunday outing was to Green Wattle Creek, a favourite birding location in the Maitland area. [Read More](#)

A quiet helper of the club: Neville McNaughton

Neville McNaughton is one of many quiet helpers for this club. [Read More](#)

Explore Your Local Wetlands: 5

We continue our series of articles about small local wetlands that you might like to visit. They describe the locality and species likely to be seen there. This month we look at Gullivers Lane. [Read More](#)



Thirty Metre Mural Raises Glass to Hunter Threatened Species.

A thirty-metre mural has been unveiled on the walls of Polkolbin Distillery, featuring three of the Hunter region's threatened species– the Regent Honeyeater, Swift Parrot and Pokolbin Mallee. [Read More](#)

Exciting New Developments at Hunter Wetlands Centre

HWCA has been overseeing the installation of an engaging, hands-on display in the Visitors' Centre. [Read More](#)

Vale Russ Watts

The birding world lost a true champion when Russ Watts, the founder of the Bird routes concept, passed away. [Read More](#)

The John Holland Student Conservation Award

We have been asked to pass on information about this scholarship for university students involved in fisheries/aquatic environment-orientated research work. [Read More](#)

External Links:

Domestic Cats and Birds

This is a sensitive issue as many bird lovers also love their cats. The following two articles from Bidlife Australia advocate a measured response. HBOC is also making submissions on this issue to local councils.

New research has estimated that domestic cats are killing 230 million native Australian birds, reptiles and mammals every year. [Read More](#)

What Can We Do?

As a cat owner we can follow this BLA advice on domestic pets and we can lobby our local councils to impose a night time curfew on domestic cats.

[Advice on Domestic Pets](#)

Your Observations

Some recent Observations

[Click Here](#)