

Tocal 2019

This year's Tocal Field Days were on 3-5 May and once again the club had a stall in the Hunter LLS Community Group marquee. Our theme this year was "Citizen Science", with Project Egret Watch and the Rufous Scrub-bird studies being the featured items. We generated posters about these and there was a quiz and a worksheet too. Although Paul Baird, Jim Smart and I helped, Liz Huxtable did a lot of that work – thanks Liz!

Actually, it probably doesn't matter all that much what we put up as our display. Mostly, visitors to our stall just want to talk with us about birds, and this year was no exception. Almost 22,000 people attended Tocal 2019 and that resulted in a steady stream of visitors for us. We solved a few ID problems, made some new contacts, renewed some old ones, heard interesting stories, It was good fun!

Friday is Schools Day and that was about normal. It rained on the Saturday and our spot became a quagmire for a while, until a bale of hay came to the rescue, Sunday was a bright sunny day and that brought in the crowds.

Many thanks to all the club members who volunteered their services over the three days, and it also was great that many others of you called in to say hello.

Alan Stuart



Lucas (appearing on Hay Hay It's Saturday)