

Meetings: *2nd Friday evening, alternate(odd) months
held at Anglican Church Hall, Goolwa, begin 7.30pm.*

Outings: *Meet at 8.30 am. Bring lunch and chairs.*

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Report on Meeting, Friday 8th November.

A good roll up again, 18 members plus a visitor, Jenny Fontanot of Goolwa who is now a member. Welcome Jenny, we hope you enjoy birding with us. Apologies to Don Cornish who joined us in September and we failed to acknowledge it in the last Birdwatch. We welcome Don as a very experienced birdwatcher who has already contributed to our group with his knowledge both at Danggali and our Encounter Bay outing. Our meeting was a members night and several members contributed, Denzel and Rosalie bringing along slides for discussion and identification. Judith read an extract on how the Latin names of bird are derived, Pat sent along an article on a mimicking dawn chorus of English Blackbirds and Kate had researched Game reserves in our area and displayed maps and literature to support her interesting contribution.

Committee Report

The Committee met over a BBQ tea at the Dyer household on Sat. 23rd November. Items of interest not already raised within the newsletter were as follows:-

- Those members submitting photos etc. for the display board please put your name on them so that any surplus to requirements can be returned. We still require more to choose from, particularly of habitat or migratory birds.
- Interest has been expressed by the folk at Rankine's Landing for our group to develop a listing of birds seen in and around the area of the restaurant.

Report on the Effluent Ponds Project *by Chris. Wastell*

Thanks to Bruce the planning for the Effluent Ponds development is well under way. Much foundation work and a very detailed site plan had been drawn up by him.

An outline has been put together of what needs to be done to get the proposal ready to present to Council. This needs to be done early in the New Year to avoid being lost in the Council amalgamations.

A sub-committee is going to be asked to work on this plan and we ask you to consider ways in which you may be able to help them. We hope you will offer support for what is sure to be a very labourious task that will benefit us all in the future.

Donations

By Kit Smith - 'An Australian Bird Book' by Dr. J A Leach edited by Crosbie Morrison.

This book was first published in 1911, this edition edited by Crosby Morrison in 1958. Kit has donated this very interesting book to us and we have presented it to the Goolwa Library. Although marked 'Not for Loan', members of our group can borrow it for 1 week by presenting their name badge as identification. This has been done to safe-guard the book against theft/loss.

By Ross Whiteford - approx 150 slide of Birds

Ross offered us these slide after he attended our September meeting as our Guest speaker. He was most impressed with the enthusiasm of our group. and says these slides are excess to his requirements. Ross showed a selection of his slides at our meeting, the quality of his photography was most impressive. A letter of thanks will be sent to him.

These slides will be catalogued and a list will be available for members to borrow for preparation of contributions to our meeting nights.

Outings Reports.

Saturday 26th October - Encounter Bay Beach Walk

Seven members and one Junior visitor met at the carpark opposite the Victor Harbor Council where we commenced our walk along the Inman River. Amongst the sightings, baby Welcome Swallows sat on a log waiting to be fed and a Common Sandpiper with an injured foot was very busy feeding along the bank. Moving to the beach we saw a pair of Bar-tailed Godwits and a very obliging Eastern Reef Egret that came very close for us to study it with ease. Lunch was enjoyed on the sheltered side of the Bluff to the music of Singing Honeyeaters. 34 species sighted for the day. *Ann Turner*

Sunday 10th November - Mt. Compass area ('Woodcone')

The cool breezes of the Mt. Compass area did not lessen the enjoyment for the 6 members and one visitor who participated in this outing. Following the creek line on private property for much of the morning resulted in the sighting of 40 species. While we followed the creek a colourful Golden Whistler followed us, at times serenading us with his song. Yellow-rumped, Brown and Striated Thornbills were sighted, as was Sacred Kingfisher. A pair of Wedge-tailed Eagles put on a fine aerial display. A climb to the top of a steep hill by 4 of the members saw them rewarded with a wonderful view, looking northward over Mt. Compass. Startled cattle and Tree Martins kept us company on our lofty perch. Other sightings were European Goldfinches, Crescent Honeyeater, Corellas, Shrike Thrush and a Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike. *Dianne Shearer*

A BBQ lunch at the home of Bronwyn and Chris Wastell at Mt. Compass Heights was a most enjoyable finale to this great morning. Thanks Bronwyn and Chris for your hospitality.

Wednesday 13th November - Newland Head / Waitpinga Beach.

Ten birdwatchers enjoyed our morning on the Newland Head trail and Waitpinga Beach area and close to 30 species of birds were sighted. We were greeted on arrival by many active Fairy Wrens. A Kestrel was identified early in the day and two other raptors were also sighted but identification was not positively made. The call of an unseen bird gradually drew us into a wooded area and after much searching we were rewarded with the sighting of a brightly coloured Yellow-rumped Pardolote. Other sightings were Grey Shrike-thrush, Brown and Yellow Thornbills, White-browed Scrub-wren, a Golden Whistler and White-browed Babblers. A walk along the beach to the creek estuary rewarded us with the view of approximately 150 Crested Terns - some sitting, many bathing and some courting. One of our final sightings before BBQ lunch (at Dennis's Hut) was of a Black-fronted Dotterol feeding along the creek bank. *Dianne Shearer*

Bus Trip / Boat Trip

Two special outings have been arranged for members and your **bookings are needed ASAP** to confirm with the bus and boat operators and enable us to order food requirements.

They are as follows:-

Barrage trip - Sunday 12th January. We have booked two small buses, (51 seats available) to travel over the top of the Barrages, birdwatching as we go and having a BBQ lunch at Pelican Point before returning. Buses will leave from the parking area near the Goolwa Railway Station at 9.00am and return by approx. 3.30pm. to 4.00pm. Cost including lunch if we fill both buses will be \$10.00 per person, payable in advance.

Estuary Boat trip. Sunday March 23rd. This will also be an all day trip along the same lines as the one we did last March. We have booked Jack Miller with his shallow draft boat again. We can take 25 persons, but **bookings must be placed and payment made by our January meeting** to confirm this trip as the cost is \$25.00 per person. You will need to take your own lunch but Jack will supply Morning/Afternoon tea, Tea and Coffee.

- In both cases preference will be given to members and if places are available (as will be the case with the Barrage trip) we can take family or friends.
- We do need an indication from you promptly to keep faith with the bus and boat operators. Ring Judith 552736 or Kate 555020 ASAP or sign up at our Xmas Get-together.

Carols on the Goolwa - Saturday 14th December

We need as many members as possible to form a walking group in the Pageant that is part of this local event. We will assemble at the corner of Beach and Pt. Elliot Roads at 4pm. We will then be allocated our place in the Parade to start moving off at 5pm. The route will be through the town, via Westpark Nursing home to the Goolwa Primary School where the floats will be judged. There will be a continuous program of entertainment with food stalls etc. with the Carol singing starting about 7pm. *Come dressed in appropriate bird gear!!(like Pam) or birdwatching gear together with binoculars, field guides etc. but come join us and help promote our group within the community.*

Next Meeting: Friday 10th January, 1997

This will be another Members night and we would like to have YOU contribute. If you need some help with resources for a contribution, get in touch.

For Your Diary



CHRISTMAS BBO AND TWILIGHT OUTING

AT THE BARRAGE

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 1996.

4.00PM FOR BIRDWATCHING - 6.00 PM FOR BBQ

PARKING IN THE GROUNDS

(enter by Jim's private entrance behind houses)

BARBECUE FACILITIES, TEA AND COFFEE SUPPLIED,

BRING

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

FOOD, TABLES, CHAIRS, CUPS, CHRISTMAS CHEER

See over for other Diary dates

SOUTHCOAST BIRDWATCHERS

1997 Programme Planner

Saturday	14th December	Goolwa Xmas Pageant
Friday	10th January	Meeting - Member's night
Sunday	12th January	Barrage Trip Bookings required ASAP
Saturday	1st February	Currency Creek Winery area (Black Swamp) Meet at the Canoe Tree on Strathalbyn Road.
Saturday	15th February	Bullock Hill at Ashbourne Meet at Ashbourne by the Telephone box on the Main road.
Friday	21st March	Meeting
Sunday	23 March	Proposed Boat trip Bookings required ASAP
Saturday	5th April	Goolwa Effluent Ponds/Kessell Rd./ Old Cemetery
Saturday	26th April	Gilbert's Siding with lunch by the Finnis. Meet at the Ponds. Meet Crn. Strathalbyn and Gilbert's Siding Roads.

Please Note:-

*For all outings please meet at the designated place at 8.30am.
Bring lunch and chairs.*

Weekday Outings:

Weekday outings will not be held over the hot months. We will recommence in March, watch our February Birdwatch for details.