

Meetings: Anglican Church Hall, Goolwa, begins 8.00pm. Outings: meet at 8.30am, bring lunch and chairs.

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Report on Meeting, 12th May 1995, Old Police Station.

There were 18 members present with 4 visitors and 5 apologies. New members on the night were:- Jim and Maria Marsh of Goolwa, Jim and Gwen Baron of Victor Harbor, and Chris and Bronwyn Wastell of Mt Compass Heights. Welcome! Our membership now stands at 36.

The **Wetlands Study** that Anna is to attend on our behalf has been delayed by a few months

The Goolwa Library now has four of the **Bird-call tapes** being put together by the Bird Observers Club of Victoria. They are available for overnight loan. We plan to buy more tapes as they become available, if they prove interesting to members.

Judith and Bruce will be away for at least two meetings. In the meantime **Kate Bruce** will look after our money (we now have an account with the BankSA), and she and **Rosalie** are now on the Steering Committee.

A letter from the South Coast CFS has invited us to take part in the **parade** on Saturday, Dec 16th, followed by Carols By Candlelight. Wouldn't it be fun to have a float? Ideas and volunteers, please!

The South Australian Ornithological Association (SAOA) **Bird Record Form** will be sent out with this *Birdwatch*, so that members may get used to the way we report our Outing data.

The meeting ended with another fascinating talk by Rosalie - this time on 'Little Brown Birds'. The slides were wonderful, and the taped bird-calls added to our enjoyment. Another big thank-you, Rosalie!

Outings Reports

Friday, 7th April, Hindmarsh Island.

There was a strong, cool southerly with squalls, not a good day for birds or birdwatchers; migratory waders, a major objective, had all disappeared. Nevertheless, a final count of 30 included a swan guarding a nest, a group of over thirty Masked Lapwings, and a Superb Fairy Wren sighted while doing the bird count at the home of Kate Bruce. The few survivors enjoyed the outing and the get-together afterwards

Thursday, 27th April, Winery Rd, Currency Creek.

A sunny morning interspersed among the weeks of damp weather made for a very pleasant outing. Ten people, including three new faces, saw 36 species including a flock of Zebra Finches, a group of Red-browed Finches, Dusky Woodswallows, Golden Whistler, all the Lorikeets, Wrens, Straw-necked Ibis, a Brown Falcon, and

Silveryeyes everywhere. The highlight was the conspicuous presence of Mistletoe birds. All species were seen from the road, although some people followed inside the railway reserve. Bruce and Judith had also seen an additional 8 species the preceding week making this a good, easy birdwatching location.

Other Sightings Reported by Members: Black-chinned Honeyeaters, White-faced Storm Petrel (beach-washed, Victor Harbor), Sooty Oystercatchers (Goolwa), Beautiful Firetail (Hindmarsh Valley), Mistletoe Birds (Goolwa Beach area), Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Brown Falcon (Yundi), and Shrike Thrushes.

Change of Meeting Venue.

Because of major renovations to the Old Police Station, we have had to find an alternative meeting room for the remainder of this year.

Future meetings will be held in the Goolwa Anglican Church Hall, which is situated at the rear of the Church on the corner of Cadell St (main street) and Crocker St. The Anglican Church is the one with the clock in the steeple tower, and there is ample parking opposite the hall.

Friends of Scott Conservation Park are looking for support and new members. Their Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, 25th June at Currency Creek hall .

11am.....BBQ - BYO (barbecue available)

1pm.....AGM

For Your Diary

Thursday, June 15th (Outing) Scott Conservation Park, South Boundary (see Map); led by Rosalie Sharpe.

Friday, July 14th (Meeting) Anna will talk on Scott Conservation Park. A video of pelicans will be shown.

Saturday, July 15th (SAOA Outing) Tolderol, 8.30 am*

Sunday, July 16th. (Outing)- Goolwa Area (Wetlands, effluent ponds, scrub - dependent on the weather). Meet outside the Old Police Station.

Friday, August 18th (Outing) Newland Head Conservation Park.

Friday, Sept 8th (Meeting) Penguins.

Saturday, Sept 9th (Outing) Penguin night walk (details later)

* Please notice that we now include local SAOA outings for your information, and to prevent clashes.