

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BIRDS SA

Held on 30 April 2021 at the CHARLES HAWKER CONFERENCE CENTRE, WAITE ROAD, URRBRAE

OPENING

Steven Langley (President) opened the general meeting of Birds SA at 7:32 pm and welcomed everyone.

Issues covered by the President in his opening address included the following:

- The meeting was held under revised COVID-19 restrictions with numbers now limited to 100, increased from the previous meeting by 30 attendees. Covid procedures were adhered to during the evening.
- Steven Langley advised that membership continues to grow by about 10 to 25 each month and the Association is fast approaching 1,000 members. New members were encouraged to attend Field Trips, with 3 held each month, and this was a great way for new members to increase their bird watching skills and meet other Birds SA members.
- Anna Woods will provide an update on the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary, later in the meeting.
- The President provided an update on the initiative involving properties where Birds SA members can make a difference. The Minko property at Mt Compass is progressing with a 5-year agreement being negotiated whereby Birds SA members could access the property 4 times a year to install nest boxes, weed, plant native seedlings, survey bird species to establish baseline data and measure the impact of the Association's work. The President will provide a photographic presentation at a future meeting, but the project needs active support from the members.
- A reserve controlled by the Salisbury Council was similarly discussed. The Salisbury Council has several reserves and wetlands and is happy for Birds SA to take over one. Again a 5-year commitment would be required.
- A bird box expert is required from the membership to assist with these projects.
- An expert from interstate will be contacted and a webinar organised on nest box design etc.
- Steven L put out a request for assistance for the Management Committee. With the resignation of Secretary, Jim Spiker, who is coordinating the Scott Creek bushfire recovery as President of that Friends group. The Secretary role has been stripped back and anyone willing to help was asked to see the President or the committee members after the meeting or email.
- The President announced that tonight would see the return of the tea and biscuits post the General Meeting. Due to the Covid-19 situation, this has been prevented over many previous months.

APOLOGIES Anita Smyth

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