

## **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BIRDS SA**

held on 24 June 2016 at the

CHARLES HAWKER CONFERENCE CENTRE, WAITE ROAD, URRBRAE

### **OPENING**

David Paton (President) opened the general meeting of Birds SA at 7:45pm.

### **APOLOGIES**

Barbara & Peter Bansemer, Sue Croser, Jennifer Harris, Karen and Lynton Huxley

### **MINUTES**

Barbara Wheaton moved that the "Minutes of the General Meeting held on 27 May 2016 as posted on the website and on the noticeboard be accepted. Seconded by John Gitsham. Carried.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

David Paton gave a warm welcome to the following new members –

Anna Woods (Fulham Gardens)

Tamsyn Stephenson (Crafers)

Jeanette & Heath Timberlake (Blackwood)

Tess & Geoffrey Gowing (Tennyson)

Rosemary Allen (Fullarton)

Coral Johnston (Wallaroo)

Melissa & Dylan Burford (Cherry Gsrdens)

Emma Montgomery (Bridgewater)

Sally Shaw (Crafers)

Jennifer Harris (Everard Park)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

John Gitsham said that 1000 plants were planted on 5 June at Tolderol. Birds SA will receive \$1200 for this, which will go into the Birds SA Conservation Fund.

### **SHORT BIRD ID**

John Gitsham gave an illustrated talk on the identification of the robins found in South Australia. Scarlet, Red-capped, Pink, Rose, Hooded, Eastern and Western Yellow Robins were covered.

At the end of his presentation John asked if this style of short bird id talks was worthwhile. Members agreed that they should continue.

### **SPEAKER**

Daniel Rogers (Vice-President) introduced Jason Irving, Project Manager Dry Creek Saltfields (DENWR) and Murray Townsend, Manager Coast Management Unit (DEWNR) who would talk about the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary.

Jason has been Project Manager for the past two years and consulting with the community groups. In the first stage, later this year crown land north of Port Gawler would be proclaimed as a national park and in the second stage land down to Dry Creek would be added.

Murray gave information about the Dry Creek Saltfields. Ridley Corporation stopped production in 2013 and in June 2016 Adelaide Resource Co purchased the salt fields. There are seven

government agencies involved. Water is still being pumped into the northern ponds. SA Water is trialing the disposal of wastewater into one of the ponds. ARC has inherited all obligations and mineral leases for the land purchased. The state government has provided \$1.7 million for the establishment of the AIBS.

**BIRD CALL (Graham Carpenter)**

Red-capped Robin – Camden Park

Rose Robin – Blackwood

Fairy Tern – Bald Hill Beach

Australian Bustard – Yongala

Northern Giant Petrel – The Bluff jetty

Brown Quail – West Island

Hooded Plover – Waitpinga Beach

Peaceful Dove – Chappell Road, Hindmarsh Island

Glenthorne Farm, O'Halloran Hill – Pink-eared Duck, Australasian Shoveler, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo

Off Port McDonnell – Sooty Albatross, Grey-headed Albatross, Wandering Albatross, Salvin's Albatross, Grey Petrel

Dusky Woodswallow – Highbury

Magpie Goose – N of Port McDonnell

Australasian Bittern – Oaklands Park Wetlands

Red-tailed Black Cockatoo – Bangham Conservation Park

Light-mantled Albatross – Watsons Gap

Black Point – Double-banded Plover

**FIELD TRIP**

Winston Syson said that the field trip on Sunday would be to Newland Head CP meeting at 8.30am.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mary-Ann Van Trigt spoke about the formation of a Friends of the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary. A steering group had been formed and they in the startup phase. They have a Facebook page. Anyone needing more information can contact Mary-Ann at [mary\\_annvantrigt@hotmail.com](mailto:mary_annvantrigt@hotmail.com)

**CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING**

David Paton closed the meeting at 8:55pm. The next meeting on 29 July 2016 is Members' Night starting at 7.10pm.

Signed..... Date.....