

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BIRDS SA

held on 26 August 2016 at the

CHARLES HAWKER CONFERENCE CENTRE, WAITE ROAD, URRBRAE

OPENING

David Paton (President) opened the general meeting of Birds SA at 7:50 pm.

APOLOGIES

Peter Bansemer, Neil Cheshire, Jennifer Harris, Dan Rogers

MINUTES

David Robertson moved that the "Minutes of the General Meeting held on 29 July 2016 as posted on the website and on the noticeboard be accepted". Seconded by Brian Walker. Carried.

NEW MEMBERS

David Paton announced the following new members –

Leonard Underwood (Wattle Park)

Peter Hall (Port Augusta)

Lyn & Gary Belder (Port Pirie)

Rodney Martin (Norwood)

Alice Grieve (Hackham West)

He wished them a warm welcome if they were here at the meeting.

SPEAKER

Jody Gates (Vice-President) introduced the speaker Chris Hedger who would talk about the "Status of threatened Mallee Birds of the South Australian Murray Darling Basin Natural Resource Management Region". Chris was born and bred in the Riverland and worked for several years at Calperum.

Chris provided background information about the Threatened Mallee Bird Conservation Action Plan (TMB CAP). There is a wide range of bodies involved in the plan including Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (SA), Zoos South Australia, La Trobe University, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (Vic), Zoos Victoria, The University of Adelaide, Office of Environment and Heritage (NSW), Department of Environment (Aus.), BirdLife Australia and Monash University. The vision of the TMB CAP is to Protect, improve and conserve threatened mallee bird species and appropriate habitat to increase species' resilience and decrease their extinction risk. A key threat is inappropriate fire regime.

Chris provided information about the following target species: Black-eared Miner, Mallee Emuwren, Red-lored Whistler, Striated Grasswren, Western Whipbird, Malleefowl, and Regent Parrot.

BIRD CALL

Peregrine Falcon – Adelaide

White-bellied Sea Eagle – Semaphore Park

White-fronted Tern – Rapid Bay

Australian Golden Whistler – calling Kent Town and Victoria Park

Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo – Black Hill Conservation Park

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Brian Blaylock said that Primary Industries and Resources South Australia (PIRSA) were looking for people to look for Red-whiskered Bulbuls in the eastern Mount Lofty Ranges around Birdwood, Mount Torrens and Mount Pleasant areas.

Bec Boulton is studying the distribution of the Bassian Thrush and was looking for historic records from the Mount Lofty Ranges to accurately map their distribution.

Andrew Black said that a picture of Regent Parrots presented to Bob Brown would be given back to the Association. It may be raffled in the future.

Brian Walker said that he would be the speaker at the next general meeting on 30 September not TBA as shown in the latest newsletter. He would speak on "Two Weeks in Costa Rica".

CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

David Paton closed the meeting at 9:00 pm.

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

