

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BIRDS SA

held on 28 October 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. David reminded members that there are a couple of Bird Book Notes being passed around for them to enter their records.

APOLOGIES

Karen and John Donkin, Fay and John Eaton

MINUTES

David Robertson moved that the "Minutes of the General Meeting held on 30 September 2016 as posted on the website and on the noticeboard be accepted". Seconded by Brian Walker. Carried.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Philip Verco (Bordertown)

Brian and Bev Reichelt (Port Augusta)

Jillian Nickolls (Pinnaroo)

Doug and Sandy Castle (Hove)

Gabrielle Hunt (Modbury)

Peri and Alan Stenhouse (Adelaide)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Gitsham provided a summary of the Bird Fair at Laratinga

- Held on Sunday from 10:00am to 4:00pm
- A sunny day
- Although the ground was still wet Mount Barker Council fixed the really soggy areas
- Inaugural numbers 400-500
- Emma Montgomery and John Gitsham will have a debrief
- Mount Barker Council willing to support again
- Pleased how successful the fair was
- Chris Daniels was the key speaker
- Sophie Thomson also spoke
- Food stalls
- Kids activities
- Animals Anonymous provided a live Tawny Frogmouth which was very popular with everyone
- John Gitsham gave a talk on bird photography and held a workshop
- Thanks to the members who led bird walks
- Council provided funding for the brochure on the Birds of Laratinga
- Feedback has been fabulous

Daniel Rogers thanked John for organizing the Bird Fair.

SPEAKER

Daniel Rogers introduced the speaker Jeff Groves. Jeff is a retired engineer who worked for the Ford Company for over 20 years and is a member of the Birds SA Conservation Sub-committee.

Jeff's talk was entitled Bird Action and Behaviour and he showed photographs under the following topics – Feeding and Drinking, Introduced Food Sources, Courtship Feeding, Black-shouldered Kites, Preening and Bathing, Galah Action, Flight and Notable Behaviour & Characteristics.

BIRD CALL

Graham Carpenter said that more birds are being seen because of the warm spring weather.

- Rainbow Bee-eater – Glandore oval
- White-browed / Masked Woodswallow – heard at Blackwood
- Laughing Gull – Venus Bay
- Horsfield's Bushlark – Edinburgh
- Grey-tailed Tattler – Dry Creek Saltfields
- Sanderling – Semaphore South
- Brown Songlark – Picks Swamp
- Pied Oystercatcher – Glenelg River estuary (SE), Port Kenny
- Little Buttonquail – Calpatanna Waterhole Conservation Park
- Common Sandpiper – Coorong National Park sign at Barrage
- Bar-tailed Godwit – Murray Mouth

FIELD TRIPS

- Lynton Huxley announced the forthcoming excursions –
- Sunday, 30 October – Private Property near Murray Bridge
- Saturday, 12 November – Aldinga Scrub CP
- Thursday, 17 November – Scott Creek CP

He said that all future trips are on the noticeboard and you should ring him if you have any queries.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Brian Walker said that *The Wildlife of Greater Adelaide* was available for purchase.

CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

David Paton closed the meeting at 8:55 pm. The next meeting is Members' Night on Friday, 25 November starting at 7:10pm.

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