

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BIRDS SA

held on 26 May 2017 at the

CHARLES HAWKER CONFERENCE CENTRE, WAITE ROAD, URRBRAE

OPENING

John Gitsham (President) said that the "Fledglings" event with David Paton was terrific. This is my first meeting as President and opened the general meeting of Birds SA at 7:47 pm. John advised that the scheduled speaker Ian Falkenberg was unable to attend and that Jeremy Robertson would talk instead.

APOLOGIES

Graham Carpenter, Lynton and Karen Huxley, Beatrice Rogers

MINUTES

David Robertson moved that the "Minutes of the General Meeting held on 28 April 2017 as posted on the website be accepted". Seconded by Jeff Groves. Carried.

NEW MEMBERS

Jasmin, Graham, Nathan & Orion Packer (Ironbank)

Jean Tucker (Aldinga Beach)

Birgitt Denker & Phil, Oskar & Markus Versteegh (Strathalbyn)

Nina Leak (Mylor)

Kendall Whittaker (Seacliff)

John Gitsham welcomed any new members if they were at the meeting.

SPEAKER

John Hatch introduced the speaker Dr Jeremy Robertson. The topic of his talk was "South Africa – Inspiring Students". Jeremy described the involvement of students from Flinders University in the Masebe Nature Reserve and the Balule Game Reserve. The students carry out surveys of birds, veldt conditions, insects and herbivores over five days as well as predator monitoring using camera traps. They visit local schools to interact with the school children and increase their environmental awareness. The students finish up with a three-night tour to Kruger National Park. Jeremy showed lots of photos of birds and wildlife encountered.

CONSERVATION

John Spiers drew attention to the online survey from David Speirs, the Shadow Minister for the Environment and the comments by Michael Pengilly, member for Finniss. He said that he was very suspicious of the survey.

BIRD CALL

Andrew Black led the bird call.

Superb Fairywren – Campbelltown (edge of R. Torrens), Thorndon Park

Little Black Cormorant, Little Pied Cormorant – St Peters Billabong – LPC breed 3 weeks after LBC

Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo (250), Superb Fairywren (re-captured after 12 years) – Scott Creek

CP

Painted Buttonquail – Black Point

Painted Honeyeater – Brookfield CP

Hooded Plover – Middleton
Double-banded Plover – Tolderol, Port MacDonnell
Australasian Shoveler – Laratinga
Black Kite (5) – 10km S of Kapunda
Northern Shoveler – Goolwa Channel
Antarctic Tern, Sooty, Light-mantled, Wandering and Yellow-nosed Albatross – off Port MacDonnell

FIELD TRIPS

All the upcoming excursions are in the latest newsletter.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Next bird monitoring at Tolderol will be on 7 June.

Brian Walker is looking for someone to takeover the production of the e-Newsletter. If anyone is interested please see either John Gitsham or Brian Blaylock.

Alan Burns said that the petition about Glenthorne Farm is being launched.

CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

John Gitsham closed the meeting at 9:20 pm. The next meeting will be on 30 June 2017 and the speaker will be Marilyn Browne to talk on Antarctica.

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