

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BIRDS SA

held on 30 June 2017 at the

CHARLES HAWKER CONFERENCE CENTRE, WAITE ROAD, URRBRAE

OPENING

John Gitsham (President) opened the general meeting of Birds SA at 7:45 pm and welcomed everyone.

APOLOGIES

Sue Winwood

MINUTES

Merilyn Browne moved that the "Minutes of the General Meeting held on 26 May 2017 as posted on the website be accepted". Seconded by Barbara Wheaton. Carried.

NEW MEMBERS

Michael Metz (Norwood)

Richard Morris (Mount Barker)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Gitsham advised of the next survey at Tolderol Game Reserve starting at 8:00 am on 7 July. He also announced the Orange-bellied Parrot ID Workshop at Wyndgate by Bob Green on 8 July. There is also an exhibition at the Adelaide Botanical Gardens on the Bar-tailed Godwit.

SPEAKER

John Hatch introduced Merilyn Browne to talk on "Tip to Tip" which covered a trip from the tip of South America to the tip of the Antarctic Peninsular. Merilyn illustrated her talk with lots of photographs of the birds seen and some of the other wildlife encountered.

CONSERVATION

David Hansman gave a brief report on what the Conservation Sub-committee had been discussing

- Tolderol
- Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary – Jeff Groves had drafted a letter to Mr Bignell and Mr Hunter
- SA Murray-Darling Basin - environmental flows
- Northern Interconnector – environmental impacts with the Whites Road Wetlands
- Glenside development

BIRD CALL

Graham Carpenter commented on seabird sightings off The Bluff and Newland Head. He said that reports of Flame Robin from the South-east and the eastern side of the Mount Lofty Ranges were coming in.

Other reports –

Fan-tailed Cuckoo – Basham Beach Reserve

Rose Robin – Blackwood

Hooded Robin, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo and Elegant Parrot – Currency Creek

Long-toed Stint (possible first winter record), Golden-headed Cisticola – Tolderol GR

Eyrean Grasswren – Simpson Desert
Osprey – Goolwa Barrage
Pink-eared Duck – Goolwa Ponds
Musk Duck – Aldinga wetlands
Californian Quail – St Peters
Cattle Egret – Whites Road Wetlands, Milang
Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Mistletoebird – Eden Hills
Hooded Plover, Red-necked Stint, Red-capped Plover – Middleton Beach
Royal Spoonbill – St Kilda beach
Black-chinned Honeyeater – Murray Bridge, Port Elliott
Pink-eared Duck – Beresford Siding
Australian Bustard – Woomera
Terek Sandpiper – St Kilda

FIELD TRIPS

Lynton Huxley said that pies and pasties, sausage rolls and soups would be provided at the next meeting.

Sunday's trip is to Altona CSR Landcare Reserve at 8:30 am, Reedy Creek on 15th and Anacotilla Springs, Second Valley on 20th.

Upcoming excursions are on the noticeboard.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

John Hatch said that he has been approached by Lend Lease to give a talk about the Northern Expressway. After much discussion it was agreed we should ask Lend Lease to give a short talk next meeting.

CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

John Gitsham closed the meeting at 9:15 pm. The next meeting on 28 July 2017 is Member's Night.

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