

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

held on 29 September 2017 at the  
CHARLES HAWKER CONFERENCE CENTRE, WAITE ROAD, URRBRAE

### **OPENING**

John Gitsham (President) opened the general meeting of Birds SA at 7:50 pm and welcomed everyone to the September meeting..

### **APOLOGIES**

Merilyn Browne, Karen Donkin, John Hatch

### **MINUTES**

Merinda Hyland moved that the "Minutes of the General Meeting held on 25 August 2017 as posted on the website be accepted". Seconded by Barbara Wheaton. Carried.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Matthew Earle  
Michel and Rosalin Nicolai  
Susan Jahnes  
Christine Martins  
Rebecca Raven & family

### **SPEAKER**

John Gitsham introduced the speakers Peter Gower and Andrew Black to talk about their new book *Grasswrens Australian Outback Identities*. Peter commented on the activities currently happening with grasswrens around the state. Andrew discussed how he became interested in grasswrens and the scientific research that has been carried out already and in the future.

### **BIRD CALL** (Graham Carpenter)

Graham said that spring migrants have been reported e.g. Budgerigar, Rufous Songlark, Black-tailed Nativehen, Freckled Duck and Square-tailed Kite. Look out for White-browed Woodswallow when there are northerly winds.

Black-faced Woodswallow, Elegant Parrot – Pengilly Scrub  
Straw-necked Ibis, Magpie Goose, Royal Spoonbill, White-necked Heron – Bool Lagoon  
Australasian Bittern, Southern Emu-wren, Blue-winged Parrot – Piccanninnie Ponds  
Black Honeyeater – Yookamurra Sanctuary  
Banded Lapwing – Mundoo Station, Hindmarsh Island  
Bush Stone-curlew – Bordertown  
Musk Duck, Baillon's Crake – Magazine Road wetlands  
Latham's Snipe – Laratinga wetlands, Milang  
White-bellied Sea Eagle – Outer Harbor, St Kilda  
Night Parrot – feather found at Kalamurina

### **CONSERVATION** (David Hansman)

David gave a summary of the conservation matters being discussed by the Conservation Subcommittee

- Theft of water from the Murray-Darling Basin as seen on the ABC 4 Corners program

- Impact of the Northern Connector – possible retention of dead trees
- Paiwalla wetlands

**FIELD TRIPS** (Lynton Huxley)

Lynton said future trips are on the noticeboard. The October long weekend campout will be at Hallelujah Hills, Saturday, 14 October to Tolderol Game Reserve and on Thursday, 19 October to Belair National Park.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Diego Guevera a recipient from the Birds SA Conservation Fund will give a talk at the University of Adelaide on 18 October on the work he has been doing on the Mount Lofty Ranges Southern Emuwren.

Sue Winwood said that a ranger told her that she should not be driving into Browns Road, Monarto but should use the new carpark further along the road.

**NEXT MEETING**

John Gitsham closed the meeting at 9:10 pm. At the next meeting on 27 October 2017 the speaker will be Jeff Davies. Please bring your membership card for free entry otherwise it will be \$5.00.

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

