



February 2010

Birdwatch

Newsletter of Fleurieu Birdwatchers Inc



◆ **Saturday 13 February. Newland Head CP**

Meet at Dennis Hut in the campground.

◆ **Friday 12 March. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Speaker: Denzel Murfet — *Birds of Arnhem Land*

◆ **Sunday 14 March. Strathalbyn Effluent Ponds and Laratinga Wetlands, Mt Barker**

Meet at the Railway Station, Strathalbyn.

◆ **Wednesday 24 March. Basham Beach and Lakala Reserve, Pt Elliot**

Meet in car park at end of Basham Parade (Esplanade), Pt Elliot.

◆ **Saturday 10 April. Inman River and Yilki to the Bluff**

Meet in Barker Reserve, Bay Road, Victor Harbor, opposite Council Chambers

◆ **Thursday 29 April. Bullock Hill**

Meet on Chapel Hill Road opposite the primary school, Ashbourne.

Looking at Birds by Peter Gower

Stationmaster's Gallery
20 South Terrace, Strathalbyn
10 February–14 March
Wed–Sun 10.00 am–4.00 pm

General Store Gallery
6 Albert Place, Mt Barker
17 March–10 April
Wed–Sat 10.00 am–4.00 pm

Photographic Wholesalers Gallery
47 Hutt Street, Adelaide
1 May–31 May
Mon–Fri 9.00 am–5.00 pm,
Sat 9.00 am–12 noon

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30 pm Friday 12 March

Denzel Murfet's role as Chairperson continues for another year but all other Committee positions will be declared vacant.

Nominations are taken from the floor of the meeting but if you would like to join the Committee for the coming year please speak to a current Committee member to find out what the task involves.



Meetings: Anglican Church Hall, cnr Crocker & Cadell Streets, Goolwa
7.30 pm 2nd Friday of odd months
Outings: Meet 8.30 am. Bring lunch and a chair. See Events above.
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Hindmarsh Falls

Saturday 5 December

A pleasant sunny late afternoon saw 23 members meeting for the last outing of the year. We split into two groups before moving off to go either up to the falls or around the bush area.

A Sacred Kingfisher called loudly but was difficult to see. A male Golden Whistler was more obliging coming really close for us to admire his brilliant colours, and a Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo also showed himself allowing members to have a good look at his markings and colour.

Bird call was enjoyed after picnic tea on the grassed area with 33 species being the total seen.

An enjoyable ending to another good year of birding!

Ann Turner



Leafy shade at Hindmarsh Falls yielded some brilliant sightings and songs, as from this Grey Shrike-thrush.



Hindmarsh River

Friday 8 January

Our Twilight Walk just didn't happen this year. The day was extremely hot, and with the local temperature still above 30°C at 7.00 pm, the decision to abandon it proved a wise one.

VALE

Don Cornish 1922-2009

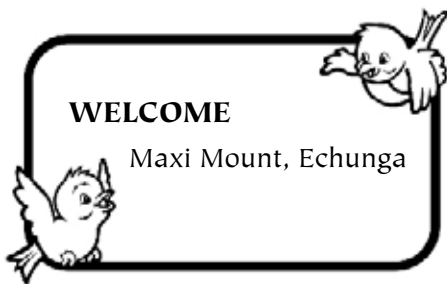
Long time members of Fleurieu Birdwatchers will remember Don. As a member in the early days of our group Don's expertise and contribution were sincerely valued.

In 1988, with his wife Jean, Don retired from their fruit block near Berri to Victor Harbor. An avid birdwatcher since childhood he was involved in many birding activities in the wider Riverland area.

For many years he had also been passionate about Australian flora and became involved in the early development of Nangawooka. Don and Jean developed a very innovative native garden around their home at Encounter Bay.

Don led our first Campout in 1996 to Danggali Conservation Park. Not only was his local knowledge invaluable but also his driving skill to get us back to civilisation after more than one inch of rain fell in a typical outback storm which brought a premature end to a camp well remembered by those who attended.

Judith Dyer



IF you get lucky and find a bird unusual to the area please let us know as soon as possible and we will alert other members via email as we did when this Ruff was reported at Goolwa.



An unusual visitor in December was this Ruff among the reeds by Barrage Road, Goolwa.

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