

**MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORNITHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION INC. HELD ON 26 APRIL 2022 IN CHARLES HAWKER ROOMS101/102 AT THE WAITE CAMPUS**

1. **OPENING:** The meeting was opened by the president, Steven Langley at 19:35 pm, who welcomed members to the new venue at the Waite Campus.
2. **APOLOGIES:** John Gitsham
3. **MINUTES:** Minutes of the meeting held 29 March 2022, a copy of which are located in the members area of the Birds SA website, were proposed for acceptance by Sue Winwood and seconded by Jeff Groves.

4. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**New State Environment Minister:** a letter written by Steven Langley to Susan Close, the new state environment minister, requesting a meeting to discuss driving on beaches and Monarto, had been acknowledged. It was suggested that any meeting also include the pastoral act and Whalers Way as topics for discussion. Steven said he would add them to the agenda.

**Location for Library:** Steven Langley advise that a new the location for the library was now urgent, stating that the library collection was worth around \$15,000 while storage of the books and bookcases was costing \$3,000 per year. Suggestions for a location included:

- WEA
- Adelaide City Council

**Minko Scrub:** Landcare Day is on Saturday 7 May 2022, in conjunction with Tress for Life and 20of the 25 places have been taken.

**Hindmarsh Tiers National Park:** Birds SA will be undertaking bird surveys and members who are interested in participating should contact Steven Langley.

5. **NEW MEMBERS:**

Julie Palmer	Meningie
Barbara Parker	North Haven
Nanou Carbourdin	Point Turton
Ann Nancarrow	Victor Harbour
Richard Irving	Netherby
Sue Brown	Coromandel Valley
Ian Radbone	Glenalta

6. **GUEST SPEAKER:** apologies were received from this month's guest speaker Ali Ben Kahn, who is unavailable due to COVID close contact rules.

Richard Woodland gave an excellent and interesting presentation of the birds found at the Clinton Conservation Park and an update of his regular surveys of shorebirds found along the coastal area there.

John Hatch thanked Richard for stepping in at short notice.

#### **7. CONSERVATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Jeff Groves presented an update on the activities of the sub-committee.

**Draft SA Recovery Plan for Ospreys and White Bellied Sea Eagles** a draft plan has been prepared and will be managed by DEW with significant input from Terry Dennis and Ian Falkenberg. The draft plan "Osprey Plan South Australia" can be found online and there will be an article in the next issue of the Birder.

**New Chairman** Jeff Groves advised that he was standing down as chairman of the Conservation sub-Committee, and that Ray Nias who has more than 30 years experience on conservation issues and a long association with Birds SA, will take over..

#### **8. RULES OF ASSOCIATION**

Jeff Groves stated that the current rules drawn up in 2006 were out of date in many areas and that new Rules have been drawn up. A draft set of new Rules were made available to members and have undergone several revisions following input and suggested from various members. Jeff stated that the Rules were now finalised and proposed these be put to the members for approval in the AGM to be held 31 May 2022, seconded by Steven Langley.

#### **9. FIELD TRIPS:**

Birds SA field trips up to end of June 2022 were on the Birds SA website.

The Easter camp out was a success despite around 15mm of rain on Easter Monday. A detailed report will appear on the website and the next issue of the Birder, however, notable species seen include

#### **10. BIRD CALL:**

Eastern Spinebills in increasing numbers in the Adelaide plains  
Short-tailed Shearwaters on SA beaches following strong winds from Tasmania  
Tree Martins in large numbers around the Adelaide Oval, Torrens & Leigh St in the city  
White-tailed Sea Eagles at Port Elliott  
Bush Stone Curlew heard at Victor Harbour  
Diamond Firetails x3 at Rockleigh  
Little Corellas - large flocks in Northern Suburbs  
Avocet with chicks at Lake Everard  
Yellow-faced Honeyeaters starting to turn up  
Grey Fantails at Bellvue Heights

**11. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Sophies Patch** Alan Burns gave a report on activities of the Birds SA stall at Sophie's Patch over Easter. Over \$1,000 worth of items were sold, many contacts with persons interested in Birds SA. Alan thanked all the Birds SA volunteers:

**AGM** a reminder that the AGM will be held 31 May 2022 and there still remains 3 positions on the Management Committee. If members wish to nominate for these positions they can submit them to the Secretary at [general@birdssa.asn.au](mailto:general@birdssa.asn.au) or [secretary@birdssa.asn.au](mailto:secretary@birdssa.asn.au).

**12. NEXT MEETING:** To be held along with the AGM on Tuesday, 31 May 2022, at the Waite Campus, Charles Hawker Building rooms 101/102.

**13. CLOSURE:** The meeting was closed at 21:35 pm.