

Meetings: Anglican Church Hall, Goolwa, begins 8.00pm.

Outings: Meet at 8.30 am. Bring lunch and chairs.

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Report on Meeting, 14th July 1955, Anglican Church Hall

There were 11 members present, with 5 apologies. We welcomed two visitors, Jan and Fred Bishop of Goolwa. Everyone enjoyed the move to our new quarters, which we found very comfortable and convenient.

We had a tantalising postcard of Judith and Bruce Dyer (and friend) frolicking in Edith Falls, and with a mouth-watering list of birds seen - 84 species so far in the Northern Territory.

Notice was given of the River Murray Water Resources meeting to be held on Weds, July 26th at 7pm in the Centennial Hall, Goolwa

Two videos were shown: 'Pelican Island' and 'Wetlands', both of which were judged excellent. They may now be borrowed from Goolwa Library.

Outings Reports.

Thurs, 15th June, Scott Conservation Park.

Cold but sunny weather tempted ten members to explore the boundaries between SCP and local farmland. Thirty species were counted, including Black-chinned, White-plumed and White-naped Honeyeaters, White-throated Treecreepers and White-browed Babblers. Most enjoyable was a noisy Golden Whistler, who we were quite sure put on a show just for us!

Sat, 15th July (SAOA Outing) Tolderol.

Twenty birdwatchers braved winter weather to see 46 species.

Sun, 16th July, Goolwa Wetlands.

The cold and windy weather resulted in a birdwatcher count of two! First the area of the proposed wetlands was looked at, and some Masked Lapwings were seen among the salt-bushes, with galahs flying over. The sewage ponds were more profitable, with 20 species seen, including large numbers of Black-fronted Plovers, one Horsefield's Bronze Cuckoo, several Hardheads (White-eyed Ducks), and Superb Fairy Wrens with a male bird showing signs of territory protection. From the ponds a tour was made to look at possible birding locations for the future.

Other Sightings.

Brown-headed Honeyeater (Victor Harbor - Rosalie), Musk Duck (Goolwa Barrage - Pat), White-eyed Ducks (Goolwa bird hide - Kit), 22 Wedge-tailed Eagles (Roxby Downs - Kate).

Notes From the Steering Committee, Sun 23rd July

We have committed our Club to providing a float for the CFS Parade on Sat, Dec 16th (followed by Carols by Candlelight). This promises to be an exciting affair for Goolwa and district, with more than 20 floats promised so far, lots of music, with Becky Cole and other well-known musicians, and a real opportunity to let the area know that we are here! The only idea to be hatched for our float so far is for a large 'nest' on a flat-top, inhabited by (vocal) 'birds' in suitable (and unsuitable) plumage. More ideas, volunteers, vehicle required. Let us make a star(t)ling debut!

We are hoping to arrange a bus tour across the Barrages, probably on Sun, Nov 12th. This date has to be confirmed and details arranged. At first, members only may sign up, as bus space may be limited, but others may be accepted later.

In preparation for our Penguin evening and walk (see below), a folder of information on Penguins, from National Parks and other sources, has been placed in the Information shelves just inside the doors of Goolwa Library. We would like to thank Trish Alderman and the library staff for their co-operation and help in our requests for information, videos and space.

For Your Diary

Friday, August 18th (Outing) Newland Head. Shelter, and gas barbecues are available. Please see map below.

Friday, Sept 8th (Meeting) Video on Penguins. An information folder has been placed in Goolwa library.

Saturday, Sept 9th (Outing) Guided evening Penguin walk, Granite Island . Cost: \$2 each. Meet other side of causeway at 7pm.

Thursday, Oct 5th (Outing) Mount Compass. Board-walk and Nankita area. Meet outside Mount Compass Deli.

How to get to Newland Head

Cape Jervis

Yankalilla

Dennis Road
(to Waitpinga)

Roundabout

Victor Harbor

Newland Head Conservation Park
Camp Ground (meet here)

Waitpinga Beach