

## SOUTH COAST BIRDWATCHERS. 10.2.95

The meeting opened at 8.03pm with eleven members present, and five apologies for absence, including the President of the SAOA, who wished us luck in our venture and offered support.

### **1. Correspondence**

- (1) To Council, to thank them for the use of the Old Police Station for our initial meeting, and to say that we are booking the room bi-monthly after March.  
(11) To Greg Lundstrom, Chair of the Riverine Environment Group, to express interest, and suggest our involvement in monitoring birds at the proposed Goolwa wetlands site (Byrnes Road area). We suggested sending a representative to the workshops on the project on May 7th and June 18th.

### **2. Steering Committee Report (Judith Dyer).**

Judith presented the report of the Steering Committee (20.1.95), and its recommendations were generally adopted, including the single membership fee of \$10, and the family membership fee of \$15. Discussion led to the following additions:  
General Management: Provision of refreshments at meetings: Pat Collins and Hazel Munslow kindly offered to share this task.

Meeting Format: It was noted that some birdwatchers have said that while they would attend field outings, they were not so interested in the indoor meetings. It was suggested by the meeting that some meetings and outings might be held close together, perhaps at weekends, in order to make the meetings appear more relevant to our primary activity of birdwatching.

### **3. Reports.**

#### **a) Scott Conservation Park (Feb 3rd.)**

Our first field outing was a great success; perfect weather, good company, and the following birds:

Brown Goshawk	Brown Treecreeper
Common Bronzewing	White-throated Treecreeper
Galah	New Holland Honeyeater
Mallee Ringneck Parrot	White-plumed Honeyeater
Purple-crowned Lorikeet	Crescent Honeyeater
Rainbow Lorikeet	Striated Pardalote
Musk Lorikeet	Spotted Pardalote
Adelaide Rosella	Red-browed Finch
Kookaburra	Magpie
Tree Martin	Little Raven
Willy Wagtail	
Scarlet Robin	
Jacky Winter	
Golden Whistler	
Grey Fantail	
Superb Blue Wren	

(Denzel has full records)

#### **b) Other sightings:**

Skein of Cape Barren Geese over Goolwa

Denzel reported the following:

Wandering Albatross skull (Feb 5, Middleton Beach)

Southern Emu Wrens (Myponga, and EWS reservoir, Hindmarsh Valley)

Great Egret (28 Jan, No 19 Beacon)

Baillon's Crake (15 Jan, Tolderol)

Black Kite (Yilki)

We had a discussion about what should be recorded. Denzel suggested that we note any interesting sightings, together with details of location, weather, etc. (He suggested that we keep a look-out for Fork-tailed Swifts, Bee-eaters and Cockatiels, at the moment). He is keeping our records in SAOA format, and will send them to the SAOA, keeping duplicates with our own records.

c) Goolwa Bird Hide, etc.

Low water seems to have encouraged feeding at the bird-hide. Spotted Crake, Lewin and Banded Rails, Japanese Snipe have been seen there, and Baillon's Crake at the effluent ponds. Cockatiels have been seen at Currency Creek and Finnis.

#### **4. Slides and Talk.**

Rosalie Sharpe showed us twenty birds that actually kept still so that we could see them! It was wonderful also to hear their songs, and we all appreciated Rosalie's talk. Thank you, Rosalie!

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

#### **For Your Diary.**

**Field Outings.**(Meet at 8.30am, bring lunch and chairs).

Sat, Feb 25th. Wader Trip, *Barrage to Beacon 19*. Leader: Denzel Murfet.

Sun, March 12. *Tolderol*. Leader Denzel Murfet

Fri, April 7th, *Hindmarsh Island*. Leader Kit Smith

Thurs, April 27th. *Currency Creek*, Winery Road.

Sat, May 13th. *Lion's Park*, Currency Creek. Leader Anna Markey

**Next Club Meeting.** (Doors open 7.30pm, meeting starts 8.00pm).

Fri March 10th. John Eckert and Denzel Murfet will talk about the history and birds of Tolderol, and on the migratory patterns of these and other local waders. This will be a follow-up to our *Barrage to Beacon 19* excursion, and will be a wonderful introduction for our Field Trip two days later!

The Steering Committee will meet to arrange further meetings - all suggestions very welcome.