

Toowoomba

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CONSTITUTION

Bird Club



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At the outset, on behalf of the club, I would like to thank Bill Jolly for his excellent work as President during the infancy of the Toowoomba Bird Club. Bill was instrumental in its formation and shouldered the heavy burden which the organisation of any such body entails. Now that a constitution has been adopted Bill has stepped down so that election of officers may take place. However, thanks to his early efforts the success of the club now seems assured. Many thanks, Bill.

With the recent sighting of a spotted harrier within the 10 km limit the club's Toowoomba list now stands at 151 species. Lets hope we can add to this.

Reg and Chris Eley and family have now moved to Amby. I expect the Toowoomba Bird Club can soon expect some interesting reports from our western members.

The last two outings have proved successful with some good sightings being made. The first to Flagstone Creek, led by Rod Hobson, and the second in the Oakey area, captained by Steve Temple Watts. Many more enjoyable outings are planned for the future with the possibility of camp outs and sea-bird trips. The venue will be decided after the club elections.

A copy of the adopted constitution of the Toowoomba Bird Club is attached to this news-sheet. Election of officers will take place at our May meeting.

Acting Editor,
Rod Hobson.

NEW TOOWOOMBA BIRDS.

- 151 Spotted harrier (*Circus assimilis*). 18.4.76. Hodgson Vale. Rod & Kennie Hobson.
Mature bird gliding lazily over fields quite close to ground level.
Appeared undisturbed by our interest.

MEMBERS' BIRD NOTES.

- Terek sandpiper. 29.3.76. Bells Creek Caloundra. Rod Hobson. Solitary bird feeding on mudflats.
- Australian coursor. 16.4.76. Nangwee. Rod & Kennie Hobson. 2 birds observed in flight near Nangwee railway siding.
- Little falcon. 14.4.76. Toowoomba. Rod Hobson. Solitary bird observed flying over central city area.
- White-eared honeyeater. 16.4.76. Burnett Waterholes - Stretchworth Forestry. Rod Hobson. Several of these birds noted in the company of white-plumed honeyeaters and yellow-faced honeyeaters.

FEBRUARY OUTING TO FLAGSTONE CREEK.

Despite indifferent weather conditions members on this outing on 15th February partook of a good day's birdwatching. The poor road conditions and flooded creek crossings had little effect on our enthusiasm and the party proceeded from Toowoomba, cnr. Stenner & Mackenzie Streets, to the foot of the Flagstone Creek - Toowoomba range. Here birdwatching began in earnest. At this juncture members were treated to the sighting of an azure kingfisher and a pair of wedge-tailed eagles.

After the morning's birdwatching we arrived at an area locally known as "The Channel" where we stopped for lunch. Here channel-billed cuckoos were in evidence and several members made their first acquaintance with this magnificent bird.

Afterwards we pushed on to the Irrigation & Water Supply dam near the Flagstone Creek school. En route a tawny grassbird crossed in front of our procession of cars whilst at the dam Ian Cowan drew our attention to a black bittern standing motionless in the shallows. Hardly had we time to focus on the bird than it took to wing and vanished among some half-submerged timber in the dam backwater. This was probably the most exciting sighting of the day.

Members appeared to have enjoyed the day and perhaps in the future another outing can be planned for this area.

Red Hobson.

Bird list - Flagstone Creek. 15.2.76.

Little black cormorant	Spine-tailed swift	Gr.-br. silvereye
Little pied cormorant	Azure kingfisher	Little friarbird
Little grebe	L. kookaburra	Noisy friarbird
White-necked heron	Sacred kingfisher	Noisy miner
White-faced heron	Dollar bird	Red-br. finch
Straw-necked ibis	Wh.-backed swallow	Banded finch
Black bittern	Welcome swallow	Zebra finch
Black duck	Tree martin	Chestnut-br. finch
Black-sh. kite	Fairy martin	House sparrow
Wedge-tailed eagle	Bl.-f. cuckoo-sh.	Starling
Nankeen kestrel	Wh.-w. triller(imm.)	Indian mynah
Dusky moorhen	G.-h. fan. warbler	Southern figbird
Swampphen	Tawny grassbird	Spangled drongo
Coot	Superb blue wren	Maggie lark
Spur-w. plover	Red-backed wren	Dusky wood-swallow
Domestic pigeon	Jacky winter	Pied currawong
Bar-sh. dove	Willie wagtail	Pied butcher-bird
Crested pigeon	Grey shrike-thrush	Grey butcher-bird
Galah	E. whipbird	Bl.-backed magpie
Pale-h. rosella	Mistletoe bird	Australian crow
Ch.-billed cuckoo	Bl.-h. pardalote	

MARCH OUTING TO OAKLEY. 14.3.76.

The outing to the Oakley district was almost cancelled because of the blustery wet weather, but as the bureau had stated "clearing later", the families Walter, Green and Temple Watts, along with Ian Cowan and our friends from Logan Reserve, the Reynolds, braved the earlier part of the day and really enjoyed good birding.

The highlights for the day were firstly, at Keong's lagoon, a wood sandpiper with two sharptailed and three marsh sandpipers.

Secondly, at Peter Ford's lagoon, we found a white-necked heron's nest with four almost fully grown young.

The lists are as follows, overleaf.

Steve Temple Watts.

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Bird list - Keongs Lagoon, Oakey. 14.3.76.

Little grebe	White-headed stilt
Hoary-headed grebe	Crested pigeon
White-faced heron	Cockatiel
White egret	Singing bushlark
Yellow-b. spoonbill	Tree martin
Plumed tree duck	Ground cuckoo-shrike
Black swan	G.-h. fan. warbler
Grey teal	Starling
Black duck	Indian mynah
Wood duck	Maggie lark
Blue-winged shoveller	Bl.-backed magpie
Nankeen kestrel	Australian crow
Marsh crake	
Swamphen	Sharp-tailed sandpiper
Coot	Wood sandpiper
Spur-winged plover	Marsh sandpiper
Red-kneed dotterel	
Bl.-fronted dotterel	

Bird list - Fords Lagoon, Oakey. 14.3.76.

Darter	Pale-h. rosella
Little p. cormorant	Red-r. parrot
Little grebe	L. kookaburra
White-necked heron	Tree martin
White-faced heron	Aust. pipit
Yellow-b. spoonbill	Willie wagtail
Black duck	Bl.-h. pardalote
Wood duck	Noisy miner
Black-sh. kite	House sparrow
Nankeen kestrel	Starling
Dusky moorhen	Indian mynah
Spur-winged plover	Maggie lark
Bar-shouldered dove	Pied butcher bird
Crested pigeon	Bl.-backed magpie
Galah	Australian crow
Cockatiel	

A PLEA.

Could members please help to make our news-sheet a success. Any contributions no matter how big or small gratefully accepted. It is your news-sheet so let's hear from you.

Acting Editor,
Rod Hobson.

MEETING FOR MAY, 1976.

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Monday, 12th May, 1976. 7.30 p.m. 8, Sir Street, Toowoomba.
(Rod & Kerrie Hobson).

A SUMMARY OF MEMBER'S SIGHTINGS IN TOOWOOMBA
FOR FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1976 IS ATTACHED.

TOOWOOMBA BIRD CLUB.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

TITLE:

The name of the organisation shall be "Toowoomba Bird Club".

AIMS:

- (a) To encourage the observation and study of the birds of the Toowoomba area.
- (b) Encouragement of the spirit of protection towards native birds and the environment.
- (c) To assist where possible in scientific research.
- (d) To publish the Toowoomba Bird Club News-sheet.

MEMBERSHIP:

- (a) There shall be no restriction on membership.
- (b) Members shall pay an annual subscription at a rate determined by the Executive and approved by a meeting of Members.
- (c) Such a subscription shall be due annually on 1st January.

MEMBERS' RIGHTS:

- (a) All members are entitled to be present at all annual, ordinary and special meetings. All such meetings shall be open to visitors.
- (b) All financial members shall be entitled to receive the Toowoomba Bird Club News-sheet.

OFFICERS:

- (a) Officers of the Toowoomba Bird Club shall be President, Secretary/Treasurer, Editor and Records Officer/Librarian and any other officer recommended by the Executive and determined by the Club at any meeting.
- (b) Affairs of the Club shall be controlled by an Executive consisting of all the elected officers.
The Executive shall meet monthly and shall have a quorum of three. Any Executive member absent without leave from three consecutive meetings shall, if the Executive so recommends to the Club and the Club approves, lose his seat.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- (a) Officers of the Club to be elected annually by a ballot of members at the Annual General Meeting. In the event of a vacancy occurring between elections, such vacancy shall be filled by the Executive. All officers are eligible for re-election.
- (b) Nominations for Officers signed by a member and accompanied by nominee's written consent to serve shall be delivered to the Secretary prior to Annual General Meeting.

DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE AND OFFICERS:

- (a) Duties of Executive shall be to draw up programmes for meetings and outings; generally to manage affairs of the Club.
- (b) President shall take chair and conduct all meetings of the Club or, in his absence the meeting shall elect a chairman.
- (c) Treasurer shall collect annual subscriptions, receive all moneys on account of the Club, deposit same in a Bank approved by the Executive, keep correct records of receipts and expenses and pay all claims against the Club when accounts have been passed by Executive for payment.
All cheques drawn on Club's account shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other member.
Financial Statement to be submitted at each monthly meeting and an audited statement to be submitted at Annual General Meeting.
- (d) Secretary shall attend meetings and take minutes of proceedings of the Club and Executive; make necessary arrangements of meetings; prepare agenda paper for meetings; conduct correspondence and generally to transact ordinary routine business.
- (e) The Editor is to prepare papers for publication and to be responsible for the issue of the News-sheet.

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MEETINGS:

- (a) Meetings to consist of Annual, Ordinary and Special.
- (b) Annual Meetings to be held in October, at which the report of the President and the Treasurer's audited Financial Statement for the preceding year shall be presented and the Officers for the ensuing year elected.
- (c) Ordinary Meetings to be held monthly; minutes of previous Ordinary Meeting to be confirmed by reference to appropriate News-sheet; correspondence read and outing arrangements finalised.
- (d) Special Meetings may be convened at any time by the Executive, either at their own instance or on the receipt of a requisition in writing setting forth in full the object of such meeting, and signed by not fewer than five members. On receipt of such requisition or when instructed by the Executive the Secretary shall give not less than fourteen days notice of the date and the object of the meeting, and the meeting shall be held within one month of the date of the requisition.
- (e) At an Ordinary Meeting six members, and at a Special Meeting, twelve members shall form a quorum.
- (f) The Club shall have power to appoint sub-committees and such appointees need not necessarily be members of the Club.

OUTINGS:

- (a) The Executive shall arrange a programme of outings which shall be held monthly as determined by the Executive.
- (b) A leader shall be appointed for each outing.
- (c) The leader shall be responsible for the preparation of a report on the activities of the outing; the report to be given to the Editor.

PUBLICATION:

The Toowoomba Bird Club News-sheet shall be published monthly and despatched to financial members. The Editor shall be responsible for receiving and editing all the material for publication. The following matters shall be published.

- (a) Names of all Officers.
- (b) Precis of business of previous meeting to be taken as minutes.
- (c) Details of next meeting.
- (d) Report of address at meeting.
- (e) Outing report.
- (f) Names and addresses of new members.
- (g) Details of next outing.
- (h) Any other items at Editor's discretion.

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION:

Constitution may be amended or added to at any meeting provided one month's notice of such amendment or addition has been given and published in the News-sheet.

TOOWOOMBA-BASED CHECKLIST.

Date Jan. March 1976
 Location: A) 10. km. away
 B)
 C)

	A	B	C
Aust. pelican			
Barter	/		
Black cormorant	/		
Little bl. cormorant	/		
Pied cormorant	/		
Little p. cormorant	/		
Little grebe	/		
Hoary-headed grebe			
Great crested grebe			
White-necked heron	/		
White-faced heron	/		
Cattle egret	/		
White egret	/		
Little egret			
Plumed egret			
Nankeen night heron			
Little bittern			
Jabiru			
White ibis	/		
Straw-necked ibis	/		
Glossy ibis	/		
Royal spoonbill	/		
Yellow-billed sp'bill	/		
Grass whist. duck	/		
Black swan			
Black duck	/		
Grey teal	/		
Chestnut teal			
Pink-eared duck			
White-eyed duck			
Wood duck	/		
Black-sh. kite	/		
Crested hawk	/		
Whistling eagle			
Grey goshawk			
Aust. goshawk			
Coll. sparrow-hawk			
Wedge-tailed eagle	/		
White-br. sea-eagle			
Spotted harrier			
Swamp harrier			
Osprey			
Black falcon			
Peregrine falcon			
Little falcon			
Nankeen kestrel	/		
Brown hawk	/		
Brush turkey			
Stubble quail	/		
Brown quail			
King quail			
Painted quail			
Little quail			
Tringa			
Banded landrail			
Dusky moorhen	/		
Swamphen	/		
Coot	/		
Lotus bird			
Spur-w. plover	/		
Banded plover	/		
Red-kneed dotterel			
Red-capped dotterel			
Bl. fr. dotterel			
White-headed stilt			
SOOTY TERN (DEAD)	/		
Wompoo pigeon			
Topknot pigeon			
White-headed pigeon			
Domestic pigeon	/		
Brown pigeon			
Spotted turtle-dove	/		
Bar-sh. dove	/		
Peaceful dove			
Green-winged pigeon			
Common bronzewing			
Crested pigeon	/		
SQUATTER PIGEON	/		
Rainbow lorikeet	/		
Scaly-br. lorikeet	/		
Musk lorikeet			
Little lorikeet	/		
Y.-t. black cockatoo			
Glossy bl. cockatoo			
R.-t. black cockatoo			
Sulph.cr. cockatoo			
Galah	/		
Cockatiel	/		
King parrot			
Crimson rosella			
Eastern rosella			
Pale-h. rosella	/		
Red-r. parrot	/		
Oriental cuckoo			
Pallid cuckoo	/		
Brush cuckoo	/		
Fan-tailed cuckoo	/		
Hors. bronze cuckoo			
Gold. bronze cuckoo			
Koel	/		
Ch. billed cuckoo	/		
Phasant coucal	/		
Powerful owl			
Barking owl			
Boobook owl	/		
Barn owl			
Tawny frogmouth	/		
Oriental nightjar			
Wh. throat. nightjar			
Sp.-tailed swift	/		
Fork-tailed swift			
Azure kingfisher	/		
L. kookaburra	/		
Forest kingfisher			
Sacred kingfisher	/		
Rainbow bee-eater			
Dollar bird	/		

Noisy pitta			
Singing bushlark			
Wh.-backed swallow	/		
Welcome swallow	/		
Tree martin	/		
Fairy martin	/		
Aust. pipit	/		
Gr. cuckoo-shrike			
Bl.-f. cuckoo-sh.	/		
Lit. cuckoo-shrike			
Cicada bird			
Wh.-winged triller	/		
Varied triller			
Aust. ground thrush			
Grey-cr. babbler	/		
G.-h. fan. warbler	/		
Tawny grassbird			
Reed warbler			
Brown songlark	/		
Rufous songlark	/		
Superb blue wren	/		
Variegated wren	/		
Red-backed wren	/		
Wh. thr. warbler	/		
Brown warbler			
Weebill			
Striated thornbill	/		
Little thornbill			
Brown thornbill	/		
Buff-r. thornbill			
Yellow-r. thornbill	/		
Wh.-br. scrub-wren	/		
Yellow-th. scrub-wren			
Large-b. scrub-wren			
Speckled warbler			
Jacky winter	/		
Rose robin			
S. yellow robin	/		
Grey fantail	/		
Rufous fantail	/		
Willie wagtail	/		
Leaden flycatcher			
Satin flycatcher			
Restless flycatcher	/		
Bl.-faced flycatcher	/		
Spec. flycatcher	/		
Golden whistler			
Rufous whistler	/		
Grey shrike-thrush	/		
Shrike-tit			
Eastern whipbird	/		

Wh.-headed sittella			
Brown tree-creeper			
Wh.-thr. tree-creeper			
Red-br. tree-creeper			
Mistletoe bird	/		
Spotted pardalote			
Black-h. pardalote	/		
Gr.-br. silvereye	/		
Brown honeyeater			
Scarlet honeyeater			
Lewin honeyeater	/		
Y.-faced honeyeater			
Wh.-eared honeyeater			
Y.-tufted honeyeater			
Wh.-naped honeyeater			
Blue-f. honeyeater	/		
Little friarbird	/		
Noisy friarbird	/		
Striped honeyeater	/		
Eastern spinebill			
Noisy miner	/		
Spiny-ch. honeyeater			
Little wattle-bird			
Red wattle-bird			
Red-browed finch	/		
Banded finch	/		
Zebra finch	/		
Plum-headed finch			
Chestnut-br. finch	/		
House sparrow	/		
Starling	/		
Indian mynah	/		
Olive-backed oriole			
Southern figbird	/		
Spangled drongo	/		
Magpie lark	/		
Wh.-breasted wood-sw.			
Masked wood-swallow			
White-browed wood-sw.			
Black-faced wood-sw.			
Dusky wood-swallow	/		
Pied currawong	/		
Pied butcher-bird	/		
Grey butcher-bird	/		
Black-backed magpie	/		
Regent bower-bird			
Satin bower-bird			
Australian raven			
Australian crow	/		