



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BIRDLIFE SHOALHAVEN COMMITTEE
ROB'S PLACE, 3 LOUISA GROVE, VINCENTIA
FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY, 2 - 4 PM**

1. Attendance and apologies

Present: Brett Davis, Karen Davis, Rob Dunn, Gary Brady, Chris Grounds, Mike Jefferis, Oisin Sweeney, Kim Touzel

Apologies: Yolande Cozijn

Rob welcomed Gary to his first meeting and said that was regrettably Kim's last meeting. It was confirmed that Mike would take over as Secretary from the AGM. National Office would need to be advised and changes made to receive the relevant BLS email contacts.

Action 1 – Rob, Brett & Mike to prepare paperwork for National Office and make BLS email changes to transfer role of Secretary from Kim to Mike.

2. Acceptance of the agenda – Accepted

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting - Approved

4. Business arising from the previous minutes

The following action items from previous meetings remained incomplete:

26 April meeting:

- Action 8 – Finalisation of Shoalhaven bird list. Rob to progress for further discussion. Likely to be progressed as part of the research project.
- Action 9 – Rob & Brett to send an email to supporters to invite them to become members – we agreed yesterday to do this ASAP, as one way to support bird conservation after the bushfires.

5. Updates and related issues

a. President's report

Rob thanked Brett for producing a great magazine featuring the bushfires in such a short time. This edition had even caught the attention of Stephen Garnett at Charles Darwin University. **Action 2** – Oisin to prepare article for the next BLS Magazine in April on best practice for urban developments to support birds.

The idea of an informal Birds & Beer Club based on a Sydney group was supported by everyone.

Action 3 – Rob, Oisin, Stan Brown and others to 'kick off' BirdLife Shoalhaven's Birds & Beer Club.

b. Conservation Officer report - refer paper sent by Chris

Action 4 – Chris to finalise Coastal Management Plan Scoping Report with Rob.

c. Secretary report - refer paper sent by Kim

d. Communications report - refer paper sent by Brett

Four new members had joined since the last meeting – Greg Thompson, Marg O'Shea, Alex Hilford, Gary Brady. However, several members have not renewed and so our membership is going backwards slightly. Rob agreed to discuss the process the National Office follows when subscriptions expire.

Action 5 – Rob to contact National Office on how/if they are contacted the seven BLS members whose membership expired on 31/12/19.

Action 6 – Brett to send email to seek more Facebook and Twitter editors.

Action 7 – Everyone to complete the two Monkey Surveys on the BirdLife web-site and magazine.

- e. **Treasurer report** - refer paper sent by Karen
These were the final figures for 2019 that had been forwarded to National Office. The Committee approved the report.
 - f. **Recent media, presentations & events** - No report in Yolande's absence.
The CO Report notes Chris's interview on Community Radio about the Shearwater migration.
 - g. **Birding activities updates** – Nothing of note to report.
6. **Upcoming events & meeting** – refer papers sent with the agenda
Rob advised that the arrangements were progressing well for both the AGM and Martine Maron event.
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Action 9 – Rob to invite all Councillors and media to the Martine Maron event. Mike to progress Welcome to Country.
Action 10 – Yolande to contact performers of the “Where Song Began” about giving a performance here.
Action 11 – Oisin to clarify his availability to attend the BirdLife network meeting in Melbourne on 21 & 22 May.
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Rob mentioned two other up-coming events and meetings – The Overwintering Project at JBMM from mid-April to June, following on from last Shorebirds exhibition by Kate Gorringer-Smith, details and potential BLS involvement TBC, and the BirdLife branch phone meeting on 8 May, which Rob cannot attend.
7. **BLS bushfire monitoring research project** - refer papers sent with the agenda
Gary provided an overview on the project. Rob also expanded on the wider BLS Bushfire Response Program.
Action 13 – Oisin to check with NPA on the availability of their remote sensing cameras and advise Gary.
Action 14 – Chris to draft letter to Council to highlight the need to protect all vegetation post-bushfires and to offer our support/input.
Action 15 – Gary with Rob to look at how best to identify/expand atlassers and sites to progress the bushfire research project.
8. **Bangalee Reserve signage** - refer papers sent with the agenda
Action 16 – Rob & Kim to work with Kerry Thompson at Council to finalise bird signage for the Bangalee Reserve.
9. **2020 Action Plan & achievement against the 2019 Action Plan** - refer papers sent with the agenda
Rob referred to the 2020 Action Plan that had previously been approved by the Committee and forwarded to National Office and the excellent achievements made against the 2019 Action Plan, which would be mentioned at the AGM.
10. **Next meeting** – Agreed as Fri 1 May, 2-4pm
Action 17 – Rob to confirm date and venue for next Committee meeting.
As this would be Kim's last Committee meeting, Rob closed up by thanking her for all her hard work as Secretary over the last three years.

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