



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BIRDLIFE SHOALHAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT 27 SEASONGOOD ROAD, WOLLAMIA
FRIDAY 28 JANUARY 2022, 2 - 4 PM**

1. Attendance and apologies

Present: Yolande Cozijn, Brett Davis, Rob Dunn, Emily Dyball, Phil Hendry, Mike Jefferis

Apologies: Karen Davis, Oisin Sweeney

Rob welcomed Emily Dyball and Sue Mitchell to their first Committee meeting. It was confirmed that Sue would take on the role of Bird Walk Co-ordinator, following Anne Reuter's resignation.

Mike Jefferis advised the meeting that he would be resigning from the Committee and his role of Secretary at the end of the meeting. Rob thanked him for his contribution over the past few years and highlighted that the link he provided to MUD Birders' activities was especially important. Phil agreed to take over the role of Secretary in an acting capacity.

2. Acceptance of the agenda – There was nothing to add.

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting –

The minutes of BLS Committee meeting on 5/11/21 were approved.

The minutes of the meeting, regarding changing the BLS bank account signatories and moving to direct bank transfers, had been approved by email. **Action 1** – Rob and Phil still need to register themselves as BLS bank account signatories at NAB.

4. Business arising from the previous minutes

The action items from the previous meetings were agreed as completed or cancelled, except for the following items, which will be carried forward:

- Action 1 from the 30/7/21 meeting – Phil advised that the exhibition at the Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens was in hand
- Action 6 from the 30/7/21 meeting – changes to the Conservation section of the web-site were still to be completed to make it in line with the new conservation policy.
- Action 9 from the 5/11/21 meeting – Rob to move forward with the agreed arrangements for the AGM.

5. Updates and related issues

a. President's report - refer comments sent with the agenda

b. Conservation Co-ordinator report

Emily gave an overview of the BLS Conservation goals and process document, that had been circulated before the meeting. This was approved in principle. **Action 2** - Everyone was asked to forward any detailed changes to the BLS Conservation goals and process to Emily for her to finalise the document.

Emily advised that Oisín had suggested, that it would be timely to meet with the Mayor and new Councillors to discuss BLS's conservation priorities and how Council can move these forward. This was agreed in principle. **Action 3** – Oisín and Emily to determine how best to raise BLS's conservation priorities with the Mayor and new Councillors and keep the Committee informed.

- c. **Secretary report** – Nothing to report.
 - d. **Communications report** – Brett gave an overview of recent changes he had made to expand the web-site content, including, an expanded home page, a page on arts and pop culture, a link to Red Bubble and lists of birds seen on walks.
 - e. **Treasurer report** – The income and expenditure for the year to 31 December 2021 was noted. While the purchase of ten binoculars had been approved, it had been decided to only buy five to see how much they are used. It was agreed to retain the current available funds until net costs of events and printing of new posters/brochures had been clarified.
 - f. **Recent media, presentations & events** – Yolande had done two radio interviews on shorebirds and Pied Oystercatchers on ABC Illawarra. A fuller media report was circulated after the meeting.
 - g. **Birding activities updates** – There was nothing to report re. OH&S issues on walks since the last meeting. Ways to expand on the BLS bird walk calendar and increase participation were discussed. It was agreed that Sue would look at ideas to move this forward ahead of the next BLS Magazine. **Action 4**
6. **Shoalhaven bird list, brochure and posters** - refer overview sent with the agenda
Brett provided an overview of the process followed to draw up the Shoalhaven bird list on the web-site. It was agreed that a small sub-committee should review options to publish the bird list, prepare a new 'birds for beginners' brochure, print Shoalhaven bird posters and make a recommendation to the Committee. Support from Council would also be explored. **Action 5** – Karen, Brett, Rob, Yolande
7. **AGM and other 2022 events** – refer overview sent with the agenda
Rob provided an overview of the current status of planning for the AGM and bird.
Rob would now attend the BIGnet meeting in Megalong Valley in March.
The meeting expressed interest in BLS running the Bird Haven Festival in October with Perrie Croshaw and Cathy Law taking a step back. However, it was agreed that this should only include bird talks and walks and not the large fair and music events that occurred in 2019. It was agreed that a sub-committee should look at how this might work and make a recommendation to the Committee before any commitment was made. **Action 6** – Phil, Rob, Yolande
It was agreed given COVID to hold off organising evening talks until attendance at the AGM was clarified.
8. **Action plan to raise the profile of the Jervis Bay KBA** – There had been no progress against the Jervis Bay KBA action plan since the last meeting.
9. **Progress against 2022 Action Plan** – Given it was still January, little progress had been made against the BLS 2022 Action Plan.
10. **Other business** – There was no other business.
11. **Next meeting** – The next meeting was set for Friday, 29 April, 2-4pm.

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

30 July 2021 meeting

Action 1 – Phil to continue to liaise with Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens exhibition in March-April and organize best approach for photo printing and hanging.

Action 6 – Brett to make relevant changes to the Conservation web-site, following changes to our approach to conservation projects, as outlined in the minutes.

5 November 2021 meeting

Action 9 – Rob to move forward with the agreed arrangements for the AGM.

28 January 2021 meeting

Action 1 – Rob and Phil to get registered as BLS bank account signatories at NAB.

Action 2 – Everyone to forward any changes to the draft BLS Conservation goals and process to Emily for her to finalise.

Action 3 – Oisin and Emily to determine how best to raise BLS's conservation priorities with the Mayor and new Councillors and keep the Committee informed.

Action 4 – Sue to review options to expand the BLS bird walk calendar, as well as how best to increase participation in the walks and move this forward ahead of the next BLS Magazine.

Action 5 – Karen, Brett, Rob and Yolande to review options and explore Council support to publish the Shoalhaven bird list, a 'birds for beginners' brochure and Shoalhaven bird posters and make a recommendation to the Committee.

Action 6 – Phil, Rob, Yolande to look at whether BLS should take over the Bird Haven Festival and what it would involve and make a recommendation to the full Committee.