



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BIRDLIFE SHOALHAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT 117 LORALYN AVE, St Georges Basin
FRIDAY 13 May 2022, 2 - 4 PM**

1. Attendance and apologies

Present: Yolande Cozijn, Brett Davis, Phil Hendry, Karen Davis

Apologies: Oisin Sweeney, Rob Dunn, Emily Dyball, Sue Mitchell.

Phil Chaired the meeting and thanked Emily for making herself available by phone if required.

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

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting –

The minutes of BLS Committee meeting on 28/01/22 were approved.

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 completed and had been successful, about 10 framed prints were sold, so we covered the costs. We are still waiting on the final statement from the Gardens and for the proceeds to be deposited.
- Action 6 from the 30/7/21 meeting – changes to the Conservation section of the web-site were 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. Completed.
- Action 1 from 28/01/22 meeting. Phil and Rob to get registered as BLS bank account signatories.
- Action 2 from 28/01/22 meeting. Complete
- Action 3 from 28/01/22 meeting. Oisin and Emily are still aiming to raise BLS priorities with the new Shoalhaven council.
- Action 4 from 28/01/22 meeting. Sue has progressed the birdwalk advertising issue. She has created an email list of interested members, with links to the birdwalk section of the website.
- Action 5 from 28/01/22 meeting. Karen, Brett, Rob and Yolande to review options and explore Council support to publish the various birdlists and brochures. Ongoing.
- Action 6 from 28/01/22 meeting. Phil, Rob and Yolande to lead BLS running of the Bird Haven Festival for 2022. BLS has agreed to run the BHF this year and planning is well underway.

5. Updates and related issues

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

b. Secretary report – Nothing to report. Phil had not accessed the Secretary's email account. Brett will arrange access for Phil.

- c. **Treasurer report** – Written report submitted prior to the meeting.
 - d. **Conservation Co-ordinator report.** Emily submitted a written report.
 - e. **Communications report** – Brett. Nothing significant to report.
 - f. **Media Report.** Yolande gave a talk to the Jervis Bay Garden Club attended by about 35 people and acquired 6 new email addresses for the supporters list.
 - g. **Bird Walks Update** – Sue was absent but the new Bird Walks communications via email with links to the website seem to be working well.
6. ***The Message of the Lyrebird* film.** Rob has arranged for a screening of the film at the Huskisson Cinema, details are in the agenda. The proposed limit to ticket sales to 120 in order to allow a more COVID-safe event was supported. The meeting decided that selling raffle tickets in addition to the cinema tickets could be viewed by some supporters as double dipping so we suggested dropping the raffle component. There was some consideration given to supporting Birdlife International's campaign to support Ukraine and Belarusian birding organisations. While this is a worthy campaign, the meeting concluded that it was beyond the remit of our charter of BLS and that the proceeds of the film night should go to support local projects. Many individual members may be happy to support the Ukraine appeal and we should use the occasion of the film night to address our supporters and direct them to the BirdLife International donation site.
7. **Bird Haven Festival.** The meeting noted the extensive progress made on the project largely by Rob with support from Phil and Yolande. It looks like a really good mix of events for birders of different levels of experience. In addition to the extensive actions required as detailed in the agenda papers, we need to provide an article to promotional material for the BirdLife Magazine and the BLS Newsletter. We should also prepare a flyer to hand out the Lyrebird film night. **Action 2 Rob and Brett to prepare Bird Haven Festival promotional materials for Birdlife magazine, BLS Newsletter and Flyer.**
8. **Action plan to raise the profile of the Jervis Bay KBA.**

	Action	Progress
1	Develop Walks information as walks profiles beyond Beecroft and BNP to include in the current website and any future brochure, e.g. White Sands-Scribbly Gum [JBNP], Hyams Heathland [JBNP]	No Progress
2	List and note separately in the "Conservation " section of the BLS web page as is Lake Wollumboola and Shoalhaven Heads	Done
3	Research the JBKBA to develop a KBA profile for use in any conservation or promotional actions related to the KBA, JBNP and BNP&G. (This might be similar to the Shoalhaven Heads Proposed KBA Discussion Paper.)	Karen has aggregated all the relevant material and put on the BLS website in the Google Doc form.
4	Communicate this to various partners and environmental interest groups who would include: Shoalhaven Council. esp. Environmental Services, NPWS, Booderee National Park & Gardens, Defence, National Parks Association, Shoalhaven Environment Alliance	No Progress

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Develop a PowerPoint presentation on file involving photos and maps so there is the potential to use in BLS presentations, submissions and community activities such as exhibitions 6 Undertake various actions which apply to other sites and KBA, such as bird signage 7 Seek media publicity and promotion of the KBA 8 Develop JBKBA Conservation Action Plan | <p>The material for a presentation is on the website as described in action item 3.</p> <p>No Progress</p> <p>After the Bird Fair.</p> <p>No progress</p> |
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9. Progress against 2022 Action Plan. Meeting reviewed the action plan and was satisfied that our current and planned activities are supporting our action plan.

10. Other business. Brett suggested that we establish a WhatsApp group to facilitate communication between the BLS Executive. All agreed that this was a good idea. **Action 3: Brett to set up and invite members to join.**

11. Next meeting – The next meeting was set for Friday, 29 July, 2-4pm.

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

28 January 2022 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 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.

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