



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BIRDLIFE SHOALHAVEN COMMITTEE  
HELD AT, SUE'S PLACE AT 133 WALMER ROAD, SANCTUARY POINT  
FRIDAY 22 JULY 2022, 2 - 4 PM**

**1. Attendance and apologies**

Present: Yolande Cozijn, Karen Davis, Rob Dunn, Emily Dyball, Phil Hendry, Sue Mitchell, Oisin Sweeney

Apologies: Brett Davis

- 2. Acceptance of the agenda** – University of Sydney fire research project and a Keep Jervis Bay Unspoilt workshop were added to the agenda, covered under the President's and Conservation Officer's Reports.

- 3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting** – The minutes of BLS Committee meeting on 13/5/22 were approved.

**4. Business arising from the previous minutes**

The action items from the previous meetings were agreed as completed or cancelled, except for Action 1 from the 28/1/22 meeting – Rob and Phil still needed to register themselves as BLS bank account signatories at NAB.

It was agreed that

- The publication of a Shoalhaven bird list and brochure would not be progressed due to lack of resources and the existing posters would be re-printed for sale at the Festival.
- The timing to be proactive with the new Councillors had passed with key issues now being progressed as required.

**5. Updates and related issues**

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

Rob gave an overview of the University of Sydney fire research project, which would deliver advice and guidelines for the protection of wildlife, livestock and pets after fire and other disasters. Gary Brady and Rob would meet with the researchers to provide BLS input in a workshop later in their year. No other resources would be required.

- b. Secretary report** – Nothing to report. Phil was now responding to emails to the BLS Secretary email account.

- c. Treasurer report** – The BLS financial report was submitted prior to the meeting showing a cash balance of \$9,986 as at 20/7/22.

**d. Conservation Co-ordinator report.**

Emily had discussed expanding the Jervis Bay NP with NSW NPA, who were looking at a number of new NP additions across the State. **Action 1** - Emily would liaise with NPA to try to have them focus on Jervis Bay NP.

**Action 2** - Oisin was unclear on the progress made by staff on preparing a paper for Council on the issue of the 45 degree rule and urban trees and would follow this up.  
While it appeared to be a very positive initiative, it was unclear on what would be the aims and format of the Keep Jervis Bay Unspoilt workshop on 2/8/22. Sue, Oisin and Rob planned to attend.

e. **Communications report** – No report.

f. **Media Report.** Yolande would give a talk at the Berry Arts Festival on 2/10/22.

g. **Bird Walks Update** – BLS bird walk numbers remained low, though the new process was working well.

6. **Bird Haven Festival** - Rob went through the key points in his paper sent with the agenda with the following issues covered:

- Yolande and Rob to look at items for shop at Festival and consider a shop at the Ulladulla event.
- Sue and Rob to finalise arrangements for the Huskisson bird walks.
- Agreed that opening addresses by Fiona Phillips and/or the Mayor was adequate.
- Phil and Rob to consider having a raffle at the Ulladulla event.
- Agreed that a final reminder to buy tickets for the Conference should be sent out to key members and supporters and a week later send out the link to our full list along with details to register for the other two events for beginners.
- Yolande and Rob to prepare media 'plan'.
- Emily to prepare key speaking points for Fiona Phillips and the Mayor closer to the event.
- Small, manageable team of volunteers agreed with Sue, Dan, Yolande, Stan, Emily, Oisin, Barb, Phil as the core team. All to get free tickets.
- Large posters to be used at all events.

The proposed establishment of a student grants program was discussed, drawing on BLS available funds. Other options, such as a bird hide or signage and a bird arts prize, were also discussed. **Action 3** - Rather than scope all options, it was agreed that Phil & Rob would first draft a grants program application form and guidelines, in order for the Committee to more fully consider a grants program.

7. **Action plan to raise the profile of the Jervis Bay KBA** – While raising the profile of the Jervis Bay KBA was a key issue, it was agreed that there were a lack of resources to give this a specific focus as a priority. It was agreed to not have this as a standing agenda item, but follow-up on opportunities as they arise.

8. **Progress against 2022 Action Plan.** The meeting was satisfied that our current and planned activities continued to be in line with our 2022 Action Plan.

9. **Other business** - None

10. **Next meeting** – The next meeting was set for Friday, 28 October 2022, 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.

### **22 July meeting**

**Action 1 - Action 1** - Emily to liaise with NPA to try to have them focus on additions to the Jervis Bay NP.

**Action 2** - Oisin to clarify the progress made by staff on preparing a paper for Council on the issue of the 45 degree rule and urban trees.

**Action 3** - Phil & Rob to draft student research grant application form and guidelines for comment by the Committee.