



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BIRDLIFE SHOALHAVEN COMMITTEE  
HELD AT JERVIS BAY MARITIME MUSEUM  
23 FEBRUARY, 2.30-3.30PM**

**1. Attendance and apologies**

Present: Yolande Cozijn, Brett Davis, Karen Davis, Rob Dunn, Phil Hendry, Sue Mitchell, Oisín Sweeney

Apologies: Emily Dyball

**2. Acceptance of the agenda - Agreed**

**3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting** – The minutes of the BLS Committee meeting on 19/11/22 were approved.

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

The action items from the previous meetings were agreed as completed, except for

**28 January 2022 meeting**

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

**22 July meeting**

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

**Action 5** - Oisín to assess how BLS could best work to strengthen Council's tree policy and the removal of the 45 degree rule.

**5. Updates and related issues**

**a. President's report**

Key updates since last meeting:

- Perrie Croshaw had advised that she and Cathy Law had decided not to continue with the Bird Haven Festival and had offered the brand to BLS. Rob told her that he saw no value in this and the Committee reaffirmed the plan of holding one-off speaker and film events as opportunities arose.
- A temporary display of the BLS bushfire photos was being shown currently in the Maritime Museum.
- Frances Bray had asked BLS to make a submission on the wind farms off of Shellharbour. She had been advised that this was not a BLS matter and we would referred this to BSNSW. This had already happened.
- Plans for a talk by Dr Martine Maron in Ulladulla on 29 April were progressing. **Action 1** – Rob to finalise plans and organize this event.

**b. Secretary report** – Phil had followed up on the access issues on the bird walk at Yatte Yattah and advised that NPWS had since mowed the path.

**c. Treasurer report** – the financials for the year to 31 December 2022 were in the AGM papers.

d. **Conservation Co-ordinator report** – Oisín had gone to a ‘meet the candidates’ form attended by Penny Sharpe MLC. The issue of zombie developments had been covered and Labor’s intention to re-commit to the National Parks Establishment Plan. However Oisín said the forum was not overly productive.

e. **Communications report** – Nothing of note to report.

f. **Media Report.** Yolande would be presenting to Probis Bomaderry in May.

g. **Bird Walks Update** – Sue advised that there were no incidents to report.

**6. Bird walks protocol and safety**

Sue’s paper on safety precautions for bird walks and the need to get more leaders was discussed:

- It was agreed that BLS walks would be advertised as members only, but the inclusion of non-members was at the leader’s discretion.
- BirdLife Australia bird walk guidelines would be reviewed by Sue to assess what changes needed to be made to BLS’s own bird walk procedures and documentation and action taken. **Action 2**
- This would include a review of the sign-on sheet and preamble and the need for first aid kits.

**7. Other business** - None

**8. Next meeting** – TBC

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