



**MINUTES OF BIRDLIFE SHOALHAVEN COMMITTEE MEETING  
AT BOODEREE NATIONAL PARK BOTANIC GARDENS  
ON 18 MAY 2023 AT 2PM**

**1. Attendance and apologies**

Present: Brett Davis, Karen Davis, Rob Dunn, Oisín Sweeney

Apologies: Yolande Cozijn, Phil Hendry, Sue Mitchell

**2. Acceptance of the agenda – Approved**

**3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting – Approved**

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

The action items from the previous meetings were agreed as completed, except for action 1 - 28 January 2022 meeting – Rob to get registered as BLS bank account signatories at NAB.

**5. Updates and related issues**

**a. President's report**

The issue of BLS taking on an expanded role to assist Frances Bray on maintaining surveys at Lake Wollumboola was discussed. It was agreed that in principle BLS should look to cover this, but that more information was needed before we commit. We would need to first understand whether this would involve the summer wardens' role and Little Tern surveys and how many months would surveys be required. **Action 1** - Rob to follow up with Phil Craven, Jessica Sharp at NPWS and Frances. **Action 2** - Rob agreed to do the KBA Guardian Easter Survey in the interim.

**b. Secretary report – no major issues**

**c. Communications report** – Brett outlined the transfer from Mailchimp to Campaign Monitor, which had been successful. He noted the continuing lack of information from Head Office about on who our members were.

**d. Treasurer report** – Karen had emailed the year-to-date financial report prior to the meeting. This showed about \$13k in the bank, though the \$4k student grant was still to be paid. Costs of the talk by Martine Maron of approx. \$500 will be covered by an expected donation of \$600. This would leave \$8k as untied, after allowing for a \$1k buffer. It was agreed that these funds should be retained until such time as a suitable project was identified.

**e. Conservation Co-ordinator report –**

- It was agreed that, following Emily's resignation, we would invite people to express interest in the position in the Magazine and look informally for suitable candidates. In the meantime, issues would be delegated to Committee members and other BLS members, if we have the resources to take them on.

- Oisín outlined his meeting with NPA's CEO, Gary Dunnett, and Warwick Pearce about possible extensions to the Jervis Bay NP. **Action 3** – Oisín to ask Wayne to contact Chris Grounds to make sure he is kept in the loop.
- **Action 4** - Oisín agreed to respond to Head Office about their request to raise the conservation of Swift Parrots with NSW Government. Oisín saw this as possibly a good reason to introduce BLS to Liza Butler.

**f. Media Report** – no update

**g. Bird Walks Update** – Confirmed there had been no OH&S incidents to report.

**6. Other business** – It was agreed that having a bird walk after meetings should happen in the future, whenever possible.

**7. Next meeting** – Friday 28 July – Phil to arrange venue.

### **ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

#### **28 January 2022 meeting**

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

#### **19 May meeting**

**Action 1** - Rob to follow up with Phil Craven, Jessica Sharp at NPWS and Frances to clarify the extent of what BLS would need to take on with regard to on-going surveys at Lake Wollumboola.

**Action 2** - Rob to do the Lake Wollumboola KBA Guardian Easter Survey.

**Action 3** – Oisín to ask Wayne to contact Chris Grounds to make sure he is kept in the loop on NPA's campaign on possible extensions to the Jervis Bay NP.

**Action 4** - Oisín to respond to Head Office about their request to raise the conservation of Swift Parrots with NSW Government and look at raising the issue with Liza Butler.