



**MINUTES OF THE BIRDLIFE SHOALHAVEN COMMITTEE MEETING  
AT PHIL'S PLACE, 12 CONJOLA STREET, ULLADULLA  
ON 11 AUGUST 2023 AT 2PM**

**1. Attendance and apologies –**

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

Apologies: 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

*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 regarding on-going surveys at Lake Wollumboola. *Closed*

**Update** – It had been confirmed that BLS's role would to just contribute to monthly surveys, and not part of the Little Terns or summer warden programs which would be an issue for NPWS.

**Action 1** – Need to line up potential surveyors and training with Phil.

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

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. *Closed*

Update – Oisín had talked to Head Office but still needed to line up a meeting with Liza Butler. **Action 2**

**5. Updates and related issues**

**a. President's report** - the final Bushfire Recovery Project report was released in July. Rob had given talks in Huskisson, Kangaroo Valley, Ulladulla and Manyana, a radio interview and press article since the report's release. Emails of thanks had been sent to surveyors, and several confirmed they would keep doing surveys at their sites. Project noted as a unique post-fire citizen science project and a great success.

**b. Secretary report** – nothing to report

**c. Treasurer report**

\$8,775 was the bank balance at the end of July, with the grant payment to University of Sydney now paid. A possible donation to support a second BLS Student Research Grant from proceeds of sales of the South Coast Islands book had been discussed with the authors. It was agreed that if this eventuated, we would have no issue in allocating the donation for this purpose. No other projects were identified to be funded by the untied funds currently on hand.

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

Refer action 2 above to line up meeting with Liza Butler, re. Swifties, cats, urban trees, Jervis Bay NP extension, urban trees.

Finding a replacement Conservation Officer for Emily was discussed. One potential candidate was discussed, but it was agreed to keep using personal contacts to find someone, rather than rush.

**e. Communications report –** Still had no BLS members list. **Action 3 –** Rob to email Head Office and get a list of simply name, email, suburb, postcode for members and regular givers.

**f. Media Report –** Yolande had given two talks to U3A and Bay and Basin Forum. A talk for Berry Rotary had been scheduled.

**g. Bird Walks Update –** no OH&S issues to report

**6. New project with Shoalhaven Landcare**

BLS involvement in this four-year project would be talks by Yolande in Kangaroo Valley focused on Glossies, Gang-gangs and Powerful Owls. Yolande would give the same talk to other community groups and for these it was approved to purchase 500 pamphlets for approx. \$500. SLA would purchase more for their own events. Receipt of funding for BLS from SLA was still to be clarified and the possibility of BLS members being able to attend KV talks. **Action 4 –** Yolande to contact SLA re. purchase of pamphlets, invites to talks and possible BLS funding.

**7. Review of BLS Bushfire Recovery Project –** refer President's Report

**8. BirdLife Shoalhaven posters & interest from Council –** Karen

Council had decided not to buy any posters. It was agreed that we would not buy any more ourselves and review the issue after we use up the sets of 15 currently on hand at events. If there was other interest, people should be directed to the JB Maritime Museum.

**9. Other business**

Plans for Bird Week from 16-22 October were discussed. These dates conflicted with MUD Birders trip to Griffiths, but a general plan of social gatherings at JB Brewery and Cupitt's and a birds for beginners event in Huskisson was discussed. **Action 5 –** Sue to flesh out a plan for Bird Week and come back to the Committee.

**10. Next meeting –** to be finalised

**Action items**

**Action 1 –** Rob to line up potential surveyors for surveys at Lake Wollumboola and put them in contact with Phil Craven.

**Action 2 -** Oisin to line up a meeting with Liza Butler re. Swifties, cats, urban trees, Jervis Bay NP extension, urban trees.

**Action 3 –** Rob to email Head Office to get a list of BLS Members and regular givers to show name, email, suburb, postcode for members and regular givers.

**Action 4 –** Yolande to contact SLA re. purchase of Glossies pamphlets, approval to invite BLS Members to KV talks and possible BLS funding from the project budget.

**Action 5 –** Sue to flesh out a plan for Bird Week and come back to the Committee.