



"To encourage the observation and study of birds in the Toowoomba area."

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Activities

Field Outings and Monthly Meeting - 4th Sunday of each month usually leave from Pigotts' car park at 7.30 am.

Camping trips, film and slide evenings.

News-Sheet

Published monthly, before the outing. Articles have a deadline of the last day of the month, and should be mailed to the Editor.

EDITORIAL

It's nice to be back. After an absence of two years from Club activities, I was pleased to accept nomination as Editor at the recent Annual General Meeting. Reading through issues of the News-sheet published since I was involved previously I must commend Lesley and Angela for their work. Ladies, you're a tough act to follow.

A full report of the A.G.M. appears in this issue, including the alteration to the Constitution. It is certainly gratifying that from a meeting of twelve members we could fill six Executive positions. The Executive is keen and enthusiastic and I'm sure that members who join in the various activities upcoming will have an interesting and enjoyable year of birding.

Ron Hopkinson

CLUB BRIEFS

Found at the October barbecue--- screw cup/top from stainless steel vacuum flask. Contact Lesley if you lost this.

Local moviemaker Bob Dorricott, who has entertained and educated this club with his excellent nature movies, recently was awarded the top nature film trophy at the 44th Australian International Film Festival. This came from competition against 60 other films from all parts of the world. This makes a hat trick for Bob as he has now won this award three years in succession. Nice one Bob.

Members who might be contemplating joining R.A.O.U. can obtain details of membership fees and benefits by contacting any member of the Executive.

The Heron Island bird week is on again soon. This is a real birding holiday and if you would like to know more contact Marilyn Jacobs.

AN IBIS IN TROUBLE

On Friday 16th August, I felt so sad when I saw a Straw-necked Ibis with a stick about 30 cm. long protruding from its side. I called the National Parks and Wildlife, but as soon as the Ranger approached the bird, it flew to a very unsteady perch on a TV antenna. The Ranger left instructions to look out for the Ibis, and that if it became weak, it might be catchable.

It was three days before I saw the Ibis again, weaving unsteadily from his perch on the antenna, the stick still in his side. Strangely enough, he seemed to be looking down on the Council employees cleaning out his favourite feeding spot in East Creek.

I too was sad to see the creek being cleaned out, as it had been a favourite spot for months for Ibis, White-faced Heron, Pacific Heron and many others that come and go. One can only pray that the stick in the unfortunate Ibis has dislodged itself.

Lyn Rowan

(Editorial Note: Lyn said that on 4th September she has spotted the Ibis but with no stick. Perhaps her prayer has been answered. One wonders how the stick got there. All too possible is the boy with a bow and arrow.)

A WESTERN EASTER

There is an uncanny magnetism about birding in south-western Queensland. Therefore, it was no surprise early Good Friday morning to find Terry Reis, Brian Foulis, Dave Gleeson and myself, crammed into Terry's Niva. Destination - Eulo- Thargomindah area, once again.

The West and the coveted Grey Falcon go hand in hand. Alas, it eluded us once again. We visited Colin and Margaret Vagg's property on the Eulo-Quilpie road following two sightings of this falcon by Colin. The Vaggs were marvellous hosts, and the meal of fresh prawns served with Colin's cocktail sauce was

A WESTERN EASTER c/td.

indeed novel when so far inland.

The Mulga boasts a wealth of parrots and we soon listed Bourke's, Mulga, Red-winged, Mallee Ringneck, Blue Bonnet, Budgerigar and Major Mitchell Cockatoos for the trip. However, hearts stopped and jaws dropped when it was discovered that Colin had last year seen Princess Parrots twice in the same area. Grey Falcons suddenly became second-rate. We visited the exact sites but needless to say we missed out. We hope any 'twitchers' reading this are suffering a similar agony to ours.

Trip highlight was the Spotted Nightjar, a new one for all. A single bird was spotted on a dam's edge and then on adjacent open ground.

Dave spent a morning photographic session in a hide on Dynevor Lakes. Water-birds were abundant with Freckled Duck being the most unusual. Crimson and Orange Chats, Chirruping Wedgebills and White-winged Wrens were seen around the lakes. Black-tailed Native Hens were prolific, even around the homesteads. Colin Vagg pointed out a vast tract of floodplain which had a forty centimetre tall grass cover until the Native Hens cleaned it up. Honeyeaters and Woodswallows were noticeably lacking. However we were lucky to see a White-fronted Honeyeater on the Vagg's property, a species apparently rare in Queensland.

The weather was glorious; the company great; the birding interesting (as always); the bread, cheddar, rice and salami-lousy; and the Thargo pub on Saturday-- heaven! Yes, we will return.

Other interesting sightings:

Square-tailed Kite	Ground Cuckoo-shrike	White-browed Treecreeper
Little Eagle	Hooded Robin	Spotted Bowerbird
Aust. Bustard	White-browed Babbler	White-browed Woodswallow
Red-necked Avocet	Hall's Babbler	Little Woodswallow
Fork-tailed Swift	Chestnut-crowned Babbler	Little Crow
Red-bckd Kingfisher	Splendid Fairy-wren	

Michael Atzeni

WATER BIRD HABITAT SURVEY

Now that work on the park is well under way it is time to begin a list of species using the area at present. It would be of value to prepare a sort of "pre-habitat" list for later comparison with lists which can be kept after work is completed and the area takes on its ultimate form.

To that end the Club has taken on the job and all members are welcome to take part. Not much work is involved; if you are near the area perhaps you could spend a little time noting the species present.

We would also be interested in historical records you may have. If you would like to help get in touch with Angela.

Ron Hopkinson

FIELD DAY REPORTS. BEGINNERS OUTING. TOD'S PROPERTY, RAMSAY. 15.09.85

Once again our Beginner's Outing proved to be very successful. The venue was delightful, Sofie and Hector Tod's property at Ramsay. They were very welcoming hosts, and on the bird walks Sofie kept us all informed about the work already accomplished, and their future plans for the property.

As we rambled along the creek, and later, up the gully, a number of small bush birds were sighted. The Red-backed Wrens displayed charmingly on fence wires and tree stump, the Sacred Kingfishers posed willingly, and the Striated Pardalotes came down from the high canopy to please us with their beautiful colouring, so difficult to distinguish way up among the leaves. We searched for the White-throated Gerygone (Warbler) but it was too cryptic for most of the party to see, having to be satisfied with listening to its enchanting song. How appropriate that its "bush name" is the Bush Canary.

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Not to be outdone the Peaceful Doves cooed incessantly. Those of the party that took a comfort stop at the house, were entertained by the pair of Zebra Finches building their nest in the hanging basket on the verandah, or the Willie Wagtails defending their nesting territory of the garden area around the house.

The windy weather wasn't totally suitable for birding, especially for beginners, however the Tods had cleared a beaut picnic spot in a sheltered bend of the creek, where both visitors and members whiled away lunchtime in pleasant conversation.

It was a most pleasurable outing of which to be leader because of the efforts of Sofie and Hector. To them- thank you very much for inviting us onto your property.

Lesley Beaton

Members present: Diana and Enid Beal, Lesley Beaton, Elaine and Ron Box, Joe Deuble, Gloria Glass, Marilyn Jacobs, Angela Kilmartin, Cath McGrath, Betty and Les Porter, Lyn Rowan, Ann and John Shore.

Visitors (a number of whom were members by the end of the day):
Merv Baxter, Bradley Drennan, Bob and Flo Hamilton, Donny, Lance and Rhonda Kahler, Kevin and Margaret McPhee, Nanette Rowland, Hector and Sofie Tod.

Species list:

Little Pied Cormorant	Laughing Kookaburra	White-throated Gerygone
Straw-necked Ibis	Sacred Kingfisher	Brown Thornbill
Pacific Black Duck	Welcome Swallow	Striated Thornbill
Black-shouldered Kite	Fairy Martin	Noisy Miner
Spotted Harrier	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	Striated Pardalote
Australian Kestrel	Rufous Whistler	Zebra Finch
Peaceful Dove	Leaden Flycatcher	Double-barrèd Finch
Galah	Grey Fantail	Common Starling
Rainbow Lorikeet	Willie Wagtail	Aust. Magpie-lark
Scaly-brstd. Lorikeet	Superb Fairy-wren	Pied Butcherbird
Cockatiel	Red-backed Fairy-wren	Australian Magpie
Pale-headed Rosella	White-browed Scrubwren	Pied Currawong
Red-rumped Parrot	Speckled Warbler	Torresian Crow

39 Species

R.A.O.U. CONGRESS & CAMPOUT - 27.09. - 04.10.85.

Queensland Ornithological Society deserves three hearty cheers for the organisation it put into hosting the Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union Congress and Campout. I thoroughly enjoyed myself for a whole week with listening, talking and thinking about, and watching birds.

It would have been good to see more Club members at the Congress. Some of you may have thought it would be too high-brow for amateur birdos. This was not so. The majority of papers proved to be very entertaining. Unfortunately I couldn't get to every session, but of the papers I did attend, it would be difficult to single any out for special mention, as so many were thoroughly absorbing.

On Sunday morning there were approximately fifty birdos keen to take advantage of the short outings organised by the Toowoomba Bird Club. Please read the separate reports on these.

R.A.O.U. CONGRESS AND CAMPOUT C/td.

The campout was a birdo's dream; faultless organisation, fine weather, excellent facilities, a great campsite on the Moonie River, friendly and co-operative hosts, pleasant company, a number of different habitats, and an abundance of birdlife.

There were several campout projects and activities that one could take part in. I became involved in the mist-netting and banding which I found fascinating, and the bird counts.

Because I haven't done much western birding, I "ticked" a number of new species. However these are not the only memories I'll have of the campout. Being surrounded by birdos with diverse interests, my knowledge and appreciation of birds and their behaviour has broadened. This will stay with me also.

Briefly, I'll share a few of my 'moments'. The flocks of hundreds of White-browed and Masked Woodswallows rising up in clouds were astounding; the male Splendid Fairy-wren which always displayed himself whenever birdos came searching for him; the nests of the Common Bronzewing, Jacky Winter, White-plumed honeyeater, Weebill and Splendid Fairy-wren; the evening campfire; my first sighting of a Crested Bellbird; a group of birdos stalking in the lignum for the elusive Black Honeyeater, some seeing it, others being "gripped off", eventually great views as it comes to the top of a small tree and sings, and sings and sings (if you can say its weak call is a song); the marvellous barbeque of spit-roasted lamb and all its trimmings put on by the Toowoomba Field Naturalists Club for all the campers, the station owners and station personnel (approx. 120 people!); banding a White-browed Woodswallow; seeing a Red-capped Robin in the hand; canoeing with John under the Fairy Martins' nests; the last afternoon when my parents, Peggie and Roy Beaton, and myself were birding in a good area near a Spotted Bowerbird's bower, suddenly two bowerbirds appeared and one hopped around in a clear area beside the overhanging branch that sheltered its bower, then to our amazement and delight, it went in front of its bower and displayed, showing its pink nape-crest.

It is my opinion that the success of the camp was largely due to the incredible organisational effort of John Walter (wearing his Q.C.S. cap) and congratulations have to go to him and his band of willing workers.

Overall, the 86th R.A.O.U. Congress and Campout was an enjoyable event and I am proud, that in our small way, the Toowoomba Bird Club was involved.

Lesley Beaton

R.A.O.U. REDWOOD OUTING. 29.09.85

The numbers for this outing had been limited to eighteen and that was the number that started out from Macgregor College carpark in good birding conditions compared to the very windy weather earlier in the week. The group consisted of people from New Zealand, Western Australia, Griffith, Lismore and Ainslie in New South Wales, Canberra and Brisbane.

The bird I most wanted the group to see was the male Regent Bowerbird. I felt it would be a spectacular sight for the overseas and interstate visitors. After scrambling down the creek to the fig tree where I knew they were feeding at the present, we had to wait for a while before the male deigned to show himself. When he did the views were good though very high. (I chose to ignore the aspersions being bandied around with regard to my uncle being a chiropractor.)

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He was in company with several females and/or immatures. Meanwhile some of the party had sightings of Eastern Whipbirds, White-throated Treecreeper, Grey Shrike-thrush, Olive-backed Oriole, White-browed and Large-billed Scrubwrens. We hoped to flush Wonga Pigeons and Emerald Doves but had no luck in that line.

A number of our bird migrants had not arrived which was quite late for this time of the year. The Rufous Fantails and Spectacled Flycatchers were there, and made themselves very visible.

The male Scarlet Honeyeaters, Eastern Yellow Robin and White-naped Honeyeaters showed off to please the crowd, the latter being in low canopy and easily seen, rather unusual for this species.

I guess the sight of the day for me and other members of the party was the Varied Sittellas. Julian Ford, the Western Australian of the group, had mentioned that he'd particularly like to see them. One of our keen sighted birdos spotted them as we came out of the lantana in the clearing before the path winds down to the creek. Interest centred on these small birds, especially when it was noted that they kept returning to the one area. After much searching a nest was found, to my wonderment, as it was so tiny that it could hardly be seen by the naked eye. It was a thrill, and a memory that will stay with me for a long time.

From the comments made to me that day, and to other Club members at the camp-out, the outing was regarded as an enjoyable excursion with the bonus of new sightings for some of the group.

Lesley Beaton

Species list:

Spotted Turtledove	Rufous Fantail	Lewin's Honeyeater
Brown Cuckoo-dove	Grey Fantail	White-naped Honeyeater
Peaceful Dove	Eastern Whipbird	Scarlet Honeyeater
Bar-shouldered Dove	Large-billed Scrubwren	Spotted Pardalote
Varied Triller	White-browed Scrubwren	Striated Pardalote
Eastern Yellow Robin	Brown Gerygone	Silvereye
Golden Whistler	White-throated Gerygone	Olive-backed Oriole
Rufous Whistler	Brown Thornbill	Regent Bowerbird
Grey Shrike-thrush	Varied Sittella	Pied Currawong
Spectacled Monarch	White-throated Treecreeper	Torresian Crow <u>30 species</u>

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OUTING - RAVENSBOURNE 27.10.85.

When I woke in the night I heard the rain. It was raining when we got up and continued through breakfast and preparing for the barbeque.

Undaunted we set forth to our meeting at Ravensbourne National Park. There we met Ron, Lesley and Angela. Ron provided us with hot drinks and then Lesley, Ron, Roy and I went through the rainforest but few birds were in evidence. Was it due to the ceaseless drip of the rain or Madam President's somewhat exotic garb? For over the usual jeans, T-shirt, etc had been added a jersey, borrowed cardigan (too large), a yellow anorak and to top it off, a gaudy heavy cotton tablecloth, first used as a burnous and later as a sarong.

We returned to the meeting place to find other brave members had joined us and that Angela had performed a miracle and found us a shelter in the grounds of the old Ravensbourne school. Seats, barbeque, even a table were there.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OUTING C/td.

Members stayed in shifts at the National Park to direct new arrivals to the new venue. Unfortunately Marilyn arrived five minutes after the last shift had moved out, so missed us.

In twos and threes, braving the rain and wind, members moved off to do a little birdo-ing. The barbeque was lit and steaks and sausages, etc cooked and consumed.

A raffle for a delightful book on birds, "The heritage of Australian Birds" was drawn by our youngest member Bradley Drennan, and won by John Ball. Diana also arranged and sold tickets for a Melbourne Cup Sweep.

The weather did not dampen our spirits and there was much laughter and chatter until we dispersed in the early afternoon.

Peggie Beaton

Members present: John Ball, Merv Baxter, Diana and Enid Beal, Lesley Beaton, Peggie and Roy Beaton, Frank and Nancy Belcher, Elaine and Ron Box, Bradley Drennan, Gloria Glass, Nancy and Ron Gooding, Ron Hopkinson, Angela Kilmartin, Rachel and Sue Muller, Lyn Rowan, Ann and John Shore.

Visitors: Terry Drennan. We especially welcomed Jane and Jim Corbin, past members who were present.

Apologies: Joe Deuble, Don Gaydon, Marilyn Jacobs, Rosamund Lavers, Neil and Helen McKilligan, Mike and Elizabeth Russell, Ian Venables, Ray and Audrey Viljoen, Cath McGrath.

Species list:

Australian Brush-turkey	Cicadabird	Brown Thornbill
Topknot Pigeon	Eastern Yellow Robin	Yellow Thornbill
Brown Cuckoo-dove	Jacky Winter	White-throated Treecreeper
Common Bronzewing	Golden Whistler	Lewin's Honeyeater
Wonga Pigeon	Rufous Whistler	Yellow-faced Honeyeater
Galah	Grey Shrike-thrush	Fuscous Honeyeater
Rainbow Lorikeet	Black-faced Monarch	White-naped Honeyeater
Scaly-brstd. Lorikeet	Leaden Flycatcher	Eastern Spinebill
Australian King Parrot	Rufous Fantail	Scarlet Honeyeater
Crimson Rosella	Grey Fantail	Spotted Pardalote
Pale-headed Rosella	Eastern Whipbird	Striated Pardalote
Common Koel	Superb Fairy-wren	Silvereye
Pheasant Coucal	Variegated Fairy-wren	Red-browed Firetail
Laughing Kookaburra	Red-backed Fairy-wren	Figbird
Sacred Kingfisher	Large-billed Scrubwren	Pied Butcherbird
Dollarbird	White-browed Scrubwren	Australian Magpie
Noisy Pitta	Brown Gerygone	Pied Currawong
Blk-faced Cuckoo-shrike	White-throated Gerygone	Torresian Crow

54 species

MEMBERS' BIRD NOTES

Australian Pelican 19.10.85 Withcott (3 flying S.W. over Range) AS. JS.
Magpie Goose 22.7.85 Tower Hill (small flock, re-introduced) JW. RW.
Australian Shelduck July '85. Western Victoria (small flocks) JW. RW.
Banded Stilt July '85. Central Victoria (large flock) JW. RW.
Yellow-tld. Black Cockatoo 15.10.85. North of Murphy's Ck. turnoff. AK.
16.10.85. Mt. Kynoch. AK.
20.10.85. Gilmour Crt. NB. FB.

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Clamorous Reed Warbler 29.10.85. Upper Flagstone Rd. AS.
30.10.85. Lockyer Creek, Helidon. REH.
Rufous Bristlebird 23.7.85. Loch Ard Gorge. JW. RW.
Plum-headed Finch Mid-October. Upper Flagstone. MJ. SP.

NB: Nancy Belcher. FB: Frank Belcher. REH: Ron Hopkinson. MJ: Marilyn Jacobs.
AK: Angela Kilmartin. SP: Sandy Pottinger. AS: Ann Shore. JS: John Shore.
JW: John Walter. RW: Ruth Walter.

N.B. The three sightings of the Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos are very exciting as Lesley and John are the only other members to see them in our local study area. Now we will be able to contribute to the YFBC Survey. Any other members who have sightings, would you please contact me?

Angela Kilmartin. Records.

Apology:- To Sofie Tod and Bradley Drennan, I apologise for misspelling your names in our last issue.

Angela Kilmartin. Ex Editor.

I would also like to congratulate Bradley (our youngest member) on his positive identification of a Large-billed Scrubwren at Ravensbourne last Sunday (27.10.85). Keep up the good work, Bradley.

Angela Kilmartin. Records.

FIELD DAY FOR NOVEMBER

Date: Sunday, November 24, 1985

Place: Nancy and Ron Gooding's property, Killarney district.

Assembly Point: Albion Street traffic lights (first set of traffic lights on New England Highway) in WARWICK.

Time: 8.15 am.

Leaders: Nancy and Ron Gooding (phone 644 231)

DECEMBER: FILM EVENING AND BREAK-UP.

Date: Tuesday, December 10, 1985

Place: Toowoomba Education Centre, Baker Street

Time: 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start

Films: "Migratory Birds in Korea"

"Fairy Penguins"

"Kingfisher"

MOVING ON

We regret to advise that member Gloria Glass has moved to Caboolture. Gloria has been an active and helpful member and we will miss her. She will continue her membership, however and hopefully the distance can be bridged from time to time. Good Birding, Gloria.

NEW MEMBER

The Club is pleased to welcome back:

Ron Hopkinson, 50 Bass Street, Toowoomba.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1985

The meeting was opened by the President, Marilyn Jacobs, who welcomed twelve members to her home, 21 Sylvan Court at 7.40 pm.

1. Apologies for Absence John Ball, Enid Beal, Peggie & Roy Beaton, Dean Collins, Joe Deuble, Bob & Flo Hamilton, Cath McGrath, Sue Muller, Lyn Rowan, Ann & John Shore, Audrey & Ray Viljoen, Lorraine Wilson.

It was noted that the Executive were disappointed that the Secretary/Treasurer, Ann Shore was absent and that she would feel the same way. Only illness would allow Ann to miss a meeting.

2. Minutes of the last A.G.M. These were taken as read from the November 1984 News-sheet No. 107; moved by Lesley Beaton, seconded by Angela Kilmartin.

3. Correspondence Joe Deuble, a letter of well-wishes for the A.G.M.

4. Business Arising Waterbird Habitat - report by Marilyn Jacobs. Work has already started on the habitat; John Swarbick has pin-pointed areas and trees to be left; there's a display of a model of the habitat and pictures by Ray Viljoen at the City Hall which will later move to the Heritage Building; a fence to surround the area has been approved.

5. Officers' Reports

President's Report

This, our 10th year as an established club, has indeed been a busy and a most productive year. Last October, we took over the organization of the annual G.O.S. Bird Count for area 10, that area including Ravensbourne National Park, Gatton, Mt. Sylvia and Penthill areas, Laidley, Bulgowie area, Dyer's Lagoon and Lake Clarendon. Thanks go to the other 8 members - Angela, Gloria, Lesley, Vera, Sandy, Ann, Jim and Jane, and to Jan Veacock who took part in this count.

The Toowoomba Bird Club again had a successful stall in the South Toowoomba Rotary Club's Hobby and Craft Show in February. Twelve members, Don, Dean, Gloria, Angela, Lesley, Ron, Vera, Roy and Peggy, Lyn, Walter and I helped man the stall over the three day show. Another film evening was held in March and one is scheduled for December. Our participation in the World Environment day was curtailed by rain in June, but we had a very successful beginner's outing in September at the Todd's property at Ramsey.

At the RAOU Congress held in September at the DPIAB, 41 delegates from all parts of Australia and New Zealand enjoyed three outings led by Lesley Beaton, Don Gaydon and myself. Thanks to Ann for her help also. Several club members attended the Congress and also the campout organized by club member John Walter.

I have attended all meetings of the Bicentennial Waterbird Habitat committee and some work has started already. This is a very exciting project for the city of Toowoomba and will certainly involve our club as it takes shape. I have had the pleasure of working with a very fine executive group again this year. To Don Gaydon who is not standing for Records Officer again, thanks for a job well done. Ann Shore has again (and she is the longest standing exec. member) done a marvelous job as both Secretary and Treasurer.

Angela Kilmartin has been a very competent Editor and Lesley Beaton has put the Library in excellent order. Thank-you all for a fine year! I will be stepping down as President, and I thank all club members for their support during the past three years. I have enjoyed my time, even though it has been a busy period.

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T.B.C. TREASURER'S REPORT 1985.

Although our membership numbers are very similar to those of last year, having lost some and gained others over the months, our balance at the end of the financial year is up on that of 1984. That this is not just a figment of my ever-hopeful imagination has been verified by our auditor, Laurie Atzeni, who has again very kindly checked my book-keeping.

My grateful thanks to fellow executive members Marilyn, Lesley, Angela and Don for all their support and help and for travelling down the Range to meetings at Shorelands. An especially big thank you to Marilyn, whom we are most sorry to lose as President, and to Don who is also stepping down.

ANN SHORE

T.B.C. Accounts 1984 - 85

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>
Opening balance as at 9.10.84		133.68
Membership subscriptions (40 @ \$8 & 3 @ \$4)		332.00
Donations		18.00
Proceeds from sale of carry-bags		32.00
" " raffle		6.80
Bus trip fees		109.50
Bank interest		5.82
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Printing	144.15	
Postage & mail box rental	116.10	
Stationery	18.05	
Hobby 'n' Craft Show Display fee	12.50	
Subscription to T.E.C.	25.00	
Hire of mini-bus	110.00	
Miscellaneous	3.35	
Federal Govt. Tax	2.15	
	431.30	637.80
Less expenditure		431.30
Balance as per audited statement 5.9.85		206.50
 Income 5.9.85 - 9.10.85		
		60.00
 Expenditure 5.9.85 - 9.10.85		
	82.40	
Less expenditure		266.50
Balance of account 9.10.85		184.10

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Since receiving Ron Colpus' small library on his death in 1984, there has been an upsurge of interest in the borrowing of library items. Having a selection of the library available at the monthly outings has proved to be very successful. The Field Guides are quite popular, particularly with new members. The "Wildlife Australia" and "Birds" magazines are read by a number of members as soon as they're received. Overall, for a very small library, there is a pleasing amount of usage.

EDITOR'S REPORT

In this our tenth year, I have come to realise just how important the News-sheet is to our Club. It is in some cases our only means of communication with some of our members, and in this I feel we have succeeded.

Since November 1984, 17 people have written 43 reports and articles, and they are to be congratulated. Keep up the good work !

To the two typists, Gloria and Lorraine, thank you. Without your help the News-sheet would never have come out.

My thanks to Lesley for acting as editor while I was in hospital. Thanks also to the Executive and members for all your help and encouragement throughout the year. I have enjoyed my year as editor, and can recommend it to any member. Try it, you could be pleased you did.

Angela Kilmartin

RECORD OFFICER'S REPORT 1985

1985, my first year as Records Officer, has been a good steady year for records, without being too dazzling or too complacent. The total number of new species so far amounts to the glorified number of one, namely the Budgerigar. Actually, the occurrence of the Budgerigar, as well as two or three other unusual species, has led to the most interesting facet of the 1985 Records year, that being the movement further east of some of the dry-country based birds such as Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater and Red-capped Robin.

These species arrive in our area as a direct result of fairly dry conditions out west. The extent to which Red-capped Robins, for example, move east during any year bears a direct relationship to the conditions westward. This bird does tend to move eastward during the winter, but how far east they actually go really depends upon their food supply. In other words, if conditions tend to be drier in the west, then the Red-capped Robins tend to find themselves moving slightly further east than usual to find adequate food and conditions. Hence, in the 1985 winter, they turned up here.

So naturally I call it satisfying to correlate dry weather in the west with the occurrence of birds like Red-capped Robins, Spiny-cheeked Honeyeaters and Budgerigars in Toowoomba.

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RECORD OFFICER'S REPORT C/td.

Apart from that, the standard Toowoomba bird records have shown up this year with no exceptions and so really the year hasn't been too bad, although there hasn't been a real surge of new species!

The S.S.S. records for 1985 are proceeding well so far and will be complete, for everyone to survey, at the end of this month, probably in next month's News-sheet.

I have compiled for your amusement a list of some of the birds which I believe could possibly turn up on our Toowoomba list some day. After hearing this list you may call me optimistic, or you just may call me a downright comedian. None-the-less here they are:

Spotted Crake
Bush Stone-Curlew
Brolga
Little Whimbrel
Greenshank
Black-tailed Godwit
Swift Parrot

Western Warbler
Regent Honeyeater
Yellow-tufted Honeyeater
Black-chinned Honeyeater
Painted Honeyeater
Diamond Firetail
Black-throated Finch
Forest Kingfisher

Our present list stands at 242, by the way.

To finish off, I'd like to thank all members who send me their monthly checklists. Obviously records would not exist without you.

Secondly, due to the fact that I am not renominating for the position of Records Officer, I would like to thank the Club as a whole and particularly Marilyn, Ann, Lesley and Angela for having me on the executive. It really has been a good experience. It is unfortunate that due to my workload I am not able to continue. I am definately not disassociating myself from the Club, merely reverting to a humble member.

Lastly, from what I've learnt of the Club's operation during the year, I'd like to say that the Club really is in good hands and let us hope that the Club is still prospering like this in another ten years.

Don Gaydon

6. Special Business A motion was proposed to change the constitution as follows:-

Original clause,

"Officers:

a) Officers of the Toowoomba Bird Club shall be President, Secretary/Treasurer, Editor and Records Officer/Librarian and any other officer recommended by the Executive and determined by the Club at any meeting."

New clause,

"Officers:

a) That officers of the Toowoomba Bird Club should consist of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Records officer, and Librarian or any other office, or any combination of the above offices, deemed workable by the Executive at any meeting."

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It was noted that according to the constitution this motion should have been announced in the newsletter a month prior to the A.G.M. This was discussed and agreed upon that as the Club was fairly informal and that a number of Executive Committees had already been 'unconstitutional', that it would be acceptable to vote on the motion at this A.G.M. Moved by Angela Kilmartin, seconded by Gloria Glass, adopted unanimously.

7. Election of Officers As there was only one nomination for each of the following nominations, each one was declared elected.

President - Lesley Beaton, nominated by Marilyn Jacobs.

Secretary - Ann Shore, nominated by Don Gaydon.

Treasurer - Diana Beal, nominated by Gloria Glass.

Records Officer - Angale Kilmartin, nominated by Gloria Glass.

Editor - Ron Hopkinson, nominated by Marilyn Jacobs.

There were no nominations for the office of Librarian so this was left vacant at present.

8. Vote of thanks for outgoing Executive - given by Ron Box.

9. General Business a) 10th Anniversary Celebrations - report by Lesley Beaton. Reminder of the special outing and B.Y.O. barbeque lunch at the top picnic grounds of Ravensbourne National Park on Sunday, October 27. Display at Toowoomba City Library from October 11 - 19 in conjunction with Bird Week, October 21 - 27.

b) Subscriptions It was suggested that a joining fee be introduced. Moved by Lesley Beaton, seconded by Marilyn Jacobs, defeated.

c) R.A.O.U. Calendars Lesley thought it would be a good idea if the Club ordered some R.A.O.U. calendars to sell as a fund-raising venture. An informal count of those interested in buying any found that twenty would be needed. Moved by Lesley Beaton, seconded by Ron Hopkinson, adopted.

Secretary to order 20 calendars from R.A.O.U.

d) Q.O.S. Bird Count Marilyn spoke briefly, suggesting that those members involved in the count see her during supper.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm, whereupon supper was partaken followed by an enjoyable slide presentation by Don Seton, N.P.& W.S., which attracted much interest and discussion.

During supper, Nancy Belcher offered to take the position of Librarian. This was accepted with alacrity by all present.

Many thanks to Marilyn and Sandy for their hospitality.