



Annual General Meeting 2017-18

Wednesday 10 October 2018

Canberra Girls Grammar School, Deakin

Minutes

The meeting started at 7.35 pm

Opening

The President welcomed all present at the Annual General Meeting of the Canberra Ornithologists Group for 2017-18.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Alison Russell-French, Mark Clayton and Jean Casburn.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

Jack Holland moved that the minutes be accepted. Seconded: Lia Battisson.

President's Report

A copy of the report is attached. In summary:

General

Neil Hermes thanked Sandra Henderson, Ryu Callaway, Kay Hahne and Philip Veerman who had contributed to COG's activities over the past year.

He also acknowledged two COG members who received awards this year.

Ian Fraser OAM Australia Day
Alison Russell-French OAM Queen's Birthday

Gang-gang Newsletter

Hard-copy of the Gang-gang newsletter to cease from 1 July 2018. Gang-gang will continue to be available on the COG website, as a colour pdf that can be downloaded and printed.

Committee

Neil stated that COG had been well served by an enthusiastic and dedicated committee and thanked them for their contributions. He also thanked retiring members Lia Battisson and Sue Lashko who had contributed 28 years between them.

Updated Annotated Checklist of the Birds of the ACT

Updated Annotated Checklist of the Birds of the ACT – November 2017 COG's Annotated Checklist of the Birds of the ACT was updated in November 2017, under the authority of the Committee of COG.

COG Membership

COG Membership stands at 447 members which includes family memberships counted as 2 and 2 organizational members.

Steve Wilson Award The Steve Wilson Award was not presented. The panel will meet and present the award at the next members' meeting in November.

Conservation. Jenny Bounds was thanked for her work as the Conservation Officer.

Surveys. The COG members who participated in bird survey were acknowledged.

Website. Julian Robinson was thanked for his ongoing efforts in maintaining the website.

Records Management. The Records Management Team and the Rarities Committee were acknowledged for their essential support of the COG database.

Outings. Sue Lashko was thanked for her organizing the field trips program and other COG members who led outings.

Canberra Bird Notes. Michael Lenz, was thanked as Editor of CBN and Paul Fennell and Steve Wallace for their work on the Annual Bird Report.

Monthly Meetings. Jack Holland has continued to provide interesting speakers for the COG monthly meetings and Sandra Henderson has provided raffle prizes and sold tickets.

CanberraBirds email announcement and discussion list.

The list managed by David McDonald, continues to provide a useful forum for people to discuss birds in the Canberra Region. At the end of the year there had been 324 subscribers.

Canberra Birds Conservation Fund (CBCF). The work of the CBCF was acknowledged.

Conclusion. All the COG members who had contributed over the year to COG in many ways were thanked.

Adoption of President's Report

John Brannan proposed and Steve Read seconded the acceptance of the Report by the President.

Presentation of Annual Statements of Accounts

Lia Battisson presented the audited Financial reports.

Lia Battisson moved that the financial reports be accepted. Seconded: Anthony Nicholls.

Appointment of Auditor for the next financial year

Neil Hermes moved that Rod Griffiths be appointed auditor for the 2017-2018 financial year.

Seconded: Jenny Bounds

Public Officer

Jack Holland has offered to act as Public Officer

Election of office bearers for 2018-2019

Jack Holland acted as returning officer and the following were elected unopposed:

President: Neil Hermes

Vice-President: Steve Read

Treasurer: Prue Watters

Secretary: Bill Graham

Ordinary committee members: Jenny Bounds, Paul Fennell, David McDonald, Anthony Nicholls and Chris Davey were welcomed as new members of the committee.

Other matters for which notice has been given

There were no other matters

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm