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## Objectives

To facilitate and promote the knowledge of natural history, and to encourage the preservation and protection of the Australian natural environment, especially that of the Murrumbidgee River Valley

**Caladenia  
concinna - One  
species of  
terrestrial  
orchid found  
commonly at  
Narrandera  
Photo by Nella  
Smith**



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**If you only walk on the sunny days,  
You'll never reach your destination.  
Paulo Coelho**

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**FIELD TRIPS** NORMALLY TAKE PLACE ON THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND.

INTENDING NEW MEMBERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS WELCOME.

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## Welcome to the October issue

Rowena Whiting our long-suffering newsletter editor has gone on an extended holiday. She often revolves her other activities around newsletter writing which takes up one weekend and the scheduled field trip the following weekend. So I offered to do a very much abridged newsletter with only the bones included. I hope you miss Rowena a lot, wish her well on her holiday and encourage her to come back soon. Nella Smith

PS Dionee Russell has also helped with this edition of the newsletter. Meanwhile, enjoy the read.

## Twitchathon 29-30<sup>th</sup> October 2022

BIGnet have been organising the annual twitchathon for the past 2 years. The event is a lot of fun and a steep learning curve for anyone interested in birds especially if you are with an experienced birder. It would be good if we could gather at least one team in each town. The event is a fundraiser to support research for Gang Gang Cockatoos. Please participate if you can or make a donation. Further details are on the Twitchathon website (below) as sent by Elizabeth Karplus from BIGnet.

I have included the rules for the 12-hour race to give you an idea of what you are committing yourself to. And don't forget **the Birdathon** race which is only 3 hours.

The 2022 NSW and ACT Twitchathon will take place on the weekend of October 29-30, 2022. There will be only one Twitchathon weekend this year. The rules for the 30 hr and 3 hr Twitchathons are unchanged from 2021. The 8-hour Twitchathon has been replaced by a 12-hour Twitchathon this year.

Last year there were 34 teams in the twitchathon across the ACT and NSW – 8 in the 30-hour Twitch, 22 in the 8 hour Twitchathon and 4 in the 3 hour Birdathon.

Please look at the Twitchathon website (<http://www.twitch24nsw.org/>) for information about the research project on Gang Gang Cockatoos to be supported by the 2022 Twitchathon and the methods available for making donations. We are encouraging people to donate by direct transfer into the BIGnet account rather than by Raisely because the Twitchathon loses significant amounts of the donations in credit card fees if Raisely is used.

There are some MFN already organizing their teams to participate. The 29<sup>th</sup> October seems to be the preferred date. Don't forget that your entry is due by the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

Consider posting information about your teams on the Twitchathon 2022 FACEBOOK page.

## NSW & ACT 2022 Twitchathon 12 HOUR “Champagne” RULES

Brought to you by BIGnet, A Loose Affiliation of NSW & ACT  
Birdwatching Clubs and Organisations

1. Teams must consist of two or more members.
2. All species must be unquestionably identified.
3. Each champagne Event must be confined to NSW and the ACT, with no air travel allowed.
4. All team members must remain within direct voice contact throughout the Champagne Event. The use of mobile phones, walkie talkies and similar devices for this purpose is considered indirect voice contact and is not permitted.
5. Teams must make every effort to avoid receiving bird-finding help from non-participants.
6. Before a species may be counted, an individual, pair or flock must be identified by sight or sound by **more than 50%** of team members or **by both team members if the team has only two members**.
7. Teams may choose to include a lunch break, which pauses the 12 hour block for **exactly 1 hour**, during which no birds may be counted, and no travel or transportation is allowed.



***The Twitchathon Champagne Event relies on an honour system. You must be 100% sure of the identification of each bird. If you are not sure, don't put it on the list.***

**TIMING.** All Champagne Event must be within **a single 13 hour period (if a lunch break is taken), or one single 12 hour block if not choosing to have a lunch break, some time on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October.** As noted in point 7 above, birds may not be counted during the lunch break.

During registration, your team will be required to nominate a race date, an approximate start time, and approximate start and end locations. Once your team chooses to begin the race period, it may not be paused or restarted. Please use the species list provided. Your team's final tally must be sent by text or e-mail only, to the Twitchathon Coordinator before **11:59pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October**. Your final list must be submitted by email to the Twitchathon coordinator by **11:59pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**.

**COUNTABLE SPECIES** must be alive, unrestrained and from free-living established populations of full species. You cannot count birds that are road killed, beach washed, captive, trapped or escaped. Please note, for example, that pure and wild Mallards can be counted, but domestic ducks and geese, and hybridised ducks cannot. Similar rules apply for most free-flying populations of Guineafowl, Peafowl, Pheasant and Junglefowl, which in most instances should not be counted on a species list.

**NON-COMPETITORS.** Any team member may retire if required, in which case the size of the team will be treated as if the person was still present. The retired member may not re-join or aid the team. Non-participating companions (retired or otherwise) may accompany the team, record species, or drive the vehicle. Non-competitors must not assist in the identification or location of species.

**ETHICS.** For the birds' sake keep disturbance to a minimum. Recorded calls or the use of mechanical devices to attract birds are prohibited. Be careful not to obstruct or otherwise affect other teams. It is your responsibility to obtain permission beforehand to access areas with restricted access.

## Your Champagne NSW & ACT Coordinator

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## Rankins Springs Field Trip

10 September 2022

Despite Graham's desire all this year to have a Spring trip to Taleeban it was not to be. There was no doubt that the road in would be impassable in the current wet conditions. Undeterred he had a plan B for the 10 of us (including 3 children) that met at the usual Erigolia Road meeting place. Whereas



Taleeban is a mallee vegetation with distinct variations, Graham had chosen three sites near Rankins Springs, each with a differing vegetation type.

The first site was about 4Km down the Whitton Stock Route from Rankins Springs. Wattles in full bloom lined the road (and most of the way up the Erigolia Road too) but naming them was a guessing game. Identification relies on leaf shape and the placement of the flowerheads on the branches, but impossible from a moving car and a wall of yellow. Western Golden Wattle *Acacia decora* was the first one named as we got out to look around.

The Stock Route at this point is unfenced and is obviously not used for travelling stock now. The ground cover was almost 100%, knee high - and wet! We soon had wet legs and although a shower was threatening, we sallied forth undeterred. Birds must have thought otherwise and seemed to prefer shelter, at least only a few made an appearance.

With little in the way of birdlife it was all eyes down. However, it was not until a little way into the Bimble Box/White Cypress Pine Woodland where the ground cover was not so dense that we saw orchids, Blue Caladenia *Cyanicula caerulea*, Dusky Fingers *Caladenia fuscata* and Dwarf and Midget Greenhoods *Pterostylis nana* and *P. mutica*.



Two shrubs caught our attention as looking different from usually seen in the Cocoparra Ranges. The first was a wattle with finer, neater feathery leaves than the usual Deane's Wattle. It was the subspecies *deanei* not our usual subspecies *paucijuga*. The second was Sifton Bush *Cassinia sifton* (formerly *C. acuata*) differing in the longer slightly sticky leaves.

As the threatening shower arrived, we retreated back to Rankins Springs for coffee until judging it had passed we set off for site two. This was at Eight Mile Tank Road junction with the Rankins Springs – Griffith Road, a small remnant left after a road re-alignment. Just a small patch of mallee and therefore nothing in abundance but splendid in the variety of flowering shrubs, including Rankins Springs Grevillea *Grevillea glabella*, Desert Phebalium *Phebalium glandulosum*, Small-leaf Waxflower *Philotheca difformis* and several wattles. Just shows how important these remnants are for conservation. Lunch was taken amongst the floral beauty.



Not a preferred food source for stock but hungry sheep and cattle have been known to have died from eating it.

Back tracking to the Mid-West Highway and then turning west we were soon at The Gap, turning in to the State Forest for a walk to the dam. This forest has obviously been well used for grazing. The White Cypress Pine was all young and only a few Grey and Bimble Boxes had survived the axe. What sparse ground cover that grew there was predominantly weedy, but there were still some natives in flower like Twining Glycine *Glycine clandestine* and Urn Heath *Melichrus urceolatus*.

An unusual find was a couple of Tobacco Bush *Nicotiana glauca*. This South American import is mostly found further north in Mulga or Nelia country.



plant of low-lying damp places with limited competition from other plants. It is more frequent in the north-east especially in years with more favourable cool season rains – just like this year.

The most notable plant of this area was a small creeping herb covered with relatively large attractive purple flowers found alongside the dam. Turned out to be Small Monkey-flower *Mimulus prostratus*. A





Thus ended a fabulous day even though the bird list was small, and the weather was not the best. Thank you, Graham, for thinking this one through and not just cancelling because Taleeban was inaccessible.



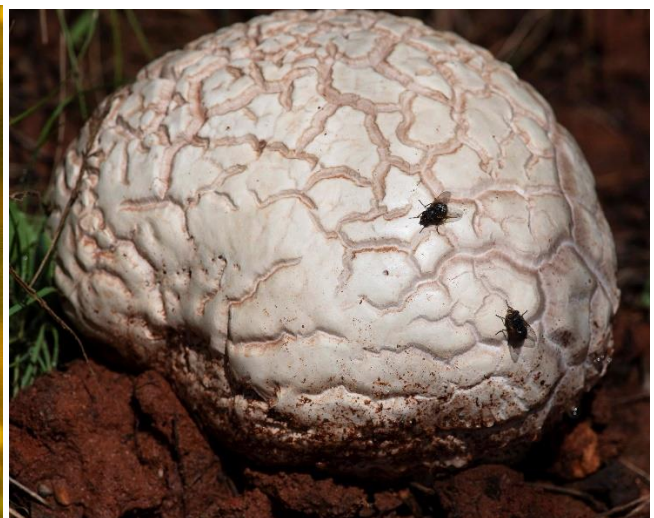
Eric Whiting

### Bird List from Ranken Springs Outing

**Whitton Stock Route Road** – Eastern Rosella, Galah, Unidentified Quail (flushed)

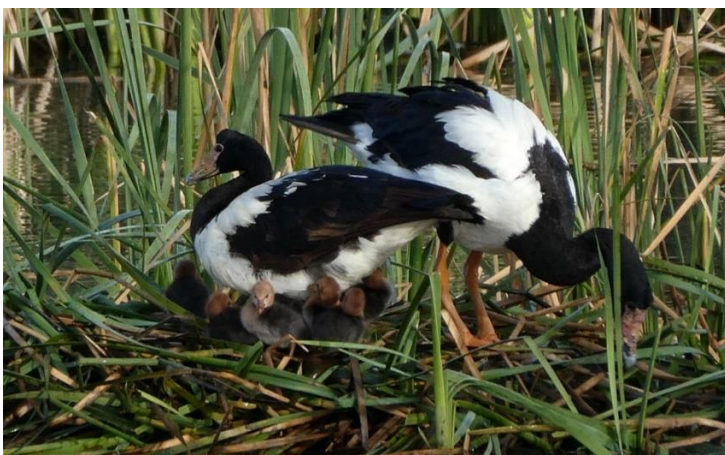
**Eight Mile Tank Road** – Striated Pardalote, White-plumed Honeyeater, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, Willie Wagtail, Spiney-cheeked Honeyeater (H), Rufous Songlark, Rufous Whistler (H), Jacky Winter, Purple backed Fairy-wren, Splendid Fairy-wren

**Gap Dam** – Jacky Winter, White browed Babbler, Rufous Songlark, Peaceful Dove, Rufous Whistler, Eastern Yellow Robin, Galah, Spinney Cheeked Honeyeater, Common Bronzewing,



Butterfly and Fungus Eight Mile Tank Rd  
Photos: Graham Russell

Pictures through the eyes of the children with us on our outing.



Magpie Geese  
Family at  
Campbell's  
Swamp  
Photo: Neil  
Palframan

## Some Native Orchids found at Narrandera September 2022



Left: *Caladenia atrovessa* (common)  
Right: *Calochilus robertsoni* Purplish beard Orchid  
Photos: Nella Smith



Bottom Left: *Caladenia verrucosa* (uncommon)  
Bottom Right *Caladenia fuscata* with pollinator  
Photo: Nella Smith



## Know your daisies Part 17 White or brownish Sunrays

### ***Rhodanthe anthemoides*, Chamomile Sunray**

Bushy herb with many slender stems to 30cm high, recorded predominately in montane rocky areas often on sandy soils. Leaves often crowded, linear to narrow-oblong, c10mm long x 0.5-2mm, scabrous-ciliate with sunken globose glands. Flowerheads solitary, terminal, broad-turbinate to hemispherical. bracts in several rows, Outer and intermediate involucre bracts broad-elliptic, ciliate, pale brown with purple midrib; inner white, elliptic c6mm long. Achenes silky pilose

### ***Rhodanthe corymbiflora*, Small White Sunray**

Woolly annual herb, to 30cm high, branching at base. Recorded in wide range of communities on heavy clay on floodplains. Leaves linear-lanceolate, 3-40mm long x 1-4mm. Flowerheads in a loose leafless corymb, broad-turbinate. Outer involucre bracts broad-ovate, pale brown, woolly-ciliate; inner narrow-oblong, white, radiating, 4-7mm long. Achenes silky pilose.

### ***Rhodanthe floribunda*, Common White Sunray**

Sparsely woolly to almost glabrous herb, to 15cm high, , branching at base. Recorded in most communities on sand or clay soils. Leaves oblong to linear, 10-20mm long x 0.5-2mm. Flowerheads terminal, hemispherical. All involucre bracts white (or the outer tinged brown), scarious, erect or the innermost spreading. Achenes silky pilose.



Small White Sunray

### ***Rhodanthe laevis*, Smooth Sunray**

Slender annual herb, to 12cm high, almost glabrous, branching at base. Recorded in mallee and mulga communities on shallow or sandy soils in sheltered sites. Leaves linear, 10-20mm long x 0.2-2mm. Flowerheads in small , terminal clusters, cylindrical, c3.5mm long, not radiant. Involucre bracts straw-coloured to pale brown, glossy, glabrous. Achenes sparsely and minutely hispid.



Smooth Sunray

### ***Rhodanthe stuartiana***

Erect annual herb, to 20cm high, branching at base, branches ±woolly. Recorded in variety of communities on grey clay soils. Leaves linear, 5-20mm long x 0.5-1mm, almost glabrous. Flowerheads mostly solitary terminating main stems, hemispherical. Involucre bracts scarious, acute, outer golden brown, inner white and eventually spreading. Achenes silky pilose.



Common White Sunray

Eric Whiting



# MEMBERS' SIGHTINGS

These sightings are from members' observations. Please check with the relevant person before quoting any record. *MEMBERS' SIGHTINGS for August & September*

<b>Magpie Goose</b>	Fivebough Wetlands	02/08/22	Keith Hutton
2 pairs sitting on nests, another 60 spread out over the wetland			
<b>Whiskered Tern</b> [7]	Fivebough Wetlands	02/08/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Australasian Bittern</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	02/08/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Wood Duck</b> [65]	Fivebough Wetlands	02/08/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Reed Warbler</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	02/08/22	Keith Hutton
Singing vigorously after 5pm			
<b>Cattle Egret</b> [>65]	Fivebough Wetlands	02/08/22	Keith Hutton
Flying over after sunset			
<b>Silver Gull</b> [67]	Fivebough Wetlands	05/08/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Black-winged Stilt</b> [95]	Fivebough Wetlands	05/08/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Sea Eagle</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	05/08/22	Keith Hutton
harassing swans with cygnets 1 immature			
<b>Pink-eared Duck</b> [35]	Fivebough Wetlands	05/08/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Black-tailed Native-hen</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	05/08/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Flame Robin</b> [1F]	Fivebough Wetlands	05/08/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Avocet</b> [25]	Fivebough Wetlands	07/08/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Swamp Harrier</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	07/08/22	Keith Hutton
Sky diving courtship display			
<b>Fairy Martin</b> [5/6]	Fivebough Wetlands	14/08/22	Keith Hutton
Flying with swallows low over the water, first arrivals			
<b>Superb Parrots</b> [>40]	Fivebough Wetlands	14/08/22	Keith Hutton
Disturbed by female Sparrowhawk from flowering Ironbark in Petersham Road Carpark			
<b>Peregrine Falcon</b> [1]	Leeton Post Office chasing pigeons	16/08/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Magpie Goose</b> [60+] still present	Fivebough Wetlands	17/08/22	Keith Hutton
<b>White necked Heron</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	17/08/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Brown Honeyeater</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	17/08/22	Keith Hutton
Singing vigorously near Sycamore Street Carpark			
Brown Honeyeaters appear to be established in 5 territories in the Leeton urban area now			
<b>Magpie Goose</b> [c. 140]	Fivebough Wetlands	21/08/22	Keith Hutton
Grazing with Terry's sheep in cereal crop adjacent to the wetland; and at least 2 pairs still sitting on nests, presumably on eggs			
<b>Black Swan</b>	Fivebough Wetlands	21/08/22	Keith Hutton
At least 9 broods of downy young so far, with 3 to 8 cygnets per adult pair.			
<b>Little Eagle</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	25/08/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Spotted Nightjar</b>	Mejum State Forest	08/22	Nella Smith
<b>Magpie Goose</b> with goslings	Campbell's Wetlands	.....09/22	Keith Thompson
<b>Blue-billed Duck</b>	Campbell's Wetlands	.....09/22	Keith Thompson
<b>Golden Whistler</b>	Galore Hill	04/09/22	MFN trip
<b>Crested Shrike-tit</b>	Galore Hill	04/09/22	MFN trip
<b>Golden Whistler</b>	Narrandera	.....09/22	Nella Smith
<b>Nankeen Night Heron</b>	Narrandera Wetlands	01/09/22	Alan Whitehead
<b>Yellow Rosella</b>	Narrandera Wetlands	01/09/22	Susan Whitehead
<b>Spotted Crake</b> [2]	Fivebough Wetlands	04/09/22	Penny & Phillip Williams
<b>Australian Crake</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	04/09/22	Penny & Phillip Williams
<b>Black Swans</b> [10+] with cygnets	Fivebough Wetlands	04/09/22	Penny & Phillip Williams
<b>Avocet</b> [10+]	Fivebough Wetlands	04/09/22	Penny & Phillip Williams
<b>Grey Teal</b> [10+]	Fivebough Wetlands	04/09/22	Penny & Phillip Williams
<b>Chestnut Teal</b> [10+]	Fivebough Wetlands	04/09/22	Penny & Phillip Williams
<b>Glossy Black Cockatoo</b>	Brobenah Road	04/09/22	Keith Hutton
Pair feeding on roadside in sheok trees			
<b>Brolga</b> [6]	Fivebough Wetlands	04/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Fair Martins</b> [>100]	Barellan Road	05/09/22	Keith Hutton
Building nests at pump house over canal bridge			
<b>Magpie Goose</b>	Fivebough Wetlands	05/09/22	Keith Hutton

First Magpie Goose hatchlings for this season on a nest with 2 adults.

<b>Black Kite</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	05/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Hobby</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	05/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>White-faced Heron</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	07/09/22	Penny & Phillip Williams
<b>Wood Sandpiper</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	09/09/22	Keith Hutton
First spring arrival			
<b>Whiskered Tern</b> [>50]	Fivebough Wetlands	09/09/22	Keith Hutton
All in breeding plumage			
<b>Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	09/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Swamp Harrier</b> [2]	Fivebough Wetlands	10/09/22	Keith Hutton
2 Displaying			
<b>Brown Falcon</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	10/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Rakali</b> [2]	Fivebough Wetlands	10/09/22	Keith Hutton
Keith Hutton			
<b>Red-Kneed Dotterel</b> [2]	Fivebough Wetlands	10/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Blue-billed Duck</b> [2] males	Fivebough Wetlands	11/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Red-kneed Dotterel</b> [2]	Fivebough Wetlands	11/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Black Snake</b> [2]	Fivebough Wetlands	11/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Pied Stilt</b> {14 nests}	Fivebough Wetlands	11/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Glossy Ibis</b> [3]	Fivebough Wetlands	11/09/22	Keith Hutton
First spring arrival			
<b>Whiskered Tern</b> [22]	Fivebough Wetlands	11/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>White-breasted Woodswallow</b>	Leeton Lights Intersection	15/09/22	Keith Hutton
5 or 6 first spring arrival			
<b>Sharp-tailed Sandpiper</b> [2]	Fivebough Wetlands	15/09/22	Keith Hutton
2 adults first spring arrival photographed by Anne Lepper			
<b>White bellied Sea Eagle</b> [1 female]	Fivebough Wetlands	17/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Swamp Harrier</b> [3] displaying	Fivebough Wetlands	17/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Buff-banded Rail</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	17/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Brown Goshawk</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	17/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Collared Sparrowhawk</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	17/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Common Mynah</b> [2]	Fivebough Village	17/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Barn Owl</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	20/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Brolga</b> [5]	Fivebough Wetlands	20/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Magpie Geese</b> [51]	Fivebough Wetlands	20/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Cattle Egrets</b> [about 150]	Fivebough Wetlands	20/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Spotted Harrier immature</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	20/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Pied Stilt</b> [>40 nests]	Fivebough Wetlands	20/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Gull-billed Tern</b> [3]	Fivebough Wetlands	23/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Red-kneed Dotterel</b> [2]	Fivebough Wetlands	24/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Sharp-tailed Sandpiper</b> [10]	Fivebough Wetlands	24/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Gull-Billed Tern</b> [4]	Fivebough Wetlands	24/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Brolga</b> [5]	Fivebough Wetlands	24/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Buff-banded Rail</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	24/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Black Kite</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	24/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Magpie Geese</b>	Fivebough Wetlands	30/09/22	Keith Hutton
about 100 flew in			
<b>Buff-banded Rail</b> [1]	Fivebough Wetlands	30/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Silver Gull</b> [20]	Fivebough Wetlands	30/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Sharp-tailed Sandpiper</b> [21]	Fivebough Wetlands	30/09/22	Keith Hutton
Including 1 juvenile			
<b>Gull-billed Tern</b> [2]	Fivebough Wetlands	30/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>White-breasted Sea-Eagle</b>	Fivebough Wetlands	30/09/22	Keith Hutton
Immature 1			
<b>Royal Spoonbill</b> [11]	Fivebough Wetlands	30/09/22	Keith Hutton
<b>Little Pied Cormorant</b> [62]	Fivebough Wetlands	30/09/22	Keith Hutton

# \*\*\*\* COMING EVENTS \*\*\*\*

Note all outings are subject to weather conditions.

Please register with the nominated person.

Any Covid-19 restrictions need to be adhered to. Please consider others and do not attend if feeling sick or if you have been a close contact in the week beforehand.

## SAVE THE DATE

for a Memorial walk for Max and a Welcome to the Migratory Waders at  
Fivebough Wetland Interpretive Centre  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022 @ 4.30pm.

Bring your afternoon tea, something to drink, wear long sleeves as protection from mosquitoes, boots and a hat.

- 13 Oct Thursday** Monthly Meeting in the Yellow Room at the **Leeton Library**, Sycamore St., Leeton commencing at 7.30pm.  
Email: [murrumbidgeefieldnaturalists@gmail.com](mailto:murrumbidgeefieldnaturalists@gmail.com).
- 17<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> October** Birdlife Australia Aussie Bird Count Go to the website for further information.  
<https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>
- 29<sup>th</sup> October Saturday** NSW & ACT Twitchathon see article on page 2
- 30<sup>th</sup> October Sunday** Memorial Outing to Fivebough Wetland and a Welcome to the Migratory Waders Meet at Fivebough Interpretive Centre, at the end of Petersham Road, Leeton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November Wednesday** - Articles for the November newsletter is due. Please send to Rowena Whiting  
Email: [ericwhiting4@bigpond.com](mailto:ericwhiting4@bigpond.com) Phone 6953 2612
- 10<sup>th</sup> November Thursday** AGM and General Club Meeting in the Yellow Room at the **Leeton Library**, Sycamore St., Leeton commencing at **7 pm**. Note the earlier time.
- 12 November Saturday** Outing to Cocoparra National Park depending on weather conditions  
Details to be finalised



Betty Bradney was kept busy on the MFN display at the recent Koala Fest in Narrandera.

The display was organised by Nella with help from Glenn, Betty, Warrick & Susan Whitehead.