

BirdLife Western Australia – 2016 Annual General Meeting

22nd February 2016 at Tamala Room, Floreat – Draft Minutes

No.	Issue/Topic	<i>Points of Discussion/Details (motions/decisions in bold italicised type)</i>	Action required and Time Frame
1	Welcome, Introduction and Apologies	Meeting started 19:35. Attendance: 34 members as listed in the attendance book and 1 visitor. Apologies: Stephen Davies, Ross Marshall, Rob Mather, Clive and Wendy Napier, Sandra Wallace, Mandy Bamford, Brice and Gail Wells	
2	Confirmation of 2015 Minutes	Motion: <i>That the minutes from the 2015 AGM be accepted.</i> Nominated: <i>Helen Bryant, Seconded: Annette Park. Carried.</i>	
3	Matters Arising from the Minutes	Questions were asked by David Bell and Ruth Greble on how the EC had progressed with the two main issues highlighted in last year's Chair's report – how WA sits as a branch within BirdLife Australia and how we approach advocacy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response from Mike Bamford and Frank O'Connor – BWA is much bigger than any of the other branches, National office is getting a better understanding of BWA and everything we do. • Advocacy – Mike raised the point that BWA is the only branch without a conservation committee. We have been more active this year with regard to conservation, but differing expectations among WA members. Important to maintain our scientific integrity. Frank indicated that we have had great support from National office and Sam Vine in particular, with conservation issues. Need to make sure that everything doesn't fall to the Chair to handle. 	
4	Chairman's Annual Report	See report in the next edition of WA Bird Notes and on the BirdLife Australia website. Main points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's been a good year, BWA has a sound financial position and a better relationship with National Office. Good support from all the BirdLife WA sub-committees and the projects. Excursions, Sales and Community Education are core activities driven by our volunteers. • 2015 saw the end of the Great Western Woodlands project but the surveys will continue, managed by volunteers. We have a new Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo Project Coordinator, Adam Peck and a WA Program Manager, Helen Bryant. The Cockies in Crisis project is up and running in the capable hands of Tegan Douglas. • Conservation advocacy has been an important issue for the Executive Committee. Despite not having a conservation committee many issues have been responded to: ongoing issues with clearing and Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo (including Roe 8), proposed new Biodiversity Conservation Legislation to be introduced into WA parliament, the dilemma facing the Western Ground Parrot, and the Perth Peel Strategic Development Plan. • Where to from here? Mike highlighted the importance of the involvement of non-members; should be more excursions open to non-members and increase the involvement of the public in our research, surveys etc. The BirdLife Australia vision includes raising society's awareness of us and what we do to promote the appreciation and understanding of birds to ensure a bright future for them. We need to extend our reach beyond our members and to engage the broader community: "involve me and I will learn". 	

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4.1	2015 Rosalind Denny Volunteer Awards	Mike Bamford presented awards to Valerie Hemsley and Christine Wilder.	
4.2	Presentation of 25 year membership badges	Nineteen members were presented with 25 Year badges and certificates: Audrey Bolger, Adrian Boyle, Dawn Chin, Vivienne Dare, Nic Dunlop, Elizabeth Houghton, Margaret Hughes, Darryl James, Virginia Jealous, Marion Massam, Peter Mawson, Alex Morrison, Margaret Philippon, Jan Rogers, Mavis Russell, Marcus Singor, Robert Stranger, Audrey Turner and Vivian Wells	
5	Treasurer's Report	Presented by Frank O'Connor Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total income: \$222,366.55 (\$132,671.03 of funds income). • Total expenses: \$217,039.91 (\$136,387.82 of project expenses) • Surplus: \$5,326.64 Projects: New grants totalling \$80,000 will commence in 2016 and further applications are in the pipeline. Motion: <i>That the treasurer's report for 2015 be accepted.</i> Nominated: Lorraine Marshall, Seconded Lou Scampoli. Carried.	
6	Election of New Office Bearers	Election officer Helen Bryant declared all positions vacant, and those standing for the Executive Committee elected unopposed. Chair: Mike Bamford Vice Chair- Unfilled Treasurer: Frank O'Connor Secretary: Kathryn Napier General Committee Members: Mark Henryon, Graham Wooller, Sandra Wallace, Sue Mather, Paul Netscher, Keith Lightbody, Jennifer Sumpton and Blair Parsons. Note 1 spare position on the EC, call for any interested members. Handover to new chair.	
7	Twitchathon 2015	These were not presented.	
8	General business	Great Western Woodlands update by Maris Lauva Maris provided a brief update on the project and gave a reminder that the autumn surveys were coming up and volunteers were still needed.	
		Meeting closed at 20:20.	
9	Speaker	Helen Bryant, BirdLife WA Program Manager, talk on the WA conservation program.	