

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Canberra Ornithologists Group, held 10 November 2010 at the Canberra Girls Grammar School -Draft

The meeting opened at 7.37pm

Apologies: Barbara Allan, Mark Clayton, Jenny Bounds, Suzanne Edgar, Meredith Teh

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes were accepted without amendment.

Moved: Lia Battisson; Seconded: Ben Walcott

President's Report

Chris Davey presented the annual President's report, which will be made available in full in *Canberra Bird Notes*.

He provided an update on the following tasks in COG's forward plan:

- Birds of Canberra Gardens
- Audio CD of bird calls
- ACT Bird Atlas
- COG input into developments at Mulligan's Flat and Gorooyarroo reserves.
- COG display materials
- The 2011 Birds Australia campout
- Bird route brochures
- The COG website
- Support for the Canberra Indian Myna Action Group

He thanked the 2009-2010 committee, with special mention of Lyn Rees who has been treasurer for the last two years.

Jenny Bounds, with assistance this year from Con Boekel, Michael Robbins and Chris Davey, undertakes COG's conservation activities, which included nomination of the Glossy black cockatoo for listing as a vulnerable species.

COG has once again run an extensive outings program. Chris thanked the leaders, and those who provide reports of the outings for *Gang-Gang*.

Chris thanked all those involved in producing COG's regular publications. Greg Ramsay and Sue Lashko continue to produce *Gang-Gang* each month. After some years, Judy Collett has stood down from her role as the organiser of mailouts, and Brian Fair has taken over this task. Beth Mantle is now editor of *Canberra Bird Notes*, replacing Anthony Overs. Paul Fennell and a large number of experts put the Annual Bird Report together.

Chris also thanked David McDonald, who runs the email discussion list, and David Cook, who manages COG's website. The latter continues to be very heavily used.

Many COG members have been involved in survey and records work. Of particular note are :

- Quarterly woodlands surveys
- Superb parrot surveys

- The Garden Bird Survey
- The COG database
- Addition of the records from the ANU Women's Club.

The monthly meetings continue to run smoothly, with ongoing input from:

Jack Holland (speakers)

Roy Harvey and Anne Holmes (Sales desk), replacing Beth and Dan Mantle

Julienne Kamprad and Lia Battisson (refreshments)

Sandra Henderson (raffles)

The Canberra Birds Conservation Fund has assisted several research projects over the past year, and donations to the fund continue to be received.

Key activities facing the committee over the coming year include:

- The continuation of the review of the COG website, being led by Beth Mantle
- The 2011 Birds Australia campout, to be held at Scottsdale in April
- The merger of Birds Australia and the Birds Observers Club of Australia, which may have some implications for BOC affiliates.

Motion: that the President's report for 2009-2010 be accepted.

Moved: Bill Handke; Seconded: David Rees

Financial report

COG's operating profit for the year was \$13,482, due in large part to sales of *Birds of Canberra Gardens*. The Group continues to operate on a sound financial basis.

Chris thanked Treasurer Lyn Rees and auditor Rod Griffiths.

Motion: that the Financial Reports for 2009-2010 be accepted

Moved: Tony Lawson; Seconded: Ben Walcott

Appointment of auditor

Rod Griffiths is willing to again take on the role of auditor for COG's financial affairs in the current financial year.

Jack Holland then conducted the election of officebearers

The successful nominations are:

President: Chris Davey

Vice President: Matthew Frawley

Secretary: Sandra Henderson

Treasurer: Noel Luff

Committee members:

Michael Robbins

Lia Battisson

Daniel Mantle

Jenny Bounds

Beth Mantle

Con Boekel

David Rees

Sue Lashko

Tony Lawson

The meeting closed at 8.07pm