

MARCH ACTIVITIES

CLUB MEETING:

Monday 12th at 7.30pm

Fairy Meadow Community Hall, Cnr. of Cambridge Avenue & Princes H'way Fairy Meadow.

The Impact of the Noisy Miner presented by Richard Major

The Noisy Miner, also known as the Soldierbird, is well known to residents of eastern Australia because it seems to appreciate our landscape designs. Whether in urban or rural settings, this pugnacious Australian honeyeater thrives in the mixture of trees and grasslands that humans tend to nurture. Noisy Miners have reputations as bullies, attacking birds that are smaller than themselves and driving them from their territories. Noisy Miners reduce the abundance of small insect- and nectar-feeders by more than 50 %, even at densities as low as 0.65 miners per hectare.

Noisy Miners are a serious biodiversity problem, and "Aggressive exclusion of birds from woodland and forest habitat by abundant Noisy Miners" has been listed as a key threatening process both in New South Wales and nationally. But how do we manage this threat? Due to their complex social structures, Noisy Miners are expected to be slower to recolonise areas from which they have been removed than are the small, pair-nesting species that they threaten. Accordingly, culling of Miners has the potential to be a cost-effective method of habitat restoration for small, declining birds. This talk reports on the results of an experimental study in 24 remnant woodlands in rural New South Wales, which investigates the feasibility of Noisy Miner control.

Please bring a plate of 'goodies' and a mug for supper after the meeting.

MIDWEEK WALK

Wednesday 14th at 9.00am

Leader Charles Dove

Audley Weir - Royal National Park

**COMBINED PICNIC/BBQ WITH CUMBERLAND BIRD OBSERVERS CLUB –
COME AND JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY**

Meet at 9.00am at the Audley end of the park in the Wattle Forest Picnic Area. **Going north** through the park, turn sharp left just before the café, kiosk & carpark (NB this is before you reach the weir).

Going south through the park from Loftus cross the weir, and immediately after the café & kiosk fork right. In either case then follow this road right, across a white painted wooden bridge, turn sharp left, following the road for some distance into a large picnic area.

National Parks parking fee. entry fee of \$12 unless you have a National Parks pass.

Remember your sunscreen and insect repellent.

In the event of inclement weather phone Charles Dove 0417 422 302 7am or after

MONTHLY OUTING

Sunday 18th at 9am

Leader Alan Cousins

White Sands Walking Track (Greenfields Beach to Plantation Point)

Meet at 9am at Greenfields Beach car park.

Follow Princes Highway from Wollongong to Jervis Bay left lane turning and travel for approx. 12km's (avoid left turn for Huskisson) take left turn off roundabout to Vincentia (The Wool Road) to Vincentia roundabout, take second exit going east on Elizabeth Drive, follow to end and turn left into Sutton Street which is Greenfields Beach car park.

Bring morning tea and lunch. We will carry morning tea and return to Greenfields Beach for lunch. There are facilities at Greenfields Beach picnic area, Blenheim Beach and Plantation Point.

Contact Alan or Anne on 42833197 or 0413869534 before 7am if the weather is doubtful

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Next Committee Meeting on the 19th March 2018

The next committee meeting will be at 2pm on Monday 19th March 2018 at the home of Terry & Mark Edwell. 28 Blanchard Crescent Balgownie 2519.

Any members with anything they wish to raise are welcome to attend the meeting.

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE 28th March 2018

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