

BRANCH NEWS

KEEPING MEMBERS EVERYWHERE
IN TOUCH

SOUTH-EAST BRANCH

The South-East Branch held their April meeting on the 11th at Ray and Marg Fishers' in Portland.

The final details for the Bus Trip were discussed and members were asked to arrive at least 15 minutes early at the pick up points.

Our Seed Steward was unable to attend the meeting, so any seed orders need to be rang through to Kevin Jarred on (08) 8737:3116. Contact via email is also available at kevin.jarred@bigpond.com.

Members were reminded to grab a raffle book from Lyn Jackway, there are still some unsold books and all funds raised go directly to the Branch.

A few members indicated they would be attending the United Bird Societies of South Australia's seminar in Adelaide on the 4th of July, there are some fantastic Guest Speakers this year. This will be a great weekend with aviary visits being organised for the Saturday prior to the seminar. Contact the secretary for more details if you would like to go.

The next meeting will be held at Jim and Lyn Jackways' in Mount Gambier on May the 2nd. The meal will be BYO casserole; also please bring a chair, some afternoon tea and something for the raffle table.

**For further information contact the Branch Secretary,
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MID-NORTH BRANCH

Our "Quiz Night" at Coral & Ricks' was our March meeting which started with a pooled tea and then the Quiz.

We all had "lucky" tickets (lucky for some) as these were used to decide members of each team. Firstly we had to name the teams (a bird name was required). "Princess, Crows, Bustards and Cuckoos were the chosen names. It was the "Princess" team that won (all received a few prizes). My team (the Bustards) were equal last. Many laughs were had, especially with trying to identify bird calls - one answer for a bird call was "Don calling to his wife Bev" (we received a chocolate for that answer).

Many thanks to Coral & Rick for organising the night and their donation of some of the prizes.

Our meeting was held after the Quiz. It was kept fairly short, programmes for 2010/11 and itineraries for our Mildura trip in April 2010 handed out.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday 23rd May. Visit to Yorke Peninsula Branch. Meet at the "Harry Butler Plane Memorial" - MINLATON at 9.00am. Leave 9.15am. Cost \$15.00 per person.

COMING EVENT: Saturday 19th June at 2.00pm at Bev & Don Warmingtons' - MOONTA. Please bring a plate of Afternoon Tea. Guest Speaker from SA Police. Bird of Month - Peg Rodda.

**For further information please contact the Branch Secretary
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YORKE PENINSULA BRANCH

Our last meeting was held at the home of Wendy Koenecke in Pt. Turton on Sunday 28th March. It started as a working bee, and then ravenous, we dined on a sumptuous barbecue tea, before holding a late meeting at 7:40pm ending with our raffle draw *etc.*

The main news derived from this, was the Mid-North Branch aviary tours to here were confirmed for Sunday, May 23rd. There will be an early start from Maitland and it is envisioned a toilet stop will be needed in Minlaton before arriving at Helen Jones' for morning tea *etc.* at around 9:30am.

Unfortunately , some of the proposed aviary visit hosts will be away overseas or interstate that weekend, so we will have to make do with the remaining venues.

However, we will endeavour to ensure the Mid-North members have an enjoyable day, which will include a delicious lunch to be held at the home of Mick Catford in Minlaton.

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