

BRANCH NEWS

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MID-NORTH BRANCH

On Saturday 15th August we had a great Casserole, Mornay & Dessert Tea at Don & Bev Warmingtons' place at 6.15pm. Our Meeting followed, which was quite short. Then our Guest Speaker - Peter Mitchell gave us a "PowerPoint" presentation on Arnhem Land and surrounding areas.

On Saturday 12th September we had our "Adelaide" Bus Trip and Gorge Wildlife Park visit. We started at 8.00am from Wallaroo and arrived at Ronda & Arthurs' at 10.20am for an aviary visit and morning tea. Then straight on to the Park, a quick meeting and BBQ Lunch. Those who wanted to cuddle a Koala did so at 1.30pm. Everyone who could walk around the Park did so, and the few others enjoyed sitting and chatting. Just before we left, our President, Trevor Harrowfield, presented a cheque to Yvonne McKechnie to sponsor the Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos as we have done in the past. We then hopped on the bus and headed for home. Many thanks to Ronda & Arthur for organising the food for the day.

Our 30th Birthday Celebration is being held on Saturday 24th October 2009. We will be having Aviary Visits commencing at 1.00pm. The day will conclude with a 3 Course Dinner to be held at the Wallaroo Football Clubrooms at a cost of \$25.00 per head. The Guest Speaker will be Glenn Johnston. Cutting of the Birthday Cake and a Raffle will also be held; with some great prizes up for grabs. For further information, and to book for the Evening Meal, please contact the Secretary - Sandra Witt on 88232534 before 9th October 2009.

NEXT MEETING: Friday 9th October at 6.00pm. Pooled Tea at Sandra & Burrell Witts'- WALLAROO. Meeting to finalise Birthday Celebrations.

COMING EVENT : Saturday 24th October - 30th Birthday Celebration Aviary Visits & Evening Meal.

COMING EVENT : Sunday 15th November - Aviary Visits to "Bottom End". Lunch at home of Daryl Jones. Meeting and Afternoon Tea at home of Bev & Mark Moody.

**For further information please contact the Branch Secretary
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SOUTH-EAST BRANCH

The September meeting was held at Penola, with members enjoying a cold meat, salad and vegetable lunch. Members welcomed the five committee members, who made the trip down from Adelaide to attend the meeting,

Plans are starting to come together for the Branch's bus trip next April to the Horsham and Districts Branch of the Victorian Society, members present voted on the bus company with accommodation details to be confirmed at a later date.

Numbers for the Christmas Lunch at Millicent are increasing, we need a minimum of 40 members for the community club to open for the function and are approaching it already, please let Shirley know if you can make it by the next meeting.

The Meal and Seed Draws was a Jackway double with Jim winning the Meal Draw and Lyn taking the Seed Draw, looks like they won't be ordering much seed for a while!

The Guest Speaker's for the afternoon were Tony Melbourne and Matt Russell, Tony spoke of the direction of the Society and of membership numbers being up, which is good to hear, with a lot of juniors joining too.

Matt gave a talk on the S.A.N. system the Society is trying to initiate to keep pure strains of species available for future generations, he also enlightened members on the large amount of particular finch species being exported each year, something a lot of members were not aware of, a very informative talk with a lot of good ideas.

The next meeting is on the 11th of October (4th of October is a long weekend) at Sam and Geoff Aslins' in Mount Gambier, with a B.B.Q lunch. Please bring a salad dish, afternoon tea and something for the raffle.

**For further information contact the Branch Secretary,
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Valē!

The Branch extends condolences to the Dudek family on the passing of Gunther. Anne and Gunther were relatively new members, having moved to Millicent fairly recently from Whyalla. They soon made new friends within the Branch, and Gunther will be missed by all.

YORKE PENINSULA BRANCH

**For information on the next meeting please contact the Branch Secretary,
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