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Deserves Another"*

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# I.B.O.C. NEWS

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## **FORTHCOMING IBOC EVENTS August 2007**

**FILM NIGHT- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. 7pm at 'Puffin Place.' Details on page 2**

**CLUB MEETING – Monday 13th August 7.30pm Fairy Meadow Community Hall.**

**Dr Roger Truscott -'Cecil B De Mille does Brazil'** Anacondas, River wolves (otters), Giant anteaters and even the occasional bird #!. All this and possibly more!! Join our intrepid adventurer as he tests out his new video camera on unsuspecting wildlife in the depths of the South American Pantanal. If you enjoyed the camera shake in movies such as the "Blair witch project" you ain't seen nothing yet.' (To help you come back to earth, please bring some supper to share together afterwards.)

**MID-WEEK WALK – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August – Mt Kembla – Leader – Tom Wylie**  
Meet at the Kembla lookout carpark, almost under a pylon, and near the top of Cordeaux Road, **at 9am.** Bring some morning tea with you. Joan's mobile is 0407 268 279.

**MONTHLY OUTING - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August - Tallawarra Ash Ponds - Leader: Darryl Goldrick** Members travelling from the north should take the Princes H'way through Dapto, past Mt.Brown Public School (on the southern outskirts), and then turn at the Power Station turnoff (2nd on left as you pass under Freeway) - a lot more obvious signage now compared to previous years. Those coming from the south, take the Dapto offloading ramp on the Freeway north of Yallah, then turn right at T -section onto the Princes H'way and as above, take 2nd turnoff on left as you pass under the Freeway. We will meet at a point approx. 500 meters down the entrance road at **8.30am** Morning tea will be taken during the walk around ash pond 3. Lunch will be at the cars prior to the afternoon circuit.

**COMMITTEE MEETING** The next Committee meeting will be held at Alan and Anne Cousins, 4 Adelaide Place, Tarrawanna 4283 3917. on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30 pm. Club members are always welcome.

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER** Deadline for articles for the next *IBOC News* is Thursday 23rd August. Please send items to the editor, cashmansjr@bigpond.com or mail them to him at 5 Madden Street, Fernhill 2519



## Film Night Revival



**When?** Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 7 p.m.

**Where?** 32, Shearwater Boulevarde, Albion Park Rail.

Film nights have been very popular in the past and, as a number of people have expressed an interest in reviving them again, Barbara and Brian Hales are hosting the first one as above and they are hoping for a good response from members. Please bring along a small plate to share for supper and if you have a camping chair pop that into your car too in case we need extra seats. Film nights have always proved to be a very enjoyable experience so please come along and join in. It would be helpful if you could phone Barbara and Brian on 42574431 so that we can get some measure of the number expected to attend.

### **Killalea State Park 11.07.07 'Boots and Binoculars' Neil Wheway**

Tera and I arrived at Killalea with Tera moaning about her new boots because each boot was ½ lb heavier than her old ones. Jumping out of the car to check two raptors, the worse thing that can happen to a bird watcher, she had forgotten her binoculars!! Too late to return home for them. 'If I didn't have these ##### new boots I wouldn't have forgotten them.' Tera was hoping no one would turn up on a cold windy day, because she wouldn't be able to see the birds. But Birdos are made of sterner stuff. Ten of us were not put off by a bit of inclement weather. Just as well, as the day turned out sunny and the wind dropped a bit. I should sheepishly mention that I forgot my ears too! *(The editor offers a small prize for the best interpretation of Tera's "these ##### new boots!" and Neil's sheepish thoughts)*

When the others arrived and heard of her problem. Barbara and John, Judy's husband, offered a loan which Tera was very happy to accept and was much appreciated. We drove to the camping area, parked the cars and walked from there. We had recced the walk the weekend before and started off according to plan. However, a different track was found which led down to the golf course fence and a wetland area, and the plan went out the window. This section proved to be pretty good with water birds and butcherbirds flying from post to post as we walked along, as well as being protected from the wind.

This track led us back to cars and picnic shelter in time for 'elevenses' which were shared with a group from the Shellharbour Community Bus. I even scored a piece of cake with icing. It pays to look hungry!

After morning tea we continued up through the camping ground to another section overlooking the sea but no whales were to be seen. We did see yellow robins and a Bar-shouldered Dove, and a pair of White-bellied Sea-Eagles soaring in the wind. We didn't get to the Minnamurra Spit but

still saw 39 species and spotting a Magpie-lark while driving out made it 40. Sorely missed were the expert regular walkers to identify some of the smaller birds flitting amongst the bushes, and a raptor. These still remain UFOs.

### Birds recorded for the walk

Black Swan	Bar-shouldered Dove	Golden Whistler
Pacific Black Duck	Crimson Rosella	Magpie-lark
Australian Grebe	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	Grey Fantail
Little Pied Cormorant	Superb Fairy-wren	Willie Wagtail
Little Black Cormorant	Brown Thornbill	Grey Butcherbird
Great Cormorant	Yellow-rumped Thornbill	Australian Magpie
Australian Pelican	Yellow Thornbill	Australian Raven
White-faced Heron	Red Wattlebird	Satin Bowerbird
Intermediate Egret	Little Wattlebird	Red-browed Finch
Australian White Ibis	Lewin's Honeyeater	Welcome Swallow
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	New Holland Honeyeater	Red-whiskered Bulbul
Little Eagle	Eastern Spinebill	Silvereye
Purple Swamphen	Eastern Yellow Robin	
Silver Gull	Eastern Whipbird	

### VALE - Peggy Merritt

Peggy Merritt died on the 30th June, 2007. Peggy and her husband Russ have been members for a number of years and in particular enjoyed the walks. Peggy wrote many articles for the I.B.O.C. News and her knowledge of trees and plants were covered in those articles and enjoyed by all. Peggy was a polite and lovely lady and will be missed by Russ, her children and grandchildren. Four past Presidents of I.B.O.C and other club members attended her funeral. Rest in Peace, Peggy.

### BITS and...

The map for the October Spring Camp at the Nymboida River Canoe Camp and more details about the camp itself will be included in next month's IBOC News. Betty Hudson reports that 23 people have so far indicated that they will be attending the Camp. If you are interested in a basic cabin at \$21 per night, please indicate your interest to Betty.

### With a song in my heart

The IBOC 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash saw two members launch into songs of some time ago. Brian Hales' two contributions from Christmas 1988 were-

I hate Aeroplane Jelly, Aeroplane Jelly's the pits  
 I hate it for dinner, I hate it for tea  
 Aeroplane Jelly does nothing for me  
 I hate Aeroplane Jelly, Aeroplane Jelly's the pits.

I'm a little Vegemite as sick as sick can be,  
 I get this awful Aussie stuff for breakfast dinner and tea,  
 My mother says I have to have it every single day,  
 But it tastes YUK on my mashed spud  
 And even worse on Yorkshire Pud,  
 It makes me sick as sick can be.

And Gwen Robinson sang **Camping in the rain**, which she wrote for the 1999 Camp, and sang to the tune *Singing in the Rain*

We're camping in the rain  
Yes...it's happened again  
What a miserable feeling  
We're wet thru' again.  
We hope rain won't last  
But it has in the past  
So we're camping, and birding in the rain.

Let stormy clouds chase  
Everyone from the place  
But not I.B.O.C. campers  
We're a much tougher race  
With new birds to find  
It's on with the grind  
Of tramping and squelching in the rain (mud).

Where did the birds go?  
They're not stupid you know  
They shelter in trees  
And they're under the leaves.  
They're so hard to see  
And we all agree  
They're twittering at the twits in the rain.

If your place is in drought  
We will rent Kevin out  
With his special charm  
It will rain on your farm.  
With I.B.O.C. in tow  
You'll soon get to know  
You'll be singing and dancing in the rain.

So we're camping in the rain  
Next year won't be the same  
We'll try for some dry camps  
And get lucky again  
It was wet ninety nine  
But two thousand will be fine  
And we'll be camping and birding without rain.

### **IBOC 30 years on & heading for 40-**

Despite rain and cold wild winds all week and on the night 33 members celebrated this milestone in the warmth of IBOC fellowship. A welcome from President Roger to all heralded the beginning of the celebrations, followed by the enjoyment of a variety of delicious desserts, fruit, nut and cheese platters and chocolates washed down with tea and coffee.

### **Fae McGregor**

A buzz of excited talking took over as members relaxed and had opportunity to share with those at their table.

Fae then hosted the "Memories of the past 30 years segment" with members telling their stories. The firm foundations that set IBOC on its way 30 years ago was acknowledged and affirmed.

Four Past Presidents, Laurie Williams, Jim Robinson, Brian Hales, Kevin McGregor and their wives Nola, Gwen, Barbara and Fae were in attendance and their contributions to the Club's history was acknowledged and appreciated.

Brian Hales and Gwen Robinson were reminded of words they penned in 1999. Brian recited /sang his odes to the Aussie icons Vegemite and Aeroplane Jelly and Gwen sang her version of "Singing in the rain" as "IBOC camping in the rain" to much applause. After hearing of the fun of past camps, walks, memorable club meeting nights and scanning through the Club's history in photographs many of the newer members' appetites were whetted for such experiences, so the Club's future seems assured. Members who are no longer with us were remembered as the photo albums attested to their valuable contributions over the years.

The sharing of memories could have gone on but time was ticking away and Kevin

had a most interesting presentation prepared by Chris Brandis (who was overseas ) on IBOC surveys of the birdlife on Lake Illawarra: a project run in conjunction with the Lake Authority over many years. Kevin then introduced Doug Prosser who talked further about the Lake and answered the many questions put to him. President Roger thanked Doug for his attendance and interesting input and presented to Doug and Marie a gift on behalf of the IBOC members.

Existing for 30 years, IBOC is a testament to Doug Gibson and those foundation members who set the Club on firm foundations, and the leaders and members who are faithfully carrying on the traditions today are responsible for creating an atmosphere of happy bird observing in the Illawarra and for continuing to build on the IBOC "memories".

### **Birds sighted on the Monthly Outing to the Royal National Park, 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Australasian Gannet	Superb Lyrebird	New Holland Honeyeater
Whistling Kite	White-throated Tree Creeper	Tawny-crowned Honeyeater
White-bellied Sea-Eagle (Juvenile)	Superb Fairy-wren	Eastern Spinebill
Brown Goshawk	Variagated Fairy-wren	Grey Fantail
Sooty Oystercatcher	Rockwarbler	Australian Magpie
Silver Gull	Brown Thornbill	Pied Currawong
Crested Tern	Striated Thornbill	Australian Raven
Crested Pigeon	Red Wattlebird	Red-browed Finch
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo	Little Wattlebird	Welcome Swallow
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	

### **Lake Illawarra Authority**

Doug Prosser, Chairman of the Lake Illawarra Authority was guest speaker at our July meeting. Doug said he fell in love with the lake as a boy and spent many joyous times exploring it by bike and in home made kayaks, and camping on Gooseberry Island.

Uncontrolled subdivision around the lake foreshores after World War 11 caused much erosion and added pollution to the lake. The lake was dying and Doug became it's advocate, speaking about it to anyone and everyone. Finally Wollongong

and Shellharbour Councils in 1975 formed a Management Committee with Doug as Secretary for its first three years. However though a number of useful studies were done, the Committee was hamstrung as it had no budget, and all the while. the lake continued to deteriorate.

Eventually in 1987, the State Government created the Lake Illawarra Authority. The Government provides \$500,000 pa which is matched in kind by the two Councils. This however is hardly enough to pay to

have the lawns mowed, to clear away rubbish and look after the various parks dotted around the 37 km of lake foreshore, as well as pay for the one full time officer. So in fact the LIA has actively contributed to the lake by obtaining various grants from the State Government coastal improvement programs, as well as physical assistance from 'Work for the Dole' and Green Corps programs.

A milestone was recently reached with the completion of Stage 2 works which were

to create an entrance that will remain open for longer periods, though Doug said that for millennia the lake had its own mind about opening and closing. Currently the entrance is working well with over 200,000 cubic m of sand being removed from the entrance and put on Warilla beach. The entrance's southern breakwater stops the sand from returning.

Doug's very informative talk was followed by a vigorous question time, and thanks from all.

## **The SIGNIFICANCE of BIRDS to SIBELIUS**

**Mike MORPHETT**

Come September I expect there will be much attention given by the Finns to commemorate the death fifty years ago of their famous composer, Jean Sibelius at the age of 91. I became a 'Sibelian', a devotee of his music, when a 21 year-old student, after attending a concert in the Kent city of Canterbury. The last item was his Symphony No. 5 in E flat major, and the impact of the closing six widely-spaced fortissimo chords, likened to Thor's hammer blows, is still as strong for me now as it was then; however, it was not until just recently that I became aware of the avian link to the third movement. Self-critical Sibelius twice revised the work after its first presentation on his fiftieth birthday. During its four years of gestation, he was affected by certain events, including the First World War. He and his family had to seek refuge in Helsinki with the threat of Russian domination when civil war broke out between the Red and White Guards. He felt further fear for his welfare and life when diagnosed with throat cancer, requiring a number of operations; the tumour was later found to be benign. Prone to bouts of depression (I suspect bordering on bipolar disorder), he grieved over the death of his friend and wealthy patron, Axel Carpelan, but which spurred him into finalising the work. For him, a symphony was 'more an inner confession at a given stage of one's life than just a composition'.

Besides having nationalistic pride, Sibelius was an avid reader of the classics and Scandinavian mythology, notably the Kalevala. But it was his love of, and spiritual connection with, nature, particularly reflected in his later works, that appeals to me. Among those prominent in the music world the conductor Leopold Stokowski attested to his closeness to nature. Sibelius's home, from 1904 and named Ainola in honour of his wife (she died in June 1969), was built on a high hill at Järvenpää, nearly 40 km north of the capital, and, to Carpelan's senses, smelled of the forest. It was extended to provide him with an upstairs study that looked over the treetops to Lake Tuusula, which gave him much inspiration. The villa also housed his six daughters, one of whom died in early childhood, and the youngest two he called his snow buntings.

The annual migration of birds and the changing seasons were significant in the composer's life. To son-in-law and conductor, Jussi Jalas he made these observations about himself: "About 100,000 years ago I must certainly have been related to swans and wild geese, because I feel drawn towards them" (August 1940), and "I am related to the wading birds; they too live without a clock as I have done during long periods of my life" (June 1943). The call of the crane Sibelius considered was the leitmotif of his

life. According to his secretary, Santeri Levas, he determined that “a bullfinch sang C# -D, but a larger bullfinch twittered

between D and D#”. Elsewhere he is said to have identified nightingales singing in E minor



Like Scriabin, Messiaen, Liszt and Rimsky-Korsakov, Sibelius is thought to have created much of his music through synaesthesia, whereby sense perceptions are mixed rather than experienced separately. Latest research suggests that women are more likely to have these sensations and that letters and colours are a common combination. It appears Sibelius saw notes as colours, and birdsong and smells of the forests became sounds in his ear. I'd venture to say he may well have shown signs of being a synaesthete in early childhood, for as an example of his vivid imagination, a story relates that while his mother played the piano, he crawled under and tried to associate notes he heard with colours of the stripes in the rug.

One of his biographers, Erik Tawaststjerna states: ‘Sibelius responded with exceptional intensity to the moods of nature and the changes in the seasons: he scanned the skies with his binoculars for the geese flying over the lake ice, listened to the screech of the cranes, and heard the cries of the curlew echo over the marshy grounds just below Ainola. He savoured the spring blossoms every bit as much as he did autumnal scents and colours’. Levas records the composer's reaction to a flock of swans one spring day: “They have flown over the lake. I can't see them but I breathe the same air as they do, and that is something. Nobody has any idea what the flight of migrant birds in the spring and

autumn means to me. Once they were very late. On Christmas Eve a flock of about fifty swans flew very low over our house. I could hardly have thought of a better Christmas present for myself.” Sibelius himself kept written records of his thoughts and experiences, referring to his diary as the mirror of a sensitive soul and also as a spittoon, into which he could deposit comments he would be too ashamed to raise in conversation. Translated, an entry for 21 April 1915 reads: ‘Today at ten to eleven I saw 16 swans. One of the great experiences of my life! Lord God, how beautiful! They circled over me for a long time. Disappeared into the sun's haze like a gleaming, silver ribbon...Nature's mysticism and life's Angst!’ The sound of those swans' calling became the source of the swaying, triple-time theme for the trumpets and horns in the finale of his fifth symphony, which has since become known as the ‘Swan Hymn’.

On 20 September 1957 Sibelius died of a cerebral haemorrhage. Coincidentally, that same evening Malcolm Sargent conducted the fifth symphony in a concert broadcast from Helsinki. According to Tawaststjerna, two days earlier he had returned ‘from his customary morning walk. Exhilarated, he told his wife Aino that he had seen a flock of cranes approaching. “There they come, the birds of my youth,” he exclaimed. Suddenly one of the birds broke away from

the formation and circled once above Ainola. It then rejoined the flock to continue its journey'. Both he and Aino lie buried on the southern slope of Ainola,

which since 1974 has served as a museum in tribute, and where birds are said to still congregate.



What is it about Tera Wheway that Boobook Owls come and perch on her verandah rail and pose for her so photographically ?

**Potted History of Illawarra Bird Observers' Club** (as yet unfinished), prepared from newsletters, notes, etc.(refer also to the separate tabulation of IBOC Camps and Trips, newsletters (inc. annual meeting/outing programs) and the book of outing records).

Compiled by **Dave Thomson**

Date.	Information.
1976	"Introduction to Ornithology" course conducted in term 3 at WEA by Doug Gibson. Doug ran a similar course at WEA at least once more in later year(s).
30/11/76	At instigation of, mainly, Laurie Williams and Dave Walsh, <b>informal meeting held to decide</b> whether interest shown by attendances at Doug's recent WEA course evidenced a <b>need for a Bird Club in Wollongong</b> and whether one could be supported. Meeting chaired by Laurie with wife Nola as minute secretary. Decided in affirmative and resolved to call club Illawarra Bird Observers' Club. Resolved also to have first meeting early 1977, to meet monthly on 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday and to have outing on weekend after each meeting. Selected a group of 5 (Laurie W, Dave W, Richard Miller, Peter Ison and Joy Appleby) to draft constitution, decide officebearers needed and fees, all for presentation to first formal Club meeting. The group met at the Williams home.
1/2/1977	<b>Inaugural meeting of IBOC</b> , held at the premises of the WEA. Meeting called by personal contact with those from Ornithology course and by newspaper notice. Resolved to have Annual General Meeting at the first meeting of the year (changed some time later to Nov. meeting) and at the AGM to elect the President, Secretary/Treasurer and Field Records Officer and to set fees for the year. Resolved to have monthly meetings on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday (not 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday as originally proposed) at 7.45pm (later changed to 7.30pm) with outing on following weekend, alternating Saturday and Sunday. Resolved to have a "cup of tea" after meetings. Resolved to have 2 of 3 signatures on bank account cheques. Fees for 1977 set at \$5 for Ordinary Member, \$8 for Family and \$2 for Junior

	(school age).  The <b>Club's First elected Office-bearers</b> , elected for year 1977, were <b>Laurie Williams - (Foundation dt) President</b> <b>Joy Appleby - Secretary/Treasurer</b> <b>Richard Miller - Field Recording Officer.</b>  Decided that the Feb outing, <b>the Club's first outing</b> ", would be on the next Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 77 at Calderwood on the properties of the Thomas and Voorwinden families.
14/3/77	<b>First guest speaker</b> , Ellis McNamara showing his bird slides.
6/77	<b>First membership list</b> had 45 family names.
77 to 9/80	Our newsletter hand delivered by Laurie/Nola Williams, with an occasional conscript . In the Sept. '80 newsletter we announced that it would in future be distributed by mail, approval having been so given by postal authorities (we'd shown on our Aug and Sept newsletters that they were "Registered for Posting etc") and that there would be an issue each calendar month except October and January.
3/77 – 4/78	Monthly meetings held in the Hall of St Michael's Anglican Cathedral, Market St., Wollongong.
77-12/81	Newsletter was mimeographed (?-purple text) and started as a half page notice of the upcoming meeting/outing on a quarto sheet, developing over time to become more newsy and occupying several single-sided, mimeographed, foolscap sheets.
77-12/03	Newsletter referred to as "The <b>Circular</b> of the ---"
1/10-3/10/77	<b>Club's First Camp</b> , at Coolendel, W of Nowra.
21/10-23/10/77	<b>Club's First Trip Away from "Home"</b> - to hotel at <b>Rankins Springs</b> to visit Pulletop NR (for Malleefowl).
3/12-4/12/77	<b>Club's First experience of Bird Banding</b> . Watched Alan Leishman netting/banding at "Beulah" property at Appin. Some camped o/night.
15/4/78	<b>Club's First experience of Bird Atlassing</b> , when Dick Cooper , NSW Regional Organiser for the RAOU's 5 year '77-'81 Atlas of Australian Birds, accompanied us on our field outing to Woronora Dam and showed us how it was to be done. We have been involved ever since in that Atlas, the continuing NSW Atlas that grew from it and the RAOU's 4 year '98-'02 Atlas.
6/78-5/81	Meetings held in Hall of St. Alban's Anglican Church, Princes Hwy/Cox's Lane, Corrimal.
22/4/78	<b>Club's First Film Night</b> , at Williams' home.
11/78	Meeting time permanently advanced from 7.45 pm to " <b>7.30 pm sharp</b> ".
4/11/78	Our <b>first involvement</b> in FOC's annual <b>Spring Bird Count</b> .
13/11/78	AGM. Office-bearers elected for 1979 were: Laurie Williams / President      Terry Dunlea / Secretary Ron Almond / Treasurer          Mike Morphett / Field Officer Dave Thomson / Atlassing        Doug Gibson / Technical Hazel Emery / Librarian          Wal Emery / Display Boards Ruby Johnson / Supper.
12/11/79	AGM. Office-bearers elected for 1980 were as for 1979 except Mike became Recorder, Wal became Room Supervisor and we couldn't find a Supper Supervisor.
24/2/80-5/3/80	<b>Club's First Extended Trip outside the state</b> , a party of 8 members to Lord Howe Island.
6/80	Call for an Editor of our newsletter.
10/11/80	AGM. Office-bearers elected for 1981 were as for 1980 except that Rowena Errington became Secretary, Doug became Recorder and Technical Historian, Dulcie Rose (and a helper yet to be found) became Supper Supervisor and we acquired our first editor(s)

	with the co-opting of Tom and wife Joyce Barnes as joint editors of “The Circular”.
18/2/81	The <b>first of our annual</b> pre-February-meeting <b>get-togethers at Windang estuary</b> , to start the year with a late afternoon “wader-watch” and a picnic together in the twilight.
6/81	First time we showed on the front page of the newsletter our principal office bearers
6/81-2/95	Meetings held in Fairy Meadow Senior Citizens’ Centre, Princes Hwy/Collaery Ave, FM.
9/81	Cloth badges and metal badges carrying the Club emblem became available, and later car stickers and tee-shirts.
9/11/81	AGM. Our principal office-bearers (Williams, Errington and Almond) were re-elected.
12/12/81	Arnold McGill and Roy Wheeler, well regarded old-hand birdo’s who assisted us in our formative years, inducted as our <b>first Life Members</b> .
11/81-4/82	Hazel Emery replaced Rowena as Secretary, Bob Green became Librarian, Ron Hanks - Editor, Karen Hansen – Culinary Supervisor, Horace Ward – Recording Officer and Barbara Hales – Sales Officer.
2/82 and 3/82	Newsletter printed by Roneo process, and still foolscap (note 1 or 2 issues only).
4/82-12/06 +	Newsletter printed by commercial printing process (offset? - by a printer member) for some time and then by photocopying process. Name <b>IBOC News</b> and <b>Club emblem placed on front page</b> (but still shown to be “The <u>Circular</u> of the I B O C “ until 2/04 when changed to “The <u>Newsletter</u> of the I B O C”).
6/82-12/06 +	Newsletter printed on A4 paper (had been quarto then foolscap).
8/11/82	AGM. Principal office-bearers (Williams, Emery and Almond) and others, re-elected, except Dave Thomson added as Vice President, Bob and Dina Green – Librarian(s), Wendy Hanks/Val Shurley – Culinary Officers.
11/4/83	President Laurie Williams stood down and was replaced by Dave Thomson.
5/83	<b>First</b> of what became a monthly listing of recent <b>Unusual Sightings</b> (by Wal Emery).
9/5/83	Doug Gibson and Laurie Williams inducted as Life Members. Wal Emery filled vacant VP position.
14/11/83	AGM. Elected Dave Thomson/Pres, Wal Emery/VP, Hazel Emery/Sec, Ron Almond/Treas, Doug Gibson/TechOff, Laurie Williams/Excursions Off, Ron Hanks/Ed, Horace Ward/Records Off, Bob Green/Librarian, Barbara Hales/Sales off, Bob McKinlay/Hall Supr, Esme Gay/ Notice Board Supr, Wendy Hanks/ Culinary Off, Kevin Wood/Off-in-chge Bird Counts.
11/8/84	Club’s <b>first boat trip</b> to the continental shelf. 18 people at \$20 ea.
11/87	Fees raised to \$7 for single, \$10 family and \$2 student (had been \$5, \$8 and \$2).
12/91	Fees raised to \$10 for single, \$15 family and \$5 student (had been 7,10,2).
8/94	<b>Club incorporated</b> as legal entity IBOC Inc. (precise date ???). Incorporation acknowledged at top of front page of newsletter from 12/94 on.
12/94	Fees raised to \$15 single, \$20 family and \$5 junior (had been 10,15,5).
12/00	Fees raised to \$20 single, \$25 family and \$5 junior (had been 15,20,5).
3/95-12/06 +	Meetings held in the <b>Fairy Meadow Community Centre</b> (formerly library/baby health centre), Princes Hwy/Cambridge Ave., FM.
2/04-12/06 +	Newsletter referred to as “The <b>Newsletter</b> of ---“—no longer “Circular”.
13/11/2000	Brian Hales, Barbara Hales and Horace Ward inducted as Honorary Life Members. That makes 7 total Life Members, the others being Arnold McGill and Roy Wheeler (12/12/81), Doug Gibson and Laurie Williams (9/5/83).