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## From the President

I have included a full (as best as is available) list of the areas that have been declared Important Bird Areas (IBAs) for the benefit of those without internet access. We do not have reliable information on whether there are members who do not have the internet, but feel we need to still cater to them, as more and more information just comes with a note on where to find it. Enjoy the IBA near you, for its wealth of birds, and for its conservation value.

We note the passing this month of former ABSA member Professor Alan Keast, with whose work many of you will be familiar.

As promised in the last Newsletter, this mailout comes with a free copy of the Seabird Islands CD. A big thankyou to John Farrell for seeing this project through. We hope that as well as being a ready reference, it will also stimulate interest in studying those islands not yet surveyed, and in re-visiting those that have not been seen for a long time. See note below.

Additional copies may be purchased through the Association's Mist Net Service.

*Stein Boddington*

### ABSA AGM

Notice is hereby given that the Association's Annual General Meeting will be held in Building C5A, Macquarie University, Sydney, on 13th June 2009, commencing at 10am. - see enclosed nomination form.

We are NOT holding a Scientific Day this year, due to the problems encountered in organising appropriate lecturers.

In lieu of the Scientific Day, we are holding a planning session immediately after the AGM, with an open session to which members are invited, followed by a smaller committee-based session..

## NEW SEABIRD ISLAND SERIES CD

It is with great pleasure that the ABSA has included with this issue of Corella a CD containing all articles (in .pdf format) from the Seabird Island Series published in the Australian Bird Bander (ABB) and Corella. Also included on the CD are any papers from ABB and Corella pertaining to these islands. These articles are all hyperlinked for easy access.

Durno Murray and Geoff Smith (with great photographs from Darryl McKay) are commended for producing an excellent resource, which will hopefully stimulate an updating of the data contained on the CD and instigate further identification of seabird islands off our vast coast.

John Farrell

Editor

## 5th AUSTRALASIAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

The Fifth Australasian Ornithological Conference will be held in Armidale in northern New South Wales from Nov 30 to Dec 4, 2009. There will be four days of spoken presentations, posters and discussions with field excursions on the middle day of the conference

We are now calling for offers of spoken and poster papers. Please visit the AOC website (<http://www.birdsaustralia.com.au/whats-on/australasian-ornithological-conference.html>) to register for the conference and state your interest in presenting a paper. Preference will be given to papers that will present new information or ideas on birds of the region. We suggest that posters be used for the early stages of a project and for more management-orientated work.

Hugh Ford

Stephen Debus

# DEEP WATER PELAGIC TRIPS

Southern Ocean Seabird Study Association (SOSSA) is running four trips this year for birders wanting to travel beyond the continental shelf and experience the wonders of the open ocean.

The dates are: 28-30 MAR\*\*; 18-20 JUL; 17-19 OCT\*\*; 31OCT- 2NOV.

\*\* (FULL) standby only)

Heading out between 80 to 100 nautical miles N-east or s-east from Ulladulla on the MV Banks. Boarding from 1800 Hrs - Light Evening Meal Will Be Available Between 7.30 - 8.30pm Departs Ulladulla Harbour approx. 2130Hrs. 2 full days of daylight viewing - Guides included. Returning Approx 2130Hrs Monday

All meals + Morning + Afternoon Tea + Supper + Adventure, Seabirds ? Whales? + Adventure on the 100ft vessel MV Banks

Cost: AUD\$645.00 only per person (A slight increase in cost due to fuel prices)

Maximum 19 passengers. Payment to be made to SOSSA At least 1 MONTH BEFORE DEPARTURE

\*\*(payment required to confirm the booking)\*\*

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# IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS (IBAs)

Below is the latest list of IBAs as shown on the Birds Australia website. These sites have all been accepted under the protocols governing IBAs. Many nominated sites failed to make the grade, or were included in a vastly reduced form. The list of Northern Territory sites is as yet unavailable.

## IBAs in NSW

Riverina & Mallee

Barmah-Moira

Binya & Cocoparra

Central NSW Mallee

Fivebough & Tuckerbil

Griffith Wetlands

Lowbidgee Floodplain

Riverina Plains

Riverland Mallee

Southern NSW Mallee

Wagga-Griffith Red Gums

Inland

Bulloo Floodplain

Goonoo & Coolbaggie

Gwydir Wetlands

Macquarie Marshes

Menindee Lakes

Mutawintji

Narran Wetlands

Paroo Floodplains

Pilliga Woodlands

Salt Lake

Sturt NP

Coastal

Brisbane Water

Cabbage Tree & B Islands

Hastings-Macleay

Hunter Estuary

Hunter Valley

Jervis Bay

Lake Macquarie

Lake Wollumboola

Nadgee - Mallacoota Inlet

Tuggerah

GDR & slopes

Barrington & Gloucester Tops

Blue Mountains

Bundara-Baraba

Budderoo & Barren Grounds

Capertee Valley

Gibraltar Range  
Kosciuszko & Namadgi  
Lake Bathurst  
Mudgee-Wollar  
New England  
Nightcap  
Richmond Woodlands  
Scenic Rim  
South-west Slopes of NSW

IBAs in SA  
Marla /Granite Downs  
Middleback & Roopena  
Mount Lyndhurst  
Ngarkat  
Nullarbor  
Nuyts Archipelago  
Peebinga  
Riverland Mallee  
Simpson Desert  
Sir Joseph Banks Isls  
Spencer Gulf  
Streaky, Sceale & Baird Bays  
Strzelecki Desert Lakes  
Troubridge Island  
Venus Bay  
Watervalley Wetlands  
Wedge Island  
Goose Island  
Gum Lagoon  
Billiat  
Bool Lagoon  
Boolcoomatta, Bundarra & Kalkaroo  
Bulgunnia  
Ceduna Bay  
Coffin Bay  
Coongie Lakes  
Coorong  
Flinders Range  
Gammon Ranges &  
Arkaroola  
Gawler Ranges  
Goyder Lagoon  
Gulf of St Vincent  
Innes  
Investigator Islands  
Kangaroo Island  
Lakes Alexandrina & Albert  
Lake Eyre  
Lakes Greenly & Malata  
Lake Newland  
Lake Torrens  
Lake Hawdon System  
Lakes Muncoonie, Mumble-berry & Torquinie  
Palmgrove & Expedition  
Shoalwater Bay  
Simpson Desert  
Swain Reefs  
Welford

IBAs in QLD  
IBAs in South Qld  
Bulloo Floodplain  
Bunya Mts & Yarraman  
Conondale Range  
Fraser Island & Cooloola  
Great Sandy Straits  
Lake Bindegolly

Lake Nuga Nuga  
Lake Yamma Yamma  
Moreton Bay &  
Pumicestone Passage  
Paroo & Currawinya  
Scenic Rim  
Simpson Desert  
Mt Tamborine  
IBAs in North Qld  
Atherton Tablelands  
Boodjamulla  
Bountiful Islands  
Bowling Green Bay  
Buckley River  
Coastal Wet Tropics  
Daintree  
Fountain Springs  
Great Barrier Reef IBAs  
Gulf Plains  
Iron & McIlwraith Ranges  
Lakefield Grasslands  
Lilyvale  
Lockerbie Scrub  
Manowar & Rocky Is  
Morehead River  
Paluma  
Pormpuraaw  
Ross River Dam  
Staaten River  
Wooroonooran  
IBAs in Central Qld  
Astrebla Downs  
Broad Sound  
Capricornia Cays  
Clarke Range  
Cooper Creek Floodplain  
Diamantina Floodplain  
Diamantina NP  
Fitzroy Floodplain & Delta  
Lake Buchanan &  
Cauckingburra Swamp  
Lake Galilee  
Lake Machattie  
IBAs in Tas  
Seabirds  
Albatross Is & Black Rock  
Babel Island Group  
Betsey Island  
Boxen Is & Big Black Reef  
Chalky, Big Green &  
Badger Island Groups  
Curtis Island  
Egg Island (Bass Strait)  
Forsyth, Passage & Gull IIs  
Franklin Strait Islands  
Hippolyte Rocks  
Hunter Island Group  
Maatsuyker Island group  
Mewstone Island  
Night Island (Bass Strait)  
Ninth & Little Waterhouse IIs  
Pedra Branca  
Port Davey Islands  
Shag Reef (Bass Strait)  
St Helens (Tasmania)  
Tasman Island  
Three Sisters (Bass Strait)  
Waterbirds

Egg IIs (Huon Estuary)  
Franklin Strait Islands  
Moulting Lagoon  
Tamar Wetlands  
Shorebirds  
Cape Portland  
Derwent / Pittwater  
Flinders Island Lagoons  
King Island  
Rubicon Estuary  
Robbins Passage &  
Boullanger Bay  
Bushbirds  
Bruny Island  
Douglas-Apsley  
Maria Island  
Tas Blue Gum Forests  
Ben Lomond  
Cradle Mountain  
Melaleuca - Birch's Inlet  
North-west Tas Coast  
Central Flinders Island  
IBAs in Vic.  
Nadgee to Mallacoota Inlet  
Natimuk-Douglas  
North Victorian Wetlands  
Otway Ranges  
Patho Plains  
Phillip Island  
Port Fairy to  
Warrnambool  
Pukapunyal  
Riverland  
Shallow Inlet  
Swan Bay & Port  
Phillip Bay Islands  
Terrick Terrick woodlands  
Wandown  
Westernport Bay  
Wilson's Prom Islands  
Wyperfeld, Big Desert & Ngarkat  
Yambuk  
Victorian Alps  
Cheetham & Altona  
Anderson's Inlet  
Werribee & Avalon  
Avoca Plains  
Barmah - Millewa  
Bellarine Wetlands  
Victorian Box-Ironbark  
Carum Wetlands  
Corner Inlet  
Discovery Bay to  
Picanninnie Ponds  
Gabo & Tullaberga Is  
Gippsland Lakes  
Lake Buloke  
Lake Corangamite  
Complex  
Lawrence Rocks  
Little Desert  
Lower Snowy &  
Brodribb Rivers  
Murray-Sunset,  
Hattah & Annuello  
IBAs in WA  
South-west WA  
Dragon Rock

Dunn Rock & Lake King  
Fitzgerald River  
Holleton  
Karara & Lochada  
Karroun Hill  
Lake Ballard  
Lake Barlee  
Lake Gore System  
Lake Logue  
Lake Magenta  
Lake McLarty  
Lake Pleasant View  
Lake Warden system  
Mt Gibson & Charles Dar.  
Peel-Harvey Estuary  
Pink Lake (Esperance)  
Recherche Archipelago  
Rottnest Island  
Sandy Island (Windy Hbr)  
Stirling Range  
Towerrining Lake & Moodiarrup Swamps  
Two Peoples Bay  
Vasse-Wonnerup  
Yalgorup & Baudin's  
Central and north WA  
Adele Island  
Barrow Island  
Bedout Island  
Booby Island (Kimberley)  
Dampier Saltworks  
80 Mile Beach & Anna Plains  
Exmouth Gulf Mangroves  
Houtman Abrolhos  
Fortescue Marshes  
Lacepede Islands  
Lake Argyle  
Low Rocks & Sterna Island  
Mandora Marshes  
Montebello Islands  
Mornington Station  
Ord Irrigation Area  
Peron Peninsula  
Port Hedland Saltworks  
Prince Regent & Mitchell R.  
Quoin Bluff, Freycinet Island  
& Pelican Island (Shark Bay)  
Roebuck Bay  
Sunday Island (Exmouth)  
Woodleigh & Hamelin