



WERRIBEE OLDER ADULT BIRDWATCHERS

November/December Newsletter.

It has been suggested we call ourselves the Sand Gropers? I am sorry our outing was marred by the road conditions. We have been down to the Saltworks on numerous occasions and have not experienced conditions like that before. I did ask the Ranger if all was well and was assured it was. The only saving thing of the day was that we were the last group allowed in that wonderful area before it is all developed and who knows what that means., and we did see quite a few waterbirds.

I am not sure how satisfactory you found the venture when we are all in separate cars. Of course there was no other way to go at the Saltworks, but it is something we need to consider.

It was nice to welcome Andrew Wallace to the group.

Lake Spectacle was a surprise to many watchers. The lake is one of my favorite areas, it is accessable to Werribee, open every day and on most occasions there are numerous birds there.

Our next outing is listed for the Melbourne Treatment plant, this poses a few problems. Bev Abbot is able to bring a vehicle which seats 7, and with a large car we take another 5 , that is about the number on our last trip

Please contact me as soon as possible and let me know if you are coming on Dec 3rd so arrangements can be made. 9741-2997 and I am usually home before 8am and after 8pm... I still do not have an answering machine !!!

SALTWORKS VENTURE NOV 12 th.

Hoary headed grebe
Little pied cormorant
Silver gull
Pacific gull
White -faced heron
Sacred ibis
Black swan & cygnets
Mountain duck
Swamp harrier
Swamp hen
Masked lapwing
Red-capped plover
Black-winged stilt
Green shank
Marsh sandpiper
Sharp-tailed sandpiper
Red-necked stint
Curlew sandpiper
Feral pigeon

Welcome swallow
Skylark
Brown songlark
Richard's pipit
Willy wagtail
Little grassbird
Superb fairy wren
Striated calamanthus
Red wattle bird
White-plumed honeyeater
White-fronted chat
House sparrow
Goldfinch
Magpie
Mudlark
Little raven
Starling
Indian Mynah