October 16\textsuperscript{th}. Marteen Hulzebosch Twenty of us travelled to the Western Treatment Plant (The Sewage Farm to the old timers) with Bev, our unflappable and intrepid driver of the Community Bus. We went to mainly learn about waders and were not disappointed. Marteen was our charismatic leader, his knowledge of the Farm and its birds was endless. We had a perfect day with beautiful weather. There were plenty of waders on the ponds and down at Kirk Point. As a bonus a flock of Blue-winged Parrots settled on a nearby fence and stayed long enough for all to have a good look. Marteen then saw what he thought was a pair of Orange-bellied Parrots disappear rapidly up Little River. A developing trend of ‘out of town’ visitors was continued with Gina from Kew and Tom from Sydney. We identified 66 species of birds and what was probably a world first phenomenon, a Black Swan with a clutch of six downy goslings! A great day enjoyed by all. Marian Blood.

November 10\textsuperscript{th} Point Cook Revisited. We plan to meet in the RAAF Car Park, where we met on the last occasion. Bernie McCarrick is on leave so I am making arrangements with people who do not know us. The Ranger has expressed concern about there being 4 cars in convoy, maybe we will be in Park vehicles! I am not able to confirm this until Thursday 5\textsuperscript{th}. Should there be any change I will contact you or ask that you contact me.

December 8\textsuperscript{th} Botanic Gardens. We will travel by train and tram, have a stroll through the Gardens hoping to see some of the White-browed Scrub Wrens and the many other birds who enjoy living in the delightful gardens. We could take our lunch or sit beside the Lake.
It's Time to Plan For The Future: Where will we go next year? Werribee Historic Park, Organ Pipes National Park, Werribee Gorge State Park, Royal Botanic Gardens, Exford Weir, Western Treatment Plant, Point Cook, Queenscliff including Swan Island, You Yangs and Hovell’s Creek, Limeburners Point. Do give me your ideas. I will probably be away for the May, August and maybe September trips so will need someone to take charge of them. Any offers? I hope to be able to organise the Community Bus for a couple of Fridays that will fit in with our U3A commitments, three trips could be possible.

Birds Seen at Western treatment Plant October 16th.

Musk Duck
Black Swan
Australian Shelduck
Pacific Black Duck
Shoveler
Grey Teal
Chestnut Teal
Australasian Grebe
Hoary-headed Grebe
Little Pied Cormorant
Pied Cormorant
Little Black Cormorant
Black Cormorant
Pelican
Great Egret
Straw-necked Ibis
Sacred Ibis
Royal spoonbill
Black -shouldered kite
Whistling kite
Marsh Harrier
Dusky Moorhen
Eurasian Coot
Bar-tailed Godwit
Marsh Sandpiper
Greenshank
Ruddy Turnstone
Red-necked Stint
Curlew Sandpiper
Sharp-tailed sandpiper
Pied Oyster Catcher
Black-winged stilt
Red-necked avocet
Masked Lapwing
Pacific Gull
Silver Gull
Crested Tern
Fairy Tern
Spotted Turtle Dove
Blue Winged Parrot
Superb Fairy wren
Striated Field wren
Brown thornbill
Yellow-rumped thornbill
Red wattle bird
White plumed honeyeater
White fronted chat
Magpie-lark
Willie Wagtail
Australian Magpie
Australian Raven
Little Raven
Skylark
Richards Pipit
House Sparrow
Welcome Swallow
Reed Warbler
Gold Finch
Green Finch
Golden-headed Cisticola
Silvereye
Common Blackbird
Common Starling
Common Myna