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## **BIRDLIFE SHOALHAVEN CONSERVATION GOALS & PROCESS**

### **Goals**

One of BirdLife Shoalhaven's (BLS) three organisational goals is to "Improve Conservation Outcomes", made up of four sub-goals:

1. provide a local face and voice for BirdLife Australia
2. provide a focus on regional and local conservation matters and advocate for the conservation of birds and their habitats
3. conduct research and conservation programs and participate in BirdLife Australia projects
4. champion local bird conservation causes and groups

Having the capacity to improve conservation outcomes at a national, state, regional and local level is unrealistic. This process aims to balance our limited resources with the ability to achieve our conservation goals meaningfully.

### **Process**

To balance expectations, the BLS Committee has adopted the following process:

- a) BLS will provide a local face and voice for BirdLife Australia conservation activities through its magazine, social media and events.
- b) BLS will deliver regional and local conservation initiatives and advocate for the conservation of birds and their habitats with oversight by the BLS Committee.
- c) New initiatives, including BirdLife Australia projects, can be proposed by any BLS member for approval by the BLS Committee. If approved, the BLS Committee will appoint a project team, agree how the project should be delivered and reported upon, and review on-going progress.
- d) The BLS Committee will endorse local bird conservation causes and groups for promotion through its magazine and social media.
- e) Upon request, the BLS Committee will also consider giving approval to a local group to draft submissions on bird conservation issues, on behalf of BLS under the signature of the BLS Conservation Officer and/or President. The draft submission should include the name of the local group's representative to respond to any queries. The local group will be provided the BLS letterhead for this purpose. The BLS Conservation Officer and/or President will review and amend the local group's draft and make the final BLS submission. BLS will also send a copy to the local group's representative.

## **BLS projects and local bird conservation causes & groups as at 28 January 2022**

BLS strategic research and conservation projects are:

- BLS Bushfire Research Project – (Rob Dunn, Gary Brady)
- Raising the profile of Jervis Bay KBA – (Emily Dyball, Oisin Sweeney)
- BirdLife Australia KBA program – Karen Davis (Jervis Bay), Rob Dunn (Jerrawangala), Ulladulla to Merimbula KBA (Barry Virtue)
- BLS Birds on Golf Courses Project (Rob Dunn)
- RSPCA and Council 'Keeping cats safe at home' project – (Norm & Maureen Webb)

Upon request, BLS will support the following local bird conservation causes and groups through promotion and/or submissions:

- NPWS South Coast Shorebirds Recovery Program (Jessica Sharp & Annamarie Mueller)
- Lake Wollumboola Protection Association Inc. (Frances Bray)
- Manyana Matters Inc. (Bill Eger, President)
- Heritage Estate Community Network, Bay & Basin (Chris Grounds)
- Bhewerre Wetlands, a Basin Village Forum project at Sanctuary Point (Chris Grounds)
- Local residents opposing DA crematorium at 339 Wool Road, St. Georges Basin (Chris Grounds)
- Save Collingwood Beach, a Vincentia Matter project (Rob Dunn)
- Budawang Coast Atlas of Life (Annie Lane, Chair)

**Approved at BLS Committee meeting on 28 January 2022**