

Byron Bird Buddies (BBB)
Monitoring & Presentation Program January to June 2017
www.byronbirdbuddies.com.au

General Info - This program may change, but will be up-dated as much as possible. If you wish to attend any outing, please phone or email the contact number provided. If it's raining the event may also be cancelled. Mobile phone will be turned on for the day but it's not a guarantee that your call will be received. The Calendar also includes outing dates for other groups in the Northern Rivers, any questions please contact number provided.

What To Bring - Always wear covered shoes and bring water, hat, sunscreen and insect repellent and something to eat for morning or afternoon tea and lunch if it's over the lunch period.

Contact - for all BBB & BVBW Activities - byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com or 02 66803279 or Mobile 0428864378

Wet Weather Policy – Take a risk – or phone 0428864378 - the BVBW policy is at the bottom of this program & also applies to BBB outings

Other NSW Far North Coast Birding Groups

- **Brunswick Valley Birdwatchers (BVBW)** - (not incorporated) Fortnightly bird-watching outings – see dates below. Contact BBB for information -.
- **BirdLife Northern Rivers (BLNR) (ex-Tweed Bird Observers)** – a sub-branch of BirdLife Northern NSW (BLNNSW). - will especially suit BirdLife members north of Evans Head. The group conducts a monthly monitoring program in Northern Rivers and assists with a number of conservation projects in the Tweed area. Contact tweedbirds@bigpond.com or please call Linda Brannian on 0409 833 888
- **Ballina BirdLife Shorebird 2020** – monitoring shorebirds in Richmond River Estuary. Contact- Hans Wohlmuth hwohlmuth@gmail.com
- **BirdLife Northern NSW (BLNNSW)** - sub-branch of BirdLife Australia – National Bird Conservation Organisation – contact Richard Jordan - northernsw@birdlife.org.au
- **Northern Rivers Regional Shorebird Group** – platform for Community groups, Shire Councils, interested people and NPWS to discuss shorebird issues in the Northern Rivers. – Contact BBB - byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com



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Photo – Jan Olley

Byron Bird Buddies (BBB) – Schedule		
January 2017		
KEY: Purple shading – BBB survey days for BirdLife Shorebird 2020 (Shorebird 2020) and Byron Shire Council STP monitoring Project (BSC)		
Date & Time	Where	Why
Saturday 7 th	Byron Wetlands & Belongil	BBB – Latham Snipe survey
Sunday 15 th	Byron Wetlands & Belongil	BBB - Shorebird 2020 survey
Monday 16 th	Brunswick River & Brunswick Salt Marsh	BBB - Shorebird 2020 survey
Saturday 28 th	Byron Wetlands	BBB Morning survey for BSC project
February 2017		
Wednesday 1st	Upper Crystal Creek	BVBW
Saturday & Sunday	Urunga	BLNNSW Key Biodiversity Area Workshop (KBA)
Sunday 12 th	Flat Rock Ballina	BLNR- survey & meeting
Wednesday 15 th	Flat Rock Walking Trail	BVBW
Saturday 25 th	Ballina – all points, roster & time contact Hans Wohlmuth hwohlmuth@gmail.com	Ballina Shorebird 2020 Count High tide; 8:26am at 1.6 m (Fallback day Sunday 26 th Feb)
Sunday 26 th 07.30am – 13.00	Vallances Rd byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BBB - morning survey; 4-6h for BSC project
March 2017		
Wednesday 1st 08.00 -13.00	Old New Brighton Road byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BVBW – outing and survey for Birdlife Atlas
Saturday 4 th To be confirmed	Tallow Creek – Workshop – (fall back date Saturday 11 th or Sunday 2 nd April)	
Sunday 5 th	Clean-up Australia Day - BBB & Volunteers – Be involved - do your own thing or find an event close to you -	
Sunday 5 th 16.30 – 19.00 (4.30pm) start	Byron Wetlands – Cost – just bring a plate to share & own drinks – booking required - byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BBB- Presentation on Shorebirds & Guided Walk
Saturday 11 th To be confirmed	Tallow Creek – Workshop – fall back date Sunday 2 nd April	
Sunday 12 th 07.30 -11.30	Booyong NR tweedbirds@bigpond.com	BLNR- survey & meeting http://www.birdlife.org.au/locations/birdlife-northern-nsw/birdlife-northern-rivers - then click on 'Events'
Tuesday 14 th To be confirmed -	SeaPeace - Assist Birding Survey at Ewingsdale	
Wednesday 15 th 08.00 – 13.00	To be advised or email byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BVBW - survey for Birdlife Atlas
Friday 17 th to Monday 20 th	BirdLife Australia Northern NSW Campout - Tenterfield BLNNSW - http://www.birdlife.org.au/locations/birdlife-northern-nsw/birdlife-northern-rivers - then click on 'Campouts'	
Saturday 25 th	Byron Shire Council celebrates - World Water Day - BBB members assist with spotting scope at bird hide, key bird locations and a presentation on Wetlands Birds in the Cavanbah Centre.	
Wednesday 29 th 08.00 – 13.00	To be advised or email byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BVBW - survey for Birdlife Atlas
Thursday 30 th 15.30 (3.00pm)	Byron Wetlands byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BBB – evening survey; 4-6h survey for BSC project

April 2017 Daylight Saving Ends 2am Sunday 2nd April		
Sunday 2nd	Tallow Creek – Workshop – (fall back date Sunday 2nd April)	To be confirmed
Tuesday 4th	Lorraine’s (Lismore) Book-club at Wetlands	To be confirmed
Sunday 9th 07.30 -11.00	Schuster Park, Heather Street, Tallebudgera tweedbirds@bigpond.com	BLNR - survey & meeting http://www.birdlife.org.au/locations/birdlife-northern-nsw/birdlife-northern-rivers - then click on 'Events'
Wednesday 12th 08.00 – 13.00	To be advised or email byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BVBW - survey for BirdLife Atlas
Tuesday 24th	Fall-back date Lorraine’s (Lismore) Book-club at Wetlands -	To be confirmed
Wednesday 26th 08.00 – 13.00	To be notified – contact byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BVBW - survey for BirdLife Atlas
Saturday 29th 15.00 – 19.00	Vallances Road – Mullumbimby STP byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BBB - evening 4-6h survey for BSC
May 2017		
BBB - Pick up BBB shorebird signs from beach access points		
Saturday & Sunday 6th & 7th	RENEW FESTIVAL – Mullumbimby	BVL & BBB stall – day to be confirmed for BBB
Wednesday 10th 08.00 – 13.00	To be advised – contact byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BVBW - survey for BirdLife Atlas
Sunday 21st 7.30 -11.00	Byron Wetlands tweedbirds@bigpond.com or byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BLNR-BBB morning survey & meeting. A 4 - 6h survey for BSC p-project
Wednesday 24th 08.00 – 13.00	To be advised or email byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BVBW - survey for Birdlife Atlas
June 2017		
Wednesday 7th 08.00 – 13.00 – to be confirmed back up date 21 st	Vallances Road Mullumbimby – off Coolamon Scenic Drive – Drive to the end of the tarred road and wait at the gate	BVBW & BBB Vallances Road - Morning 4-6hr survey
Sunday 11th 7.30 -11.00	Goonengerry NP tweedbirds@bigpond.com byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BLNR - survey & meeting http://www.birdlife.org.au/locations/birdlife-northern-nsw/birdlife-northern-rivers - then click on 'Events'
Wednesday 21st 08.00 – 13.00	To be advised or email byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BVBW - survey for Birdlife Atlas (also tentative date for am monitoring Vallances Road if 7 th not suitable)
VBW Wet Weather Policy - 2012 (Hans Lutter)		
In the event of a wash-out the venue will be transferred to the next outing in a fortnight.		
If in doubt:		
Option 1) you could phone a senior member for advice:		
If you ring senior member		
a) #1 (a lady): she will go rain, hail or shine.		
b) #2 (a lady): she'll call it off because the paddocks are too muddy.		
c) #3 (a bloke): "just go you're not made of sugar"		
d) #4 - ring any other member and be told to ring a-b or c.		
Option 2) check the radar on BOM and make your own decision. (highly recommended).		
But if you decided NOT to go , be prepared to be told: "You should have come, we had a wonderful time and saw heaps of birds; rain? What rain?" (this happens at least 50% of the time)		