

Birds Queensland Meeting

Thursday 2 April 2020



Birds Queensland will hold its April meeting at the **Warner Hall**, Merthyr Road Uniting Church, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm on Thursday 2 April 2020 at 7.30 pm. Visitors are always welcome.

Maggie Overend - The Welford National Park Expedition

Andrew Ley led the expedition to survey Welford National Park in July 2019. Maggie's photographic presentation will give an overview of this expedition.



Budgerigars on the Welford National Park Expedition, photo: Maggie Overend



*Alec Chisholm birding in Lamington National Park, 1949.
Mitchell Library, PXA
1772, box 3.*

Russell McGregor's biography of Alec Chisholm, *Idling in Green Places: A Life of Alec Chisholm*, will be available for sale at the meeting at the discounted price of \$40.

Russell McGregor - Birdwatching with Alec Chisholm

Russell takes a look behind the binoculars of one of Australia's greatest birders of times past: Alec Chisholm. He will explain how Alec Chisholm took up birding as a boy in the Victorian country town of Maryborough and how that developed into a life-long passion.

Russell will reveal some of Alec's more notable birdwatching experiences, including his sighting of a pair of Paradise Parrots near Gayndah in 1922. In the same year Alec published his first book, the wonderfully titled *Mateship with Birds*, which exemplifies his emotionally charged advocacy of bird conservation.

Russell will reveal the changes in Alec's mode of birdwatching from the turn of the twentieth century until his death in 1977, and in so doing illuminate the history of birding in this country.