



Birds Queensland

7 February 2019 Meeting

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Birds Queensland will hold its monthly meeting at the Brunswick Room, Merthyr Road Uniting Church, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm on Thursday 7 February 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Mike West - Twitching lifers in north-west Queensland

Mike and Lindy West followed up their successful trip to Iron Range in December 2017 with another lifer-twitch, this time to the north-west corner of Queensland. Mike will present highlights of their trip supported by photos taken by Marie Tarrant.

Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) NP, above, photo: Mike West

Pink-eared duck, right, photo: John Stirling

Buff-banded rail, below, photo: George Pergaminelis



Main Talk: Rob Clemens - Australian waterbirds: what we know and what we hope to learn

Come and listen to a good news story about waterbird ecology and the need for citizen science waterbird monitoring at Southern Queensland's wetlands.

The restoration of a wetland near Yandina on the Sunshine Coast, demonstrates the kinds of actions we can take to help waterbirds in Australia. Recent studies provide insights into the remarkable ecology of Australia's waterbirds and their ability to track temporary resources across vast distances.

National waterbird data show some sobering long-term declines of waterbird populations in the Murray-Darling Basin. However, for over 30 species of waterbirds, there are not enough data to tell how populations are tracking, or even to demonstrate the positive impact a place like Yandina can provide.

Rob will tell us more about the simple steps we can take to help understand waterbird populations.