

# Birds Queensland Meeting

## Thursday 7 November 2024



Birds Queensland's next monthly meeting is at 7.30 pm on Thursday 7 November 2024, at the Warner Hall, Merthyr Road Uniting Church, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm.

Birds Queensland videos presentations. Members will be notified when these videos are available for viewing online.

### Deb Mostert - Put a Bird on it! - Birds and Artmaking

Deb will give an overview of her broad practice with a special focus on the birds that have made their way into her studio and seem happy to stay. From birds that collect objects to birds that tempt us with their mystery, there is always more to observe and learn.

*Right, 'I like the sound the sound they make' - Kookaburra Vintage Alarm Clock.*  
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*Left, image from the website of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (UK)*

### Russell McGregor - Feeding the Birds: Why is Australia different?

Feeding wild birds draws a lot of disapproval. Influential environmental, governmental and other agencies roundly condemn the practice, voicing a hostility that is unique to Australia. By contrast, in Europe and North America, bird-feeding carries the blessing of bird lovers who do all they can to promote it. So why is Australia different? Prior to the 1980s, Australian birders agreed with their overseas counterparts and enthusiastically encouraged feeding. Since then, misgivings turned into condemnation, and hesitations into denunciations. Why did Australia change in the final decades of the twentieth century? Russell will offer some tentative answers, but wants to hear yours too.