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## Wetland Warbler



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Clamorous Reed-Warbler

# Wetland Warbler

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The committee has been meeting on Zoom to discuss FESWI affairs.

Lockdown persists but we hope you are all finding something to keep cheerful about!

Thank you to all of you who have paid your annual subscription and the many who have included a donation.

The Bird Hide is still flooding after each heavy rainfall so will need a thorough clean again when we get back there. The carpark has been regraded and will be much better after drying out.

We will hold our AGM 2020-2021 when we are able to meet face-to-face again. February 2022 or late 2021 will hopefully be suitable and Melbourne Water will allow access to the Education Centre after lockdown.

In the meantime, we would like to improve our contact with all members using improved information technology. To do this we need some enthusiastic people, probably younger ones, who can assist us with website and facebook design and access.

If you are enthusiastic about helping, I would be delighted to discuss any possibilities with you.

If several people can contribute a small time and effort to improving our website and newsletters that would be an excellent contribution. We are also looking into a membership database to record the involvement of individual members. When the Hide opens, we will meet so many of you there again and communication will be so much easier. However, we have no idea when that will return. We have a QR code now and will be keeping to all the restrictions.

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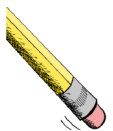
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### JUST A COUPLE OF THINGS .....

Unmark the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING planned for Sunday 26 September 2021 from your calendar.  
Date to be announced.



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# GREAT NEWS FOR THE SEAFORD WETLANDS

Robin Clarey

The great news is that Melbourne Water has declined the application from Parkrun Australia to hold its weekly event at the Seaford Wetlands, once again demonstrating its excellent stewardship of our Ramsar sites. Good on you, Melbourne Water!

It is very disappointing that Frankston Councilors did not exercise a similar duty of care, as stated in the *Edithvale-Seaford Wetland Site Ramsar Management Plan 2016 (Ecology Australia)*. Part of this *Management Plan* deals with the threat of human disturbance to the wetlands and clearly states:

“Melbourne Water is receiving an increasing number of applications for group active recreation, including running events and other activities, potentially resulting in an increased level of disturbance to waterbirds, including migratory shorebirds. **At Seaford Wetland, Frankston City Council restricts the scale and frequency of public events to minimize disturbance impacts on migratory shorebirds.**”

Unfortunately, the proceedings of the Council Meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> May (where Council Members voted to allow the Parkruns) has sent a very clear message to environmental groups that they need maintain vigilance because the Council, in its present incarnation, cannot always be trusted to care properly for our precious environmental areas within its province.

It would also be good if *Parkrun Australia* reconsidered its approach when choosing sites for its events – the organisation gives the impression that it thinks that any open space that meets *its* requirements is there for the taking; and seems to show no care for the environmental values of its choices. The attributes of an area may indeed be perfect for parkrun event but that doesn't mean that all other considerations pertaining to that area can be consigned to the dustbin. Let us hope that this matter is now put to rest!

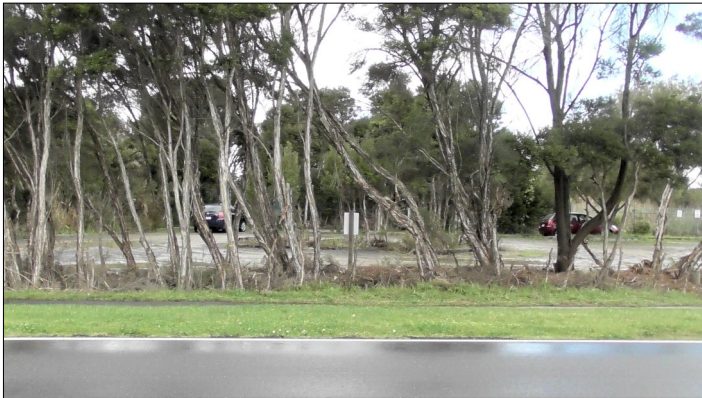
Many thanks to so many of our members who contributed to FESWI's campaign to protect the Wetlands. Great work all!



Seaford Wetlands



# THE BIRD HIDE



Left: The weeds and undergrowth around the trees along the front of the car park have been cleared away making the whole area more visible from the road and hopefully will deter would-be dumpers.

Right: The hide floor continues to be inundated (photo 29th August).

## GRANTS

The good news is that FESWI has been successful with three grant applications –

**Melbourne Water** – (1) For postage of FESWI's newsletter over 18 months. (\$653.40).

**Melbourne Water** – (2) For a sign at the bird hide car park entrance advertising its presence. (\$462.00 ).

**Kingston Council** - For a similar advertising sign at second entrance to bird hide car park.

Many thanks to Melbourne Water and Kingston Council.

And at **Bunnings Carrum Downes** FESWI'S planned Sausage Sizzle was cancelled (Covid). Bunnings has offered FESWI a compensatory \$500 gift card which was entirely unexpected and very generous. Thank you, Bunnings.

## THE PEREGRINE FALCONS AT 367

On a ledge on top of a building at 367 Collins Street, Melbourne, thousands of people per year enjoy watching CCTV footage of the birds as they lay and hatch their chicks from August. They have been using this site for many years and if you wish to have a look go to [367 Collins by Mirvac | Peregrine Falcons](#)



Photographed on 7<sup>th</sup> August - a nest of at least four cygnets just inside the fence next to the viewing ramp. Photo: Arlis Kempf

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# Frogs are really cool!

DO YOU AGREE WITH THE ABOVE STATEMENT?

YES

NO

ONLY THE  
CHOCOLATE  
ONES

SEE OVER FOR ANSWER

DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE FIVE DIFFERENT FROGS ASSOCIATED WITH OUR WETLANDS?



The Pobblebonk Frog—the largest of the frogs. It makes a distinctive bonk bonk sound.

The Common Froglet—the smallest of the frogs. Most likely to be heard, calling in large numbers



The Spotted Marsh Frog—the 2nd largest of the frogs. It makes a gkk gkk gkk sound.

The Striped Marsh Frog—the 2nd largest of the frogs. It also makes a gkk gkk gkk sound.



The Southern Brown Tree Frog — (obviously having a bad morning on the day its picture was taken). The 2nd smallest of the frogs. Most likely to be heard in your garden, it makes a chirping sound.



# Frogs are really cool!



Why are frogs so happy?

They eat whatever bugs them!



What do you say to a hitch-hiking frog?

Hop in!



What does a frog wear on St. Patrick's day?

Nothing!

ANSWER TO FROG QUIZ

Yes. That is correct!

Now, what did the frogs ever do to you?

Hmmm!  
A moment on the lips,  
A lifetime on the hips!



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Looking at the map for some weekend travel ideas.

### Banish the Lockdown Blues with a laugh

The worst thing about a seven-day lockdown is the first six weeks!



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