



## WERRIBEE OLDER ADULT BIRDWATCHER

What a magic day we had at the at the Treatment plant? I found it *thrilling!* In all we saw 51 varieties of birds. We are most grateful to Gilbert and Phillip for doing the reconnoitre, to Bev for bring the bus and for driving it too, to Chris for taking the "extras" in the car. All this co-operation made for a terrific day. Lake Borrie is another of Werribee's hidden assets as is Kirk's Point. It was a beautiful place for lunch.

About the birds.. The Banded Lapwing v Masked Lapwing .. the Banded is 25-28cm the Masked 35-38cm so you will have to make up your minds as to that one. The 200+ avocets were quite a sight. The bird we spent so much time pondering over at Kirk's Point was probably a Golden Plover. Phillip phoned the Ranger at Point Cook and was assured they were in the area this year, and I phoned Dr Clive Minter, who has wading research group, he confirmed they had recently banded some. The Book says.." Golden Plover migrant from Artic to coastal and subcoastal wetlands, fields and inland swamps around mainland and Tas." It was new to me. Now you have a Little Blue Book , for which we thank our anon. donor, you will be able to keep your own records and thereby see how many birds are seen in the year. Each month you get a list of those seen at an outing.

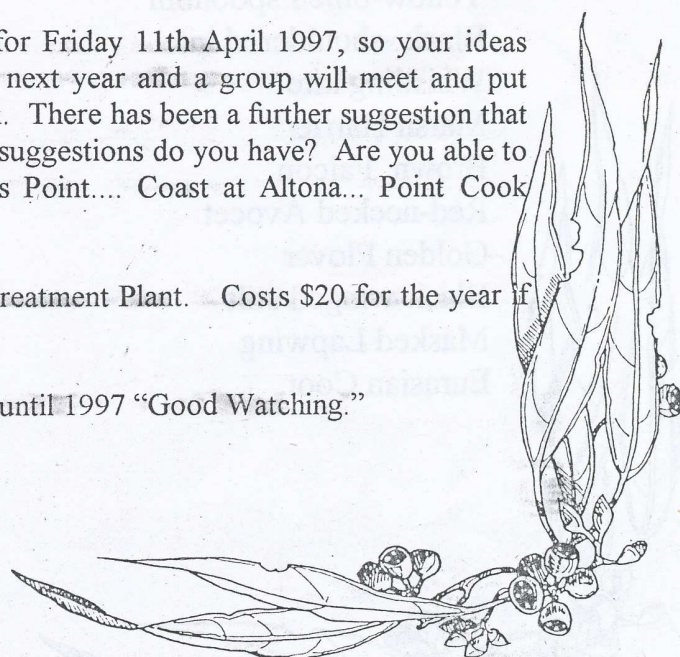
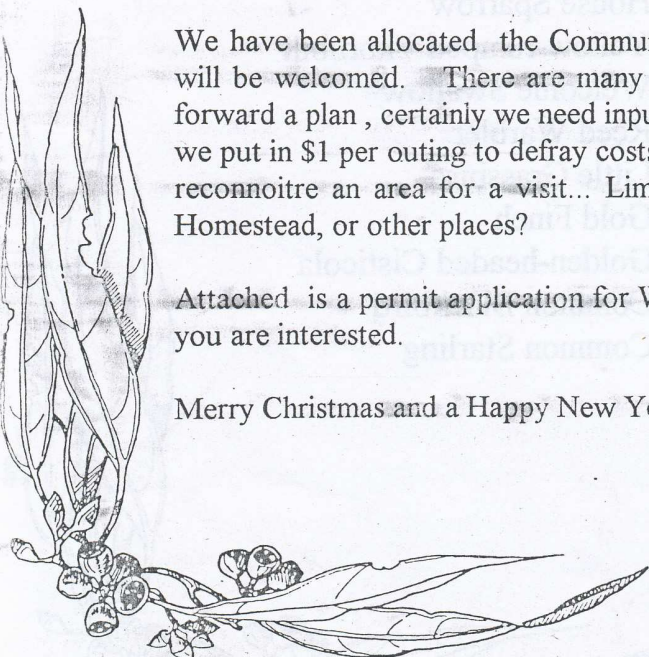
Our visits this year have taken us to different habitats, we have had two visits to Western Treatment plant, the You-Yangs, Anakie Gorge, Linton, Pt Cook , Serendip and Point Liliass ; all in all a very interesting and productive year.

During summer we can record the birds which visit our gardens. Four European finches, and a family of Superb Wrens are recent arrivals at Tyrone St., they seem to mix well with the estyablidshed group. Who calls on you?

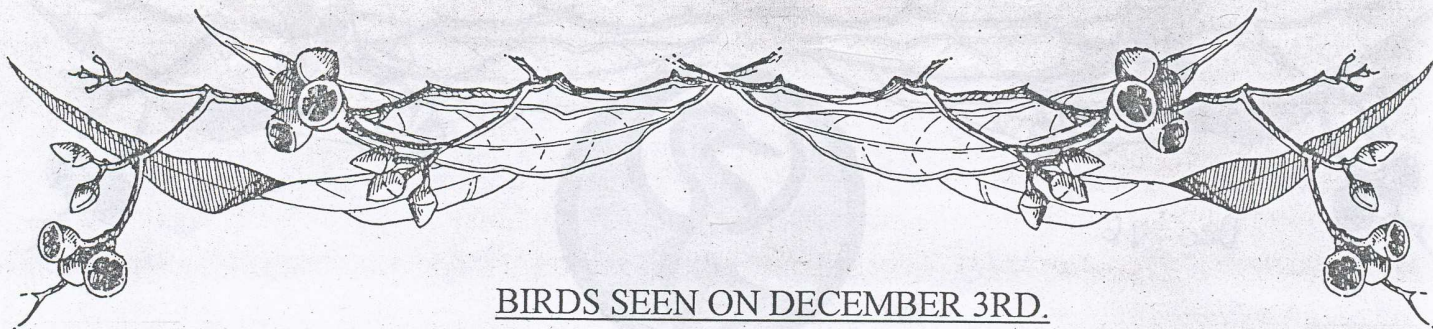
We have been allocated the Community Bus for Friday 11th April 1997, so your ideas will be welcomed. There are many ideas for next year and a group will meet and put forward a plan , certainly we need input from all. There has been a further suggestion that we put in \$1 per outing to defray costs . What suggestions do you have? Are you able to reconnoitre an area for a visit... Lime Burners Point.... Coast at Altona... Point Cook Homestead, or other places?

Attached is a permit application for Western Treatment Plant. Costs \$20 for the year if you are interested.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and until 1997 "Good Watching."







BIRDS SEEN ON DECEMBER 3RD.

At Melbourne Treatment Plant Werribee.

Black swan & cygnet  
Australian Shelduck  
Pacific Black Duck  
Grey Teal  
Chestnut Teal  
Hardhead  
Australian Grebe  
Hoary-headed Grebe  
Crested Grebe  
Little Pied Cormorant  
Pied Cormorant  
Little Black Cormorant  
Pelican  
White Faced Heron  
Straw-necked Ibis  
Sacred Ibis  
Yellow-billed spoonbill  
Black -shouldered kite  
Whistling kite  
Marsh Harrier  
Brown Falcon  
Red-necked Avocet  
Golden Plover  
Black-winged stilt  
Masked Lapwing  
Eurasian Coot

Purple Swamphen  
Dusky Moorhen  
Red-necked Stint  
Curlew Sandpiper  
Banded Lapwing  
Pacific Gull  
Silver Gull  
Crested tern  
Marsh tern  
Spotted Turtle Dove  
Magpie-lark  
Willie Wagtail  
Australian Magpie  
Australian Raven  
Sky Lark  
Richard's Pipit  
House Sparrow  
Yellow-rumped Thornbill  
Welcome Swallow  
Reed Warbler  
Little Grassbird  
Gold Finch  
Golden-headed Cisticola  
Common Blackbird  
Common Starling

