



# Werribee Wag-Tales • Volume 18 No 2, 2014



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Black Swan  
Pacific Black Duck  
Grey Teal  
Chestnut Teal  
Australasian Grebe  
Hoary-headed Grebe  
Australian White Ibis  
Royal Spoonbill  
Nankeen Night Heron  
Great Egret  
White-faced Heron  
Australian Pelican  
Little Pied Cormorant  
Little Black Cormorant  
Great Cormorant  
Australasian Darter  
Purple Swampphen  
Dusky Moorhen  
Eurasian Coot  
Pied Oystercatcher  
White-headed Stilt  
Masked Lapwing  
Red-kneed Dotterel  
Red-capped Plover  
Black-fronted Dotterel  
Common Greenshank  
Red-necked Stint  
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper  
Silver Gull  
Pacific Gull  
Greater Crested Tern  
Rock Dove  
Spotted Dove  
Crested Pigeon  
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo  
Rainbow Lorikeet  
Superb Fairywren  
New Holland Honeyeater  
Little Wattlebird  
Red Wattlebird  
Singing Honeyeater  
White-plumed Honeyeater  
Yellow-rumped Thornbill  
Australian Magpie  
Australian Golden Whistler  
Willie Wagtail  
Grey Fantail  
Magpie-lark  
Little Raven  
Eurasian Skylark  
Welcome Swallow  
Australian Reed Warbler  
Common Myna  
Common Starling  
Common Blackbird  
House Sparrow

## Altona, and Newport Lake in summer.

After a pleasant walk along Koroit Creek to its entrance to Bay we made our way to Newport Lake via the Old Williamstown Race Track. At the ford there were a few swans with collar, some black, some white and all numbered, they are a part of a study. The Black Swan Collar Project is a research project by zoologist Raoul Mulder, of the University of Melbourne. It began at Albert Park Lake in 2006, and there are about 300 birds fitted with collars.

Females are fitted with white collars and a black number-and-letter combination. Males are fitted with black collars with white codes.

The project relies on people reporting swan data onto a website and it's then possible to build up a picture of the movement of the birds.

The website is [www.myswan.org.au](http://www.myswan.org.au)

Each report gives some data on that swan and its previously reported movements, Peter O'Connell had a photo showing the Swans with collars. David J took the other photo on our outing.



So on to Newport Lakes which used to be a quarry, then a tip and now a delight habitat for many birds. The park is 33 hectares in size and is a great place for a picnic with family and friends, for a leisurely walk or just to relax in a tranquil bushland setting. The lakes area of the park has been extensively revegetated using native plants, with over 200 species of plants and 85 species of birds recorded here.



Sincere thanks to Andre and Len for managing to find a good spot for morning tea and ensuring none of us rushed off to join the circus. I hope I am able to attach a brochure about the annual Wild flower and Bird trip Neil Marriott, son of Nance, is a peat of organising each year,

