



# Werribee Wag-Tales • Volume 18 No 41 2014

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Visit the 2nd Best Birding Place in Australia... The Western Treatment Plant Werribee.

In April the Shore birds are trying to fatten up for their long journey back to Siberia to breed, so it is only fitting that we visit them before they set off on the marathon flight. I was personally disappointed to see so few birds this year, there was not the usual number of little Red-neck stints, Sharp-tailed sandpipers but I know we all enjoyed our day out even though it was quite hot by Lunch time. It is always good fun when there are different opinions as to which bird we are seeing, Intermediate Egret? Little Egret? OR Cattle Egret? We are fortunate to have Surong's Gunn's photo to definitively show it was a Cattle Egret.. Thanks for the panoramic shot too! Thanks to Susan Myers for the Group shot. It was an excellent day for those who enjoy seeing DUCKS, they were there in their thousands. Many little birds were out and about too, the Striated Field wren, the Golden Headed Cisticola. In all at the end of the day the Group had seen 82 or was it 83 birds. Thanks too Dave for organising us all and to the car drivers



A tribute to Nancy Marriott. Liz Hurley visited Nancy and asked a few questions about her love for birds. It began when staying with her son Neil, she watched birds nesting and was entranced by their calls. Her husband was always chasing birds and butterflies around the creek on their property. Nancy's favourite bird is the Blue Wren and her favourite birding spot was on Port Phillip at Altona and seeing Gannets, waders and other sea birds. Nancy's bird watching advice is "to get some-one to buy you good binoculars. Birding took Nancy to many places in Australia looking at Birds.. Nancy is now living at Southern Cross Melbourne Rd., NEWPORT

