



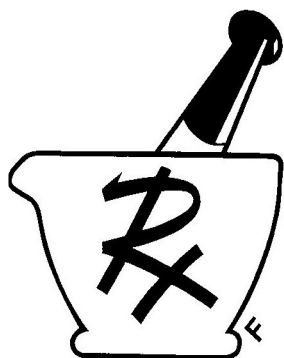
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Presidents Report

Firstly I will start with some sad news that one of our founding and life members Graeme McNamara passed away suddenly recently. (See write up on Graeme in this Chirpa)
Our next meeting will be on Friday 13th of September at our clubrooms yes I have the keys so come along and check it out and help us get the room back into some order. We have a fair bit to discuss and a few dates to set so please come and have your say. We are looking at having a visit to the Launceston area mid January, so we will be talking about it with a few aviaries already lined up to view, we also have the upcoming Burnie and Stanley shows to discuss. Also Kevin Hyland will be at our meeting with a few topics for discussion.
So see you all at our meeting.
your President Leon.



Graeme McNamara

Sadly Club Member and Founder Graeme McNamara passed away on 10th August 2024, at the age 89. The President and members of the North West Bird Club extend our deepest sympathy to his family and all his friends. Graeme was a founder long time member and supporter of our club and will be sadly missed by us all.

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Calendar of Meetings (Fridays 730pm at club rooms unless stated)

March 2024 16th Saturday Wynyard Show
 April 2024 13th Bird Expo 10 to 1pm
 May 2024 TBA
 June 2024 No meeting
 July 2024 No meeting
 August 2024 11th 12.30 Lunch at Daltons café Ulverstone
 September 2024 13th 7.30pm meeting Wynyard Showground
 October 2024 11th 7.30pm Meeting Wynyard Showground.
 November 2024 30th Stanley Show.
 December 2024 Christmas function TBA
 January 2025 10th meeting 7.30pm Wynyard Showground
 February 2025 14th AGM meeting 7.30 Wynyard showground

Hi all, a bit of a story of a pair of wedge tail eagles I recently observed.

As most of you know I work at Burnie High School (well I get paid to be there anyway) and for many years we have had a pair of WTE frequent the hills behind the school, recently I observed one of the birds with what I thought was a snake in its claw flying around on closer viewing I realised it was a large stick maybe 4 foot long and quite thick then all of a sudden it exchanged the stick with the other WTE in mid air and they did this 3-4 times before I lost sight of them behind a stand of gums. I'm still in awe of this and thought wow what have I just witnessed. Fast forward 2-3 weeks I'm working out back of school and I see said pair of WTE fly around over head so I

started watching them and noticed both birds carry sticks in their beaks and flying down into a gum about 50m from me so I investigated a bit closer and discovered a nest being built in the fork of a large gum they brought in branches and leaves smaller ones in their beak and larger ones by claw I also observed them breaking off branches with their beak and carting to nest.

So I'm not sure if I am witnessing something that not many humans have seen before but believe me I have witnessed something I believe to be pretty special and as I said the nest is about 50m from a school and houses I will keep you updated and hopefully I see some chicks fledge in the near future. Leon



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Tribute from Lorna Dicker

Vale Graeme McNamara 25.11.1936 - 10.08.2024

Have you ever met someone for the first time and that image stays with you for the rest of your life? I first met him about 1975 when I visited my Mum and her friend, who was his Uncle. A battered flat tray ute arrived and this person got out. He was wearing a fawn bib & brace dungarees with one side hanging down undone, a blue flannel checked shirt and muddy boots. Then I looked up and I saw the biggest smile and mop of unruly curls on his head. This was Graeme McNamara! I can still see him today!

I join the North West Bird Club in 1992 and enjoyed hearing about the start of the Club Room, the way he built it and about the old Members who were there from the start. He had so much knowledge on the health and safety of bird care he could have written quite a few books on the subject, but he preferred to talk! Having been on a farm Graeme could also mend, repair and design anything, from small household repairs, large gates to gigantic sheds. He could weld, saw and nail most things. Over the last few years I have had the honour of Graeme's visits for a tea. He would arrive with an armful of home grown vegies (which was his favourite outdoor pastime). He would spend this time telling me wonderful stories of his time Aviary-sitting on the mainland and the people he met. He visited Africa and was excited at meeting the Pygmy children and their families. He loved life and new experiences. When home he loved his little companion Dot who would sit beside him in her basket watching TV. She didn't care if he still had one side strap hanging, still undone, or if he had lost his phone or hearing aid again! But WE will miss you Graeme. Thank you. R.I.P