

Feather Fascination!

with local Birdwatcher,
Jim Butler



REFLECTION

One of my life's roles is to lead the Bird Project (2012 - 2017) for the Moggill Creek Catchment Group. This column is an important segment of the Project. Today, I reflect on my interactions with you, my reader; and together with you look beyond 2017. The Pelican's fabulous reflection accompanies him everywhere that is my goal! The first column appeared in November 2012. Should the column go valiantly into 2018?

My birding activity has been life-long. The variable demands of my life commitments have meant that the time and energy devoted to birding has ebbed and flowed. Then I retired and time became easier. Hence my initiation of the Bird Project. In addition to this column, the Project has collated the list of birds recorded in the Catchment from all available databases and published on the MCCG Website the Historical Bird List 1900 to 2017 (210 birds); and the Current Bird List (203 birds) containing those birds, their habitats and their food guilds, likely

found in the Catchment in 2017. A few birds are locally extinct in the Catchment. Surprisingly, three new birds were recorded in the Catchment in 2016 which resulted from the continuing bird surveys in the Catchment.

Getting back to you my reader, I am unsure if I have entertained and interested you over the five years. I did not understand before how lonely writing columns can be! It has definitely been improved by the splendid photos of Ed Frazer. The photos are now central. I am unsure if my efforts to improve my writing have been successful. Could you help me improve the column? I have a myriad of topics but could you list topics that interest you? Do you want me to identify photos of birds or recordings of birdsong for you? What can we do together for the birds in our district?

Birding together

~ Jim

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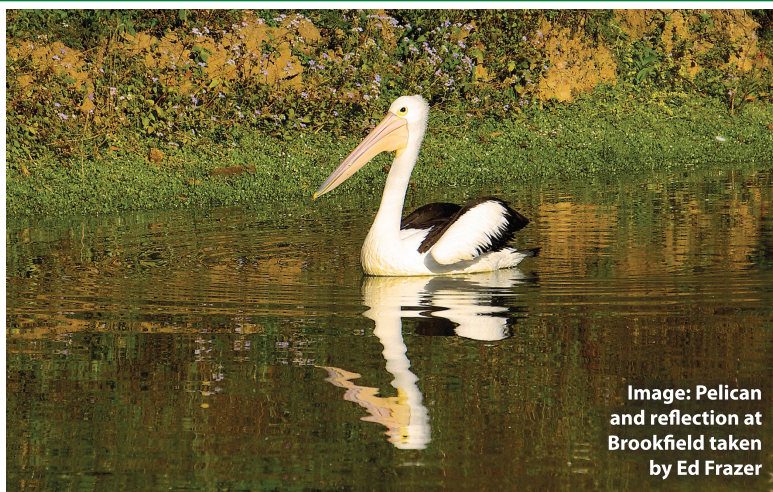


Image: Pelican
and reflection at
Brookfield taken
by Ed Frazer