

BARC CASES PERTAINING TO NSW DECIDED IN 2017

894	Westland Petrel	Byron Bay	January 13, 2016	Accepted
896	Hudsonian Godwit	Lake Wollumboola	January 19, 2016	Accepted

CASE SUMMARIES

Case 894: This case concerned the recovery of a Westland Petrel *Procellaria westlandica* which was found at Belongil Creek Estuary, 4kms west of Byron Bay Township on January 13, 2016. The bird was alive and taken into care but died overnight. The photographs confirmed the identity of the bird beyond any doubt and the committee voted unanimously in favour of acceptance. It becomes the 15th confirmed record of the species in Australia. Jan Olley

Case 896: This case concerned the sighting of a Hudsonian Godwit *Limosa haemastica* at Lake Wollumboola on December 19, 2015. The bird remained in the area until at least January 19, 2016 and was seen by many birders. The photographs and description left no doubt as to the identity of the bird and the committee voted unanimously in favour of acceptance. It becomes the 7th confirmed record for Australia and the first since a sighting at Lake Joondalup WA on February 11, 2012. Demetrios Bertzeletos and Charles Dove

Roger McGovern

Secretary NSW Ornithological Records Appraisal Committee

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