



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COURSE

AN INTRODUCTION TO BIRD BANDING

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
15TH AND 16TH OCTOBER 2022**

**THE COURSE RUNS
SATURDAY FROM 7:00 AM TO 5.00 PM AND
SUNDAY FROM 7:00 AM TO 12:00 PM.**

The course cost is \$120.00 (incl. camping fees).

Presenters: Petra Hanke and Chris Scholz



White-fronted Honeyeater (*Purnella albifrons*)

THE COURSE

Bird banding is an important study technique that contributes to the conservation of birds throughout the world. This course will provide you with an introduction to the banding process, which will be a great way to find out what banding birds is all about. It will also provide you an opportunity to see birds up close in the hand and the fine detail of different species.

We will spend most of our time in the field. You will learn how birds are caught with mistnets, and how they are safely extracted from the net. You will experience how birds are handled, and what methods are used to age and sex them. You will also learn techniques for banding, weighing, measuring and recording the birds we catch.

We will spend a small amount of time in the classroom learning about the role bird banding plays in conservation, some of the interesting discoveries researchers have already made, and how to become a bird bander.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO BRING EACH DAY

Bring a hat, sunscreen, sturdy enclosed shoes and long-sleeved clothing. Layers are good as it will become warmer during the day. Also pack snacks, water and your lunch. A pad and pen might be helpful. Bring field guides and binoculars if you have them. Please bring a face mask to wear in shared transport and indoors.

MEETING POINT

Environmental Education Centre, Gluepot Reserve, for a 7am start into the field

COURSE FACILITATORS

Your facilitators for this course are Petra Hanke and Chris Scholz. Both have degrees in Biology and are licenced A class bird banders with over 10 years of experience.

The bird banding project in Gluepot was started over 20 years ago by renowned bander Wally Klau, OAM.

ACCOMMODATION AT GLUEPOT

Accommodation is available at Waikerie approx. 1.5 hours by car each way. Most course participants camp on the Reserve. There are three camping grounds to choose from and you will need to be fully self sufficient in regard to your camping equipment, water and food supplies.

The camp grounds provide well spaced sites that are suitable for tents, caravans and vehicles. Long-drop toilets are provided at each camp ground but neither power nor water are available. THERE IS NO MOBILE PHONE RECEPTION ON GLUEPOT, although phone calls can be made from the Rangers homestead in emergencies.

COURSE REGISTRATIONS

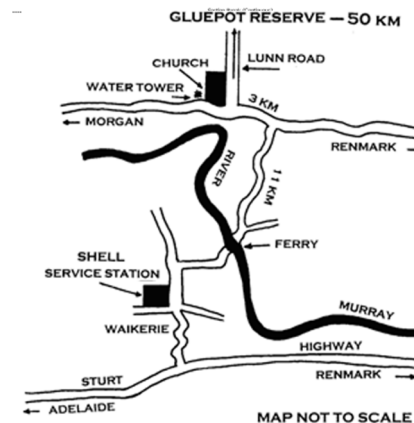
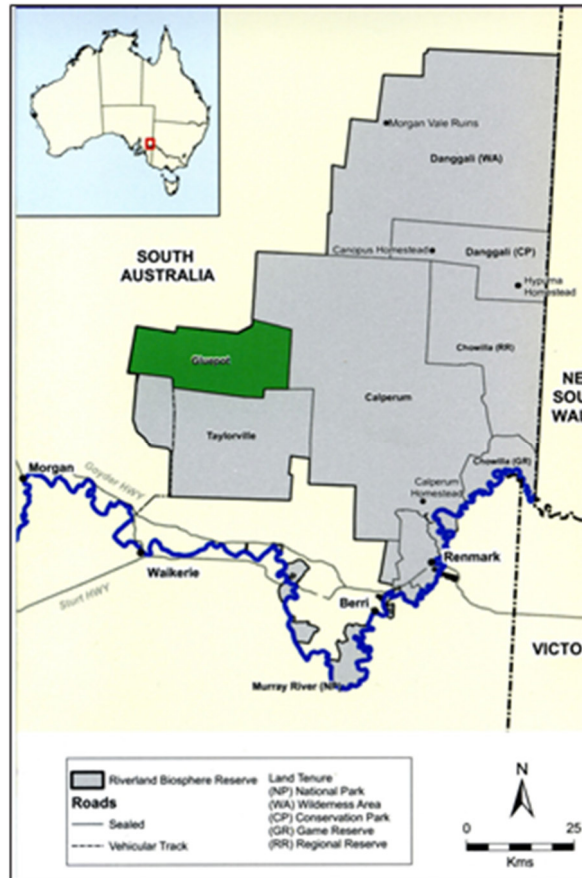
via <https://www.gluepot.org> or contact:
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Gluepot Reserve is approx. 64 km north of Waikerie in the Riverland area of South Australia.

Entry to Gluepot is only via Lunn Road (from Goyder Highway) - don't let your sat-nav lead you astray.

DIRECTIONS TO GLUEPOT RESERVE FROM WAIKERIE

1. Turn left out of the Shell Service Station
2. Take the first turn right to the ferry
3. After the ferry crossing follow the bitumen road to the Morgan/Renmark Road – 11 km.
4. Turn left and travel 3 km to the Christadelphian Church on the right.
5. Turn right. You will see a large sign on the gravel road in front of you. Follow the signs to Gluepot Reserve.
6. There are four gates to open and close. Leave any gates as you find them.
7. It will take you approx. 1.5 hours to get to the Reserve.
8. There is a good gravel road suitable for 2WDs, camper trailers, and off road caravans.
9. When you get to Gluepot Reserve the Education Centre is the first building on the left.
10. Behind the Ed Centre is a well appointed Visitor's Centre. There are three campgrounds all with pit toilets on the Reserve. You will find information and maps in the Visitor's Centre.
11. **NO FIRES ON GLUEPOT**



FRUIT FLY EXCLUSION ZONE

Gluepot is in the Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone of the Riverland – check online what food you may bring into the Zone. You can stock up inside the Zone, e.g. in Waikerie.

ABOUT GLUEPOT RESERVE

Gluepot Reserve is a 54,000 ha Conservation Reserve situated 64 km North of Waikerie in the Riverland area of South Australia. Gluepot was purchased by BirdLife and opened in 1997 with the aim to “effectively manage a large, internationally significant area for Biodiversity Conservation.”

The Reserve has recorded over 200 species of birds - of which 18 are nationally threatened. There are few areas of Australia that support such a concentration of threatened species.

There are also numerous species of reptiles and mammals. Over 240 plant species have been recorded on the Reserve.

Gluepot is run and managed entirely by volunteers. It is run as an ecotourism venture and is open to the public. Revenue comes from camping fees, Environmental Education Courses, and donations.

CONTACT GLUEPOT RESERVE

Website <https://www.gluepot.org/>
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