














1. For internal purposes, how would you like to refer to yourselves?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Group		7.7%	19
Branch		31.3%	77
Member group		1.6%	4
Special Interest Group		14.6%	36
Regional Group		17.9%	44
Regional Branch		7.3%	18
Local Branch		7.7%	19
Local Group		4.9%	12
Other (please specify)		6.9%	17
		answered question	246
		skipped question	1




2. Please rate in order of importance the following objectives in describing what you think your BirdLife Australia group should aim to do:

	1 Most Important	2	3	4	5	6	7 Least Important	Response Count
To inspire passion and action for birds	30.9% (68)	13.2% (29)	8.2% (18)	9.5% (21)	9.1% (20)	11.4% (25)	17.7% (39)	220
To promote awareness of the organisation as the national Australian bird organisation	9.5% (21)	13.6% (30)	11.8% (26)	17.3% (38)	8.6% (19)	14.1% (31)	25.0% (55)	220
To encourage enjoyment and learning and be responsive to the interests and concerns of local birders and their communities	16.8% (37)	15.9% (35)	19.5% (43)	14.1% (31)	15.5% (34)	10.5% (23)	7.7% (17)	220
To achieve the best conservation outcomes through science and recreation	16.8% (37)	19.1% (42)	19.1% (42)	18.6% (41)	13.2% (29)	9.5% (21)	3.6% (8)	220
To be the passionate, effective and authoritative advocate for birds and their habitats	11.4% (25)	20.0% (44)	20.5% (45)	15.9% (35)	18.6% (41)	10.9% (24)	2.7% (6)	220
To lead in positive and proactive strategies for bird conservation	12.3% (27)	14.5% (32)	14.5% (32)	15.5% (34)	16.8% (37)	21.4% (47)	5.0% (11)	220
To extend our reach by working in partnership and engaging with new supporters in the community	2.3% (5)	3.6% (8)	6.4% (14)	9.1% (20)	18.2% (40)	22.3% (49)	38.2% (84)	220
answered question								220
skipped question								27



3. Which reporting structure for BirdLife Australia groups would you prefer?

		Response Percent	Response Count
<p>All groups deal directly with, and report to, National Office. National Office coordinates state-wide issues such as PR activity, submissions, state activities and events.</p>		34.4%	74
<p>All groups deal directly with, and report to, National Office. A state committee (made up of members from groups within the state) deals with state-wide issues, submission and activities. The state committee deals directly with, and reports to, National Office.</p>		31.2%	67
<p>In each state one nominated overarching state group deals directly with, and reports to, National Office. All other groups within the state report to the agreed state group.</p>		20.0%	43
<p>All groups deal directly with, and report to, National Office unless there is a mutually agreed alternative to report to another group within the same state. In this case, both groups would be subject to the same rules and regulations and only the reporting relationship of the second group would be different.</p>		14.4%	31
		answered question	215
		skipped question	32

4. Which system of payment to your group would you prefer?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Payment made on the basis of the member numbers in the group catchment area. (Catchments as defined by National Office.)		33.8%	70
A single annual payment to the group based on approved incurred annual expenses.		42.0%	87
Payment based on member geography/choice: DEFAULT: payment per member is made to the closest group (as in Option 1). OPT IN/OUT: members can opt to assign their payment to another group of their choice or to 'National programs'.		24.2%	50
		answered question	207
		skipped question	40

5. Which system of financial management would you prefer?

		Response Percent	Response Count
<p>Financial management at National Office when the group income is below an agreed threshold. National Office does not transfer payment to the group, group finances are managed at National Office with groups being reimbursed for approved expenses throughout the year. National Office includes the group's transactions in National Office's financial reports – a separate group audit is not necessary.</p>		29.0%	60
<p>Financial management by the group**: National Office transfers payment to the group, where group income is above an agreed threshold. The group Treasurer manages the group's funds and provides regular financial reports to National Office for example financial statements, GST reports, budgets and undertakes an audit for the group at the end of the year.</p>		56.5%	117
<p>Financial management by the group or in group clusters**: National Office transfers payment to a group where group income is above an agreed threshold. Group finances are managed by Group Treasurers. Where multiple groups work in one State or area, an area or State Treasurer acts as Treasurer for a cluster of groups: this would ensure that liaison, training and support for Treasurers is manageable at National Office. The Treasurer manages the groups' funds and provides regular financial reports to National Office for example financial statements, GST</p>		14.5%	30

reports, budgets and undertakes an audit for each group at the end of the year.

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6. Please rate in order of importance the areas of support you would like from National Office:


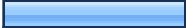

	1 Most Important	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Least Important	Rating Average
Help producing newsletters, publications and/or promotional materials and support in new media and web management	20.2% (41)	18.2% (37)	11.3% (23)	11.3% (23)	9.9% (20)	15.8% (32)	5.4% (11)	7.9% (16)	3.8
Help in promoting group activities or events to the public and/or members	15.8% (32)	15.8% (32)	18.7% (38)	9.9% (20)	12.8% (26)	8.4% (17)	8.9% (18)	9.9% (20)	3.9
Support in dealing with national, state or local policy and conservation issues, including dissemination of survey/research results and access to scientific or academic papers	38.4% (78)	19.7% (40)	17.2% (35)	7.9% (16)	5.9% (12)	5.4% (11)	3.0% (6)	2.5% (5)	2.6
Advice on occupational health and safety and provision of insurance cover	14.8% (30)	9.9% (20)	11.3% (23)	15.8% (32)	9.4% (19)	7.9% (16)	12.3% (25)	18.7% (38)	4.6
Keeping groups informed on board decisions, National priorities, organisational policies and organisational strategy	11.3% (23)	21.2% (43)	13.8% (28)	14.3% (29)	24.6% (50)	4.4% (9)	7.4% (15)	3.0% (6)	3.7
Support in managing the accounts and finances of the group	3.4% (7)	6.9% (14)	8.4% (17)	14.3% (29)	10.3% (21)	19.7% (40)	20.7% (42)	16.3% (33)	5.4
Help and support in setting up new groups	2.0% (4)	5.4% (11)	3.9% (8)	13.3% (27)	7.4% (15)	14.3% (29)	23.6% (48)	30.0% (61)	6.0
An individual contact at National Office to deal with group concerns and issues and in connecting groups and encouraging communication and linkages between groups	17.2% (35)	16.3% (33)	12.3% (25)	12.8% (26)	12.3% (25)	9.4% (19)	6.4% (13)	13.3% (27)	4.0

Other (please specify)

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7. How do you think affiliate groups could be part of BirdLife Australia?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Affiliates within BirdLife Australia should continue to operate as they have within BOCA (i.e. affiliated groups form part of the network of BirdLife Australia, have similar objectives, and help to promote the appreciation and conservation of birds. To become an affiliate, a minimum of the group leader plus two committee members must be BirdLife Australia members and the affiliate would be covered by BirdLife Australia public liability insurance while they are participating in an 'authorised activity')	 35.8%	72
Affiliates should contribute an agreed fee to BirdLife Australia per capita based on their total number of members	 26.9%	54
BirdLife Australia should not have affiliate groups - groups should either become part of BirdLife Australia or be entirely independent.	 37.3%	75
	answered question	201
	skipped question	46

8. In your view what benefits should come from being a BirdLife group rather than an affiliate?

**Response
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105

answered question

105

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142

9. The rules when they are established will aim to protect groups and not be unnecessarily bureaucratic nor impose an unreasonable burden. Please provide any comments on any omissions or on any suggestions or concerns you have on rules and procedures (optional):

**Response
Count**

82

answered question

82

skipped question

165

10. Any other comments/feedback and/or suggestions (optional):

**Response
Count**

81

answered question

81

skipped question

166

11. Your group name:

**Response
Count**

162

answered question

162

skipped question

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12. Your name and role at the group:

**Response
Count**

162

answered question

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skipped question

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