

Memorandum to: The Director of Birds Australia
From: Birds Australia Rarities Committee (BARC)
Date: 13th November 2007

Voting Members: Andrew Silcocks Glenn Holmes
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cc.

Submission No. 513: Westland Petrel *Procellaria westlandica*, Narrabeen, NSW, 23rd December 2006. Submitted by: Chris Brandis

Verdict: Accepted

This submission concerns the live recovery of a bird found at the Narrabeen Fire Station on the 26th December 2006. The bird was rehabilitated by staff at zoo and subsequently released at sea off Wollongong on the 8th January 2007.

At the time of release a captured Black Petrel *Procellaria parkinsoni* was photographed alongside this bird providing the perfect opportunity for comparison and further corroborating the identification. The larger size and the greater extent of black on the maxillary unguis were considered typical and conclusive.

Members voted unanimously in favour of acceptance. This is the 6th record of Westland Petrel to be accepted by BARC.

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