

To the Editor,

Our hearts are with Reg Johnson and all those who wish BOCA to remain unchanged but our heads are ruling our hearts. Times have changed and we need to move to a more viable and sustainable future. A combined BA and BOCA can put all its energies into the conservation of our birds.

If amalgamation goes ahead surely the spirit of BOCA will live on the Branches which have been the life blood of the organization for many years. Some Melbournians and visitors will miss the friendships and camaraderie of the office and library in Nunawading but in truth our local branches are the essential BOCA.

Change is probably inevitable. We feel that in the not too distant future BOCA would become non-viable and then disappear with little to show for 100+ years of activity. We will be voting, with sadness, but with wonderful memories, for amalgamation.

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