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**General Meetings**      6th February, 6th March, 1st May, 3rd July  
4th September & 6th November

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*Meeting commences at 8:00 pm*  
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## ARTICLE WRITING

*As the newly appointed editor of Feathered World I thought I should include the following article written by a member of my club The Gold Coast Aviary Bird Association. For obvious reasons I am sympathetic to its content. The Editor*

I am sure there are as many reasons why people don't write articles for their local club magazine as there are reasons why some species of birds are difficult to breed. But I'd guess one of the reasons is lack of confidence. I suspect some don't think they can be technical enough, or perhaps they feel they need more experience, or maybe they just don't think their story is valid or of interest to anybody. Well I for one would rather hear from someone's experiences than a highly technical spiel which has to be read four times before I can understand it.



***"I realize you like to take time to polish your article before submission, but don't you think four years is a little excessive?"***

I would like to offer some suggestions for those who would like to write but aren't sure how to go about it.

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## **KEEP IT SIMPLE**

Don't even attempt to be overly technical unless you are gifted in this area, just stick to the facts. It's your story, just tell us what happened. If someone wants to dispute what you're saying, it's too bad for them, they weren't there so they wouldn't know, right! Your experiences are as valid as the next blokes. Oh sorry, "fellow club member".

## **STICK TO THE FACTS**

Hypothesising or theorising is OK as long as you let the reader know that's what you're doing. Otherwise just tell us the facts and allow the reader to engage with your article by doing the hypothesising (wondering what caused that to happen) themselves.

## **ENJOY ARTICLE WRITING**

Find your special place. You know, out on your spacious veranda, overlooking the valley below. Gentle breeze blowing, Oh and you've got some nice instrumental music playing, a cold drink at arms length. Hey concentrate! You're writing an article remember. Just reflect on your bird keeping days and the fun you've had, or maybe a particular species you struggled with, and tell us about it. You could even write about how your hobby has encouraged someone else to take it up. There are actually plenty of topics you could choose from, you just have to apply yourself. If you don't believe me, have another look at what I just wrote. It's not earth shattering but you read it and I hope it's got you thinking.



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## PIGEON MILK IS A NUTRITIOUS TREAT FOR CHICKS

Birds lay eggs. That means they don't nurse their young... right? Well, have you ever heard of something called "pigeon milk?"

Pigeons, one of the most ancient of domesticated birds, feed their nestlings a peculiar, milky liquid—straight from the adult's beak to the baby's throat.

It's often called "crop milk," because it comes from special cells in the bird's crop. The crop is a section of the lower esophagus in some birds that is used for storing food before digestion.

Unlike milk from mammals, pigeon milk doesn't come from a mammary gland. But it does come loaded with antioxidants and immune boosters that help the new hatchlings survive.



A couple of days before their eggs hatch, both pigeon parents start making the milky substance, which they'll feed their hatchlings over the first ten days of their lives. When the special feeding stops, the special crop milk cells return to normal.

Pigeons and doves aren't the only birds that can make this special milk. Flamingos and some species of penguins can, too.



## PITY THE POOR JUDGES

An exhibitor entered a canary in a bird show and wanted to know why it had not won.

"Because it has one leg" explained the judge.

"But I have studied the allocation of points," argued the exhibitor, "and the rules say that there are only five points for legs, feet and claws. As my my bird has one leg, the most you could have deducted was two and a half points."



The judge spent the rest of the day lying down in a darkened room!



## **THE GOULDIAN STANDARD**

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What should a captive Gouldian look like? Should there be specific cosmetic requirements that as breeders we aspire to? Should we create a standard that all breeders can work towards, like an improvement in their size, colour, and type, helping us all to become more knowledgeable on how we view a good bird. But more importantly for the continuous quality of the Gouldian in the future.

### **Research**

In my research for a correct Gouldian standard, I could not find anything written that satisfied what I was looking for. My conclusion was there is no Gouldian standard, only a basic outline of what we have all become accustomed to reading, like colour, length, and the overall description of the Gouldian. Maybe it is time to create a Gouldian model of excellence, like the Zebra finch breeders did many years ago. They have specialist clubs – WE HAVE NOT. They breed for perfection and all want to be known as breeders of quality, not quantity. They also have an understanding of genetics and a knowledge of how to reproduce champions from their stock birds. I believe it would be an advantage for us as Gouldian breeders, to copy some of their successful breeding principles.

### **Breeding Stock**

When selecting potential breeders from your stock birds for the breeding season, breeding principles of selection should be critically followed. Things as simple as NOT putting two obvious faults together, not breeding with inferior or weak individuals. Also while in the selection process, consider their self-rearing ability. Are they from good parenting stock, which is all related to genetic inheritance?

### **Faults**

There are some small breeding faults starting to show in the Gouldians of late, which maybe a newcomer to the hobby would not be aware of. So lets visit these obvious inherited faults.

When looking for a quality Gouldian the first thing that you notice is the Head, which is the standout feature of a good bird. Heads that are flat on the top are not a good overall look to the Gouldians appearance, as this fault will normally feature a beak that is also flat, as if the beak has followed the continuous shape in line with top of the birds head, also

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making the head appear smaller because it is flat. This fault should be easy to breed out.

Gouldians should have a nicely rounded head with a continuous flow over the head and a nice smooth line down the neck across the back, all the way to the tail. This rounded flow should also have a similar appearance at the front of the head, with the beak (Upper Mandible) looking like it is following the rounded shape of the head, say from the centre of the head (Crown) to the tip of the beak. This rounded shape of the beak is very important to the correct shaped head.

Small beady eyes is another noticeable fault related to the head. Inbreeding is a probable cause of this fault, and should not be allowed in your breeding package. The correct eye should be large and round of a blackish colour. When you see a bird with big round black eyes, it is a very nice feature to the appearance of a quality standout bird.

### **Destructive Faults**

One very noticeable fault, is a bird with too much 'thigh' showing or 'long thighs'. This fault is very destructive to the correct position of a bird when sitting (perching). This long-legged look has a tendency to make the bird lean forward when standing or perching so it looks like it is on stilts. Where as with short thighs or no thigh showing, the bird will stand more upright on the perch. This is the right and natural position. The Cock bird can then do his best 'displaying' to the hen to bring her into breeding condition, after impressing her with his display of confidence.

What also helps to rid the bird of long thighs and bad position is the fullness of the area behind the legs (the Draw or Vent area). This area from the legs to the tail should be full and tapered well down to the tail, as if it is an extension of the body behind the legs. Without this area being full and rounded, you will never breed a bird that looks of good size and quality and possesses that special look.

### **The Fusion Bar**

The Fusion Bar, or Blood Line, as I have always known it, has done a disappearing act. Why? My guess – lack of selective breeding.

I have read that the colour on the belly should be yellow on all Gouldians.

Maybe on hens I would agree, because hens don't have a blood line and are much paler in colour than a cock bird. However, the cock bird should

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be darker, leaning more to a very orange yellow colour that can be created by selective breeding, as you are not going to create a blood line from pale

yellow but you will from red and yellow mixed to a yellow orange colour. Why do I have the belief that orange shade on the belly is so important? Simply because of a bird that I bred some years ago. This bird was a White Fronted Normal, that surprisingly being a White Fronted had the strongest Blood line that I have ever bred, and did also have a very nice pale orange belly that actually looked like it was bleeding through the orange. It looked great!!!

It is not easy to breed all the qualities that make a top Gouldian. While we are concentrating on a specific, we can neglect other breeding points. Maybe this is how we lost the blood line.

### **Did You Know about ... The Marker Hair ???**

It would be amiss of me not to mention a peculiarity that very few breeders are aware of and is related to only the very absolute top feathered birds. I have never heard it discussed or even seen it written in any book or magazine. This phenomenon I call the "Marker Hair". As the name suggests, it is a marker for a bird that has PERFECT FEATHER QUALITY!!!

This hair is similar in appearance to a human hair, is placed in the centre at the base of the head (nape) and lays down the neck area. There are usually only one or two hairs showing, approximately 25mm long. They are very noticeable when the bird turns its head and if you know where they are and what to look for, they are quite distinctive!

The hairs are common on African finches, as they are mostly beautiful feathered birds but not as common on Australian birds, although I have seen the hairs on Canaries, Gouldians, Rosellas, Neophemas, Hooded Parrots and Golden Shoulders. And these are only birds that I have come into contact with – I am sure there would be many more. I became aware of the hair many years ago when showing birds. All the winners had it – all of the losers didn't have it. We hope this information may be helpful when trying to improve feather quality of your birds

As I am not aware of anyone else having any knowledge of the Marker Hair or what it represents, I am bringing it to the attention of current

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breeders so that this small bit of knowledge is not lost. I would be interested to know if you find it on any of your birds.

## My Sketch

The pencil sketch that I have done is what I personally like in a bird, and is what I consider to be the correct Gouldian type for a Gouldian Standard. The research for these pencil drawings, did show how the Gouldian looked in the late eighteen hundreds. All the birds appear to be identical in their appearance, and of similar type, with no obvious faults – a bird with a superior confident look.

For now 'Adieu',

Don.

Nov 2012



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## THE GOULDIAN MODEL OF EXCELLENCE

- 1 NICELY ROUNDED HEAD
- 2 LARGE ROUND BLACK EYES
- 3 SHORT THIGHS—UPRIGHT STANCE
- 4 ORANGE YELLOW BELLY
- 5 THE MARKER HAIR



## INDIA'S POPPY FIELDS ARE FACING A NEW KIND OF CHALLENGE - DRUG-ADDICTED PARROTS.

The Mirror UK reported that these birds are plundering the poppy fields to satiate their opium addiction, even risking their lives.

The clever birds patiently wait for the farmers to slit open the flower pods to help them ripen. The parrots then swoop down in silence into the opium fields - having learned not to squawk - and frantically nibble off the stalks below the pod before they are spotted," the report states.

Once they return to the branches with the plant, they eat it and sleep for hours, and sometimes even fall to their death.

This phenomenon was said to have been first spotted in Rajasthan in 2015 and now seems to have spread to other regions of the country as well, according to the report.

Some farmers claim that this has led to reduced yields and that they are even getting warnings from narcotics department of the government which regulates opium farming.

Sobharam Rathod, an opium farmer from Neemach in Madhya Pradesh, told Mirror, "Usually, the parrots would make sound when in a group. But these birds have become so smart that they don't make any noise when they swoop on the fields."

He added that while they have tried to take several measures to keep the birds away, none of those have worked so far. "Like we keep an eye on them, but they also keep an eye on us. The moment you lower your guard the army of parrots silently swoop onto your field and take away the bulbs."



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Dear Ministers

**RE: Formation of Aviculture Consultative Committee – Wildlife Licensing Reforms**

As a brief introduction, Canary and Cage Bird Federation of Australia Inc. (CCBFA) represents some 250 bird keeper clubs nationally and all known WA clubs with a stake in this matter. We are involved in a range of ongoing licensing matters in various states and federally.

We applaud Minister Dawson's directive to form an Aviculture Consultative Committee in his correspondence to me, 27/9/18 ref 62-10089. We also applaud Minister MacTiernan for her recent approval of new species for import from Eastern states that has seen numerous delays and been many years in the making (a revised process for such approvals is needed).

There are a range of issues reported by our members as the new regulatory regime is implemented including many issues that operate across both the DBCA and the DPIRD, hence including Minister MacTiernan in this letter.

Unfortunately, the formation of the Aviculture Consultative Committee is not progressing. This committee has the potential to resolve all issues constructively.

1. A call for applicants occurred in December – CCBFA and our WA affiliate clubs worked together to ensure a broad range of applicants representing all clubs and with a balance of expertise applied. Unfortunately, Ryan Parker, the officer tasked with forming the committee has not engaged and currently, despite prompting, to our knowledge, nothing further has occurred.
2. It is our contention that your (Minister Dawson) intention was for the terms of reference to be formulated in conjunction with the stakeholders. Department officers state otherwise.
3. A significant role for the committee, as articulated in your correspondence 62-10089, is "to provide input and feedback in relation to the administrative arrangements" that will operate under the new regulations. Unfortunately, there are now a number of administrative matters that are causing grief and which we're confident could (and still can) be avoided/resolved.
4. It is common-sense that the committee include a relevant representative from DPIRD and this was always the intent since the first meeting with Sophie Moller of DBCA. I have

written to Victoria Aitken, who I understand from DPIRD staff is the relevant Director. Victoria has not responded to a number of emails over an extended period.

It is disappointing for our WA affiliate clubs and their many members that the government departments involved have not embraced the opportunity to consult with their customers. We remain keen and motivated to work with department staff cooperatively.

Your timely attention is appreciated.

Kind regards



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## **RSPCA NSW – Meeting Synopsis**

*Friday February 8th 2019 2pm*

*Attendees: Sam Davis, Michael Donnelly, Steve Coleman, Brendan Neilly*

A productive meeting aiming to find a way forward whereby RSPCA NSW and CCBFA will continue working collaboratively and with other representative hobbyist bodies in the future.

It is acknowledged by all present that RSPCA NSW has expertise in the compliance and enforcement space but limited expertise in specific species welfare of avian, reptile and native mammal species.

Hobbyist groups do have welfare expertise for avian, reptile and native mammal species.

A range of recent concerns discussed...

1. NSW OEH wildlife licensing proposal and related OEH matters – RSPCA ongoing policy opposition.
  - a. S. Coleman and B. Neilly made the point this is largely due to RSPCA national policy which by default RSPCA NSW is bound to support.
  - b. S. Coleman explained that RSPCA NSW board can resolve to implement policy different and/or in addition to national policy.
2. NSW DPI over regulation proposal in 2018 to make all hobbyists comply with the pet shop code under POCTA.
  - a. S. Davis and M. Donnelly made the point it was this “pet shop” matter that resulted in the appointment of Kim Filmer as Chief Animal Welfare Officer DPI. Was also highly significant in the formation of Animal Care Australia (ACA).
  - b. Noted by all present that the review of POCTA will include development of a range of codes of practice that will include enforceable standards together with guidelines. General agreement that such codes should be developed by those with the expertise (hobbyist representative bodies and RSPCA NSW) with final approval by government (not vice versa).
  - c. S. Davis made clear that the code for birds, will be drafted, in the first instance, by CCBFA. We desire collaboration with RSPCA NSW during this process. The aim being to present to DPI a draft code supported by both CCBFA and RSPCA NSW. RSPCA NSW (S. Coleman, B. Neilly) agree with this code development process.
  - d. All present agree that consensus on all matters may not be realistic, nevertheless ongoing collaboration between our organisations is supported by all present.
3. WIRES current campaign opposing native animal keeping - RSPCA supporting WIRES, why?
  - a. Steve Coleman was unaware he had been quoted on the Wild4life website - <https://www.wild4life.org.au/in-their-own-words.html>

- b. Without seeing the specific quote S. Coleman made the point this is likely due to RSPCA national policy which does not support the addition of any new species to private keeper lists. Note 1a and 1b above.
- c. B. Neilly noted mammal inclusion could have possibly been better received had a small number of species been suggested. M. Donnelly corrected stating only 10 species in addition to the two currently on license, were submitted for consideration and not the 37 being claimed by the WIRES website.
- d. B. Neilly acknowledged it is inevitable that more native mammals will be added, however, under that scenario RSPCA would want to see concise and clearly enforceable standards of care and welfare. M. Donnelly agreed in principle and expressed the invitation for Mammal Society & RSPCA to consult on the Standards within any Code of Practice.

A way forward...

1. RSPCA NSW is open to further consultative meetings on specific matters including the development of codes of practice under POCTA.
2. All present agree that hobbyists and their representative groups such as CCBFA should be RSPCA natural allies and vice versa.
3. An overview of this meeting will be presented to Animal Care Australia (ACA) by S. Davis and M. Donnelly as many of these matters apply to all captive/domesticated animals represented by ACA.

This synopsis approved for distribution by all present.

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## WHY ARE CHICKENS SO BAD AT FLYING?

Chickens may have wings and fluffy feathers, but they're fairly dismal fliers, often going airborne for only a few yards before landing.

The reason for their poor flight isn't as rhetorical as why they crossed the road. Rather, chickens are terrible fliers because their wings are too small and their flight muscles are too large and heavy, making it hard for them to take off, said Michael Habib, an assistant professor of clinical cell and neurobiology at the University of Southern California and a research associate at the Dinosaur Institute at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County.

But chickens weren't always that way, he said. "We did that to them," Habib told Live Science. "We did it through the oldest kind of genetic engineering we've got, which is selective breeding."



The jungle fowl (*Gallus gallus*) — a wild bird native to northern India, southern China and Southeast Asia — is either the immediate ancestor or the closest living relative of the modern chicken (*Gallus gallus domesticus*), which was first domesticated between 6,000 and 8,000 years ago, Habib said.

Like other so-called "game birds," such as grouse, pheasants and quail, the jungle fowl can fly only short distances. This is because, despite their powerful muscles, they have little endurance. Game birds use their big flight muscles to take off in a near-vertical, rapid burst and fly for a short distance — called a burst flight — allowing them to escape predators.

But the modern chicken can barely achieve that, Habib said. That's mostly because people like to eat white meat, and so bred the chickens to have even larger flight muscles (or chicken breasts) than the jungle fowl.

"Big flight muscles are tasty," Habib said.

It might sound counterintuitive, but the chicken's large flight muscles impede its flight. In order to fly, birds need appropriate "wing loading" — a ratio of body mass to wing area. Birds need to have at least 1

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square inch of wing per 0.6 ounces of body mass (1 square centimeter per 2.5 grams) to fly.

Given that the domesticated chicken has smaller wings and a heavier mass (because of its tasty flight muscles) than its wild brethren, it's no surprise that chickens can barely fly, Habib said. However, sometimes young chickens (which aren't as heavy as adults) can take wing, "but only for very short distances," Habib said.

That distance is so short that a large, fenced-in area is often enough to keep them from escaping into the wild.

"If they're close to a fence and the fence is tall enough, they can't take off steep enough to get over it," Habib said. "And if they're far from the fence, where they could have a lower [takeoff] angle, they don't have enough endurance to still be in the air when they get there."

"They're so close to being completely flightless that you don't necessarily have to put a roof over them to keep them in," Habib said.

*Source: Original article on Live Science.*



### ***DID YOU KNOW...***

*When a swan and a goose get together, their offspring is called a swoose. The known goose-swan pairings, in nature and captivity, include a mute swan and domestic goose, and a Black Australian Swan and Canada Goose. Their offspring are thought to rarely survive past fledging.*



## HONEYEATERS STEAL FUR FROM SLEEPING KOALAS FOR THEIR NESTS

*Even more surprising: the snoozing marsupials don't seem to mind.*

Despite their cuddly appearance, koalas aren't shy about using their sharp claws to defend their territory. But they seem to have made an exception for honeyeaters. When it's nest-building time, this Australian family of birds likes to land on the slumbering marsupials, rip out their fur, and use it as insulation. And the koalas don't mind a bit.

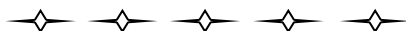
In what he claimed was the first documentation of the behavior, UCLA biologist Martin Cody described a Yellow-faced Honeyeater's harvest in 1991. "The bird flew to perch on the koala's head, neck or shoulders, plucked the hair vigorously from it, attending particularly to the longer hair on or around the ears," he wrote. It took the honeyeater about two minutes to gather up a good beakful.

Then it flew back to its construction site, added the fur to the nest, and returned about five minutes later for another haul. "During these ministrations the koala was apparently unperturbed," Cody reported.



Birders have also noticed the interactions, which seem to only benefit one creature and mildly bemuse the other. Amateur photographer Kerry Vickers recently caught a Black-chinned Honeyeater loitering near a napping koala in southern Australia. The plucky bird finally zeroed in on its butt, waking the marsupial up in the process. But given that koalas can sleep for up to 18 hours a day, it's hard to be mad at the hard-at-work honeyeater.

People also need to remain on the lookout—honeyeaters have been known to steal human hair on occasion. If it happens to you, take a cue from koalas and just keep calm. Oh, and be sure to get video.





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## THE CANARY & CAGE BIRD FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### SYNOPSIS of Minutes

The President opened the meeting at 8:01 pm welcoming the delegates, thanking them for their attendance.

#### **MINUTES:**

The minutes for the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 General Meeting of Federation had been distributed and read by the delegates. It was moved J. Palmano and seconded J. Flood that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the September General meeting – Carried

#### **In-coming correspondence as follows:**

1. Affiliated clubs. Notification of office bearers duly elected at their AGM's, clubs requesting assistance with matters regarding the insurance, notification of their 2019 show and sale / auction dates, receipt of 2019 ring orders and payments from various affiliates
2. Australian Heritage Budgerigar Association Inc. and the Hervey Bay Bird Club Inc. request for affiliation and insurance, with completion of the application form together with payment.
3. President / Govt Liaison Officer. Sam Davis- ongoing communication, received in response to their communication with, NSW OEH / NPWS, NSW BC ACT 2016, - Wildlife Licensing submission, NSW DPI - Animal Welfare Action Plan, Keeper / Dealer Stakeholder Consultative Group meeting – ACA animal welfare alliance, TSC updates, detail to members of group, Qld. Dept Environment and Science – Wildlife Licensing Review, W.A. DPAW Biodiversity Conservation Regulations.

**NEWSLETTERS / JOURNALS** – Received from various clubs, with notification of club events for insurance:

#### **Out-going correspondence as follows:**

1. Insurance CoC and covering letter to the Australian Heritage Budgerigar Association Inc and the Hervey Bay Bird Club Inc.
2. Various Victorian clubs, reminder notification for registration of their club as a “Declared Bird Organisations”
3. President / Govt Liaison Officer. Sam Davis- ongoing communication, in response to their communication with, NSW OEH / NPWS, Wildlife Licensing submission, NSW DPI - Animal Welfare Action Plan, Keeper / Dealer Stakeholder Consultative Group meeting – ACA animal welfare alliance, TSC updates, detail to members of group, Qld. Dept Environment and Science – Wildlife Licensing Review, W.A. DPAW Biodiversity Conservation Regulations.

#### **MATTERS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE:**

Moved W. Wilson and seconded G. Roberts that application for affiliation and insurance be accepted for the Australian Heritage Budgerigar Association Inc. and Hervey Bay Bird Club Inc

It was moved by J. Forrest and seconded by J. Palmano that the correspondence be received and the secretary's action endorsed - Carried

#### **TREASURERS REPORT**

##### **ACCOUNTS:**

Accounts submitted were accepted and endorsed. It was moved by J. Flood and seconded by J. Palmano that the payments and the Treasurers actions be endorsed - Carried

Accounts outstanding for Feathered World Advert MediaCom, Victorian Declared Bird Organisation. \$75.00.

##### **REPORTS:**

President Sam Davis presented an overview on the progress and status of the following state issues:-

#### **1. NSW Native Animal Licensing Update.**

- Risk-based proposal with Minister.
- Formation of Expert Advisory Panel to assess changes and additions to species lists.

We are pleased to inform CCBFA affiliates of the formation of an OEH funded Expert Advisory Panel to assess species list changes and additions. Prior to this panel there was no process for such changes and additions which led to the ridiculous current situation whereby commonly held, essentially domesticated species such as longtail finches, turquoise parrots and others have remained on licence for decades despite ongoing lobbying.

CCBFA has a seat on the new panel along with members from Taronga, Australian Museum, NSW DPI, HCN and of course NSW OEH. We have appointed Steve Sass as our inaugural representative. Steve owns On The Perch Bird Park at Tathra (highly recommended), he is an Ecologist who routinely assesses avian species including threatened species, and has been a passionate aviculturist since childhood who has kept and bred a broad range of parrots, finches and softbills.

The first meeting of this panel sits on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 2019. They are tasked with first forming suitable processes and procedures then assessing our CCBFA submitted risk assessments and those from other groups such as from the reptile groups via HCN and perhaps native mammals in due course. Graeme Phipps and I (Sam Davis) along with similar reptile representatives have been invited to attend the first meeting to ensure the intent of the panel is known.

Moved by J. Forrest and seconded by J. Palmano that Steve Sass be appointed as CCBFA representative in the NSW Expert Advisory Panel – Carried.

- Problems with OEH licensing staff

CCBFA is currently working with OEH to solve issues:

- import/export permits,
- adding new species to records,
- issues around online or paper records books,
- changing licence classes

and frustrations and delays getting these matters solved by licensing staff.

## 2. RSPCA NSW meeting Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> 2019

### 3. NSW Bird Sale Code

A number of clubs who run public bird sales are meeting on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Mudgee to consider changes and enforcement of the NSW bird sale code. This meeting was not organised by CCBFA and we were not informed. We understood it to be an ABA event, however ABA President Craig Jeffrey has since made it clear this is not the case. Craig was in agreement, that the bird sale code will not be submitted to DPI by ABA. CCBFA is in negotiation with DPI over the process for revising the more general Keeping of Birds code which will likely address sales. CCBFA have organised ongoing meetings with DPI and RSPCA including meetings with Steve Coleman (RSPCA CEO) and Kim Filmer (DPI) in the next fortnight.

CCBFA will need to approve any proposed changes to the bird sale code (if there are any). Many clubs use this sale code. There are some 100+ NSW club events annually where birds are traded.

CCBFA also made it known that CCBFA has a revised wording of Clause 22 for our clubs as follows...

**The sale is covered by a Public Liability insurance policy through the CCBFA. Bird sellers must be a member of a club affiliated and insured with the CCBFA, to avoid exposing the club to liability action in the event of a claim involving a non-member.** Trade/commercial sellers must have their own business/public liability insurance and must provide a current copy to the club prior to the sale.

## 4. Western Australia - formation of Aviculture Consultative Committee

An Aviculture Consultative Committee is currently being formed thanks to Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Environment. CCBFA has recommended Neil Creighton as our WA representative. Sam Davis, have also applied to sit on the committee during formation of the terms of reference. CCBFA have assisted in ensuring representatives from many of our WA affiliate clubs have also applied.



## 5. Queensland Licensing

News from Queensland is positive. Their new species lists will largely mirror the NSW lists with most finches, parrots, doves no requiring a licence. There are indications the new Qld system may commence as early as September 2019.

## 6. Victoria's Declared Bird Organisations System

We have received communication from Agriculture Victoria, including advising of clubs currently approved as "Declared Bird Organisations" - <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/other-pets/birds/declared-bird-organisations> Many of our CCBFA affiliate clubs have not yet applied.

Once the Exemption (Governor in Council - GiC) is revoked it will again be illegal for clubs that are not "Declared Bird Organisations" to run any events in Victoria where birds are traded. This relates to shows, sales, meetings where birds could be exchanged or sold. We are of the view that Pigeons are included and that it is to your advantage to be included. Pigeons are certainly included in the original legislative problem that prevented sales outside of pet stores and private residences.

Our CCBFA initial notification was forwarded to our clubs last year and explains the new system, which is avoiding regulation to allow birds to continue to be traded at club events. This letter dated 17/7/2018 can be found on our website [www.ccbfa.org.au](http://www.ccbfa.org.au) under the submissions tab. If your club has not yet applied, we recommend that you give this urgent attention.

## 7. Victorian Collaborative Group under AWAP

CCBFA has been in dialogue over the Victorian Animal Welfare Action Plan (AWAP) for some time now. An initial meeting on AWAP was held back on 20/2/2017 with Darren McFarlane representing CCBFA interests (and Budgerigar Council of Victoria – BCV). We have subsequently applied and continued to lobby for representation on the collaborative group to soon be formed as part of the AWAP. The Director of Animal Welfare in Victoria has been very responsive, and signs are positive that the group will form in coming months.

## 8. Animal Care Australia Update.

Animal Care Australia (ACA) is now a political force. We are working on representation for ACA on state advisory panels to the relevant Ministers. We encourage all clubs to join ACA at their earliest convenience. Membership forms can be downloaded from <http://animalcareaustralia.org.au/files/aca-membership-application.pdf> and my letter date 20/10/2018 regarding ACA can be found under the submissions tab on the [www.ccbfa.org.au](http://www.ccbfa.org.au) website.

The Secretary via the President reported that as at the 6<sup>th</sup> February 3 clubs have not paid for, HUNTER VALLEY AVICULTURAL SOCIETY INC., gave notice of cancellation of insurance and have continued to be affiliated. Two have not returned communication of numerous emails and phone messages. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL PEKIN CLUB INC., YASS & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD CLUB INC. As we are required to advise the insurance company of cancellations the three clubs noted, insurance cover are cancelled,

Moved J. Flood and seconded by G. Roberts that the Reports be accepted and Reporters thanked – Carried

### GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Sydney Royal Show update.
2. Feathered World Editor. Jamie Norris from the Gold Coast has accepted the position of Editor of Feathered World to be nominated at the AGM in March.
3. **Feathered World distribution CLUB COPY** as published in the February / March issue. Final approval for the proposed largely digital distribution of Feathered World as outlined above will be at the March 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 AGM. Assuming approval the following will be implemented...
  - a. The cover of Feathered World has been used for well over 50 years and will remain as the first page of the digital version for the time being.

- b. The President will email all affiliate clubs a link to each new edition of Feathered World as it becomes available. Email will include other current news items of interest.
  - c. The magazine will be available for public download at [www.ccbfa.org.au](http://www.ccbfa.org.au)
4. **2019 Ring Orders** supplementary orders can be arranged for all species during 2019, contact the Secretary.
  5. Nominations for Guest of Honour for consideration are encouraged. Delegates present at the 2018 event reiterated their positive view of the 2018 venue.

All present were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9:25pm.

### **Notice of the next AGM and General Meeting**

Wednesday 6th March 2019

at 8:00 pm

Ashfield R.S.L. Liverpool Rd. Ashfield

## **Ring Specification**

### **Colour Sequence & Code**

Change the Pastel Green to Pantone Green and Orange to Pantone Dark Brown, coming into effect in 2020 and 2022.

Colour	Pantone Code	RAL	Year	Year
Red	1797 U	3002	2018	2024
Black	Black 2U2X	8005	2019	2025
Pantone Green	3292U	6026	2020	2026
Violet	249 U	4008	2021	2027
Pantone Dark Brown	1535U	8003	2022	2028
Dark Blue	301 U	5019	2023	2029

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<b>Entry Forms</b>	<b>\$4 per 50</b>
<b>Show Schedule/Show Rules</b>	<b>\$2 each</b>
<b>Ring Register Cards</b>	<b>\$2 per 100</b>
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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 6th March 2019.

Following the AGM the President opened the meeting at 8:00 pm, thanking them for their attendance.

**ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES** as per attendance register AGM

### MINUTES:

The minutes for the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 General Meeting of Federation had been distributed and read by the delegates. It was moved W. Wilson and seconded J. Palmano that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the February General meeting – Carried

**Matters arising out of the minutes:** *None other than matters that can be held over for Reports and General Business.*

### CORRESPONDENCE:

#### In-coming correspondence as follows:

- Affiliated clubs. Notification of office bearers duly elected at their AGM's, clubs requesting assistance with matters regarding the insurance, clubs 2019 ring orders and payments from various affiliates notification of change to show, sale and auction dates for 2019.
- Feathered World individual subscriber's receipt of payment for 2019 subscription.
- President / Govt Liaison Officer. Sam Davis- ongoing communication, received in response to their communication with, NSW OEH / NPWS, NSW BC ACT 2016, - Wildlife Licensing submission, NSW DPI - Animal Welfare Action Plan, Keeper / Dealer Stakeholder Consultative Group meeting – ACA animal welfare alliance, TSC updates, detail to members of group, Qld. Dept Environment and Science – Wildlife Licensing Review, W.A. DPAW Biodiversity Conservation Regulations.
- Newsletters / Journals – Received from various clubs, with notification of club events for insurance:

#### Out-going correspondence as follows:

- Feathered World individual subscriber's invoice for 2019 subscription.
- President / Govt Liaison Officer. Sam Davis- ongoing communication, in response to their communication with, NSW OEH / NPWS, Wildlife Licensing submission, NSW DPI - Animal Welfare Action Plan, Keeper / Dealer Stakeholder Consultative Group meeting – ACA animal welfare alliance, TSC updates, detail to members of group, Qld. Dept Environment and Science – Wildlife Licensing Review, W.A. DPAW Biodiversity Conservation Regulations.

**MATTERS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE:** *None other than matters that can be held over for Reports and General Business.*

It was moved by J. Forrest and seconded by G. Roberts that the correspondence be received and the secretary's action endorsed - Carried

### TREASURERS REPORT

The accounts were submitted for endorsement. It was moved by J. Forrest and seconded by C. Tarakis that the payments and the Treasurers actions be endorsed - Carried

### REPORTS:

President Sam Davis presented reported on:

- **NSW Native Animal Licensing Update.**
  - Risk-based proposal with Minister.

The proposal to move to a new risk-based approach to NSW wildlife licensing is now with the Minister for the Environment's office for approval. Officers in charge of the reform process are confident it will be approved regardless of which political party forms government after the 23/3/2019 state election.

ACA has also been in contact with both Labor and Lib/Nats and feedback is positive. The intention at this time is to commence the system late July 2019.

Brian Read and Sam Davis are scheduled to meet once more with the licensing reforms stakeholders in Sydney on Friday 8/3/2019. The agenda includes the following matters:

- Animal keeper and animal dealer licence conditions.
- Licensing for fairs, expos, shows.
- Rehoming native animal pets.
- Community education program.

- Formation of Expert Advisory Panel to assess changes and additions to species lists.

The first meeting of this panel was Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 with a number of further meetings planned to assess all the species within our submission to OEH dated 24/7/2018. Graeme Phipps and I (Sam Davis) attended the first meeting to:

- introduce CCBFA and our history negotiating for a process,
- a range of facts to keep things in perspective,
- broad areas to consider when assessing species,
- importance of husbandry and welfare,
- our expertise with threatened species and softbills

and we also outlined our recommendations for how the process would be structured. A draft of the terms of reference for the panel is now under consideration.

- Problems with OEH licensing staff

CCBFA continues to work with OEH to solve issues experienced by licensees when interacting with OEH over licensing matters. A range of issues have been brought to our attention with most being resolved rapidly. It should be noted that in some of these quite trivial cases the problems have been frustratingly around for a number of years, yet once we got involved they were solved virtually overnight. We hope that OEH licensing staff will be more active in resolving issues under the new system.

#### **RSPCA NSW meeting Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> 2019**

I, Sam Davis as CCBFA President (and HCN representative Michael Donnelly) met with RSPCA NSW CEO Steve Coleman on Friday 8/2/2019. A very productive meeting which we hope will lead to ongoing cooperation between CCBFA and RSPCA NSW. A synopsis of this meeting is included in this edition of Feathered World.

- **NSW Bird Sale Code**

A number of clubs who run public bird sales met on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Mudgee to consider changes and enforcement of the NSW bird sale code. This meeting was not organised by CCBFA and we were not informed. We were initially told this was not an ABA initiated event, however at the last ABA meeting on 19/2/2019 it was clear the meeting was indeed convened by the ABA. The ABA plans to organise a further meeting for clubs closer to Sydney in the near future. No changes to the code will be made in 2019 and CCBFA will need to approve any proposed changes that may arise from the ABA meetings.

- **Western Australia - formation of Aviculture Consultative Committee**

The planned formation of the Aviculture Consultative Committee has not progressed. A number of WA clubs made contact with CCBFA to request our assistance. In response we wrote to both Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Environment and Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC, Minister for Agriculture and Food on 20/2/2019 to air our concerns. A copy of this letter is reproduced within Feathered World.

- **Animal Care Australia Update. ACA**

Committee meeting on 11/2/2019 was used to discuss current issues, to tidy up some administrative matters and plan for the year.

There is a significant issue for Rabbit hobbyists with a wild strain of the Calicivirus wiping out many hobbyist studs. Some rare breeds of rabbits have essentially been wiped out. ACA is working with NSW DPI, CSIRO and soon the federal government to fast track the import or creation of a suitable vaccine.

ACA is hosting the lead NSW upper house candidates from the Animal Justice Party and the Shooter, Fishers, Farmers party at their 11/3/2019 meeting. We are keen to discover how and if their policies align with those of captive animal keepers and breeders. We have concerns that the AJP is against all birds in cages.

We encourage all clubs to join ACA at their earliest convenience. Membership forms can be downloaded from <http://animalcareaustralia.org.au/files/aca-membership-application.pdf> and my letter date 20/10/2018 regarding ACA can be found under the submissions tab on the [www.ccbfa.org.au](http://www.ccbfa.org.au) website

Moved B. Lloyd and seconded by J. Forrest that the Reports be accepted and Reporters thanked – Carried

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Sydney Royal Show update. The President advised the meeting that Col Western would be supplying the two aviaries for the display for the duration of the show. One of the aviaries would be for Lovebirds, the feature bird this year.
- Feathered World distribution CLUB COPY It was moved W. Wilson and seconded J. Palmano that as from the next issue (April / May) a digital link version will be available on our web page [www.ccbfa.org.au](http://www.ccbfa.org.au) under JOURNALS. All clubs and members will have access, or if a paper copy is preferred the club will be able to print copies. A hard copy will continue to be printed in its existing format. The cost for clubs for a copy will be \$20.00 each p.a. plus postage, and single copy subscriber \$25.00 p.a. Clubs and single copy subscribers wishing to receive a paper copy should notify the secretary by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the issue.
- 2019 Ring Orders supplementary orders will be arranged for all species during 2019
- **Ring Colour Sequence**, the COM and WBO have agreed to change the Pastel Green to Pantone Green and Orange to Pantone Dark Brown, coming into effect in 2020 and 2022, refer web site for colour sequence and colour code.

All present were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9:44 pm.

#### **Notice of the next AGM and General Meeting**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019

at 8:00 pm

Ashfield R.S.L. Liverpool Rd. Ashfield



## THE CANARY & CAGE BIRD FEDERATION of AUSTRALIA INC.

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

### MINUTES:

The minutes for the Federation AGM held Wednesday 7th March 2018 were distributed to the delegates and with nothing arising from these minutes, they were adopted on a motion moved by W. Wilson seconded by B. Lloyd as a true record of the 2018 AGM - Carried.

### REPORTS were given by the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditors.

The President and Secretary both expressed their thanks to all clubs for their co-operation throughout the year and all fellow committee members and Delegates for their ongoing support and attendance. The Secretary expressed special mention to the President, stating Sam's exceptional skill in documenting and representation on issues with various State Government bodies had helped the profile of the CCBFA. The President read the auditors statement on behalf of the auditors, stating they had verified the Financial Statements and in their opinion the Financial Statements represented a true and accurate record as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. It was moved that honorariums be paid for 2018. The President thanked the editor Mary Kerr for her past four years dedication and presentation of the publication. Sam stating it was a busy year with a range of issues and successes including :- 1. The ongoing licensing reforms in NSW. 2. A big win overturning the NSW Pet Shop code issue. 3. In W.A. the formation of an Avicultural consultative committee. 4. Reforms to licensing in Qld. 5. The formation of Animal Care Australia (ACA) as push back to Animal Rights Activists.

This concluded the business of the AGM. Senior Vice President Warren Wilson took the chair as Returning Officer to conduct the election of office bearers for 2019.

The election of office bearers being as follows:

**President:** Sam Davis.

**Vice Presidents:** Warren Wilson, J. Palmano,

**Secretary / Treasurer, Public Officer, Insurance Officers, Ring Co-ordinator :** R. Robertson. -

**Equipment Officer:** John Walsh.

**Government Liaison Representatives:** Sam Davis.

**Auditors:** Greg Davie and John Carter.

**Floor Committee:** J. Palmano, J. Flood, J. Forrest, C. Gruntar and B. Lloyd.

**Guest of Honour Selection Committee:** President, Secretary, W. Wilson and G. Roberts.

**Guest of Honour Dinner Co-ordinators:** J. Palmano and C. Gruntar.

**Feathered World Editor:** Jamie Norriss

**Feathered World Distributor for printed copies:** Ron Robertson / CDM Print, the electronic version for clubs to distribute will be prepared by the Editor J. Norriss to be upload to the web site.

**Feathered World Committee Member:** S. Davis, W. Wilson, R. Robertson, J. Norriss. The Feathered World to be issued bi-monthly in February / March, April / May, June / July, August / September and October / November.

This concluded the Annual General Meeting which was closed at 8:30pm. The Returning Officer declared the AGM closed and passed the meeting over to the President Sam Davis to conduct the March 2019 General Meeting.

**THE NEXT FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at 8:00 pm on  
Wednesday 4th March 2020**



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