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## **MEETING DATES 2020**

**General Meetings** 6th May, 1st July, 2nd September & 4th November

***Meeting commences at 8:00 pm***  
***Anzac Room, Ashfield RSL, Liverpool Road, Ashfield***

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## KEMPSEY / MACLEAY BIRD CLUB SALE -- DATE CHANGE!

Please note that the *Kempsey Macleay Bird Club SALE* planned for 7 June at Kempsey Show Ground has been postponed. The Bird Sale has now been rescheduled for Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> June, (not the 5 July) at the same venue

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## NOTICE TO ALL AFFILIATES

For legal and insurance requirements, affiliates are requested to notify the Federation Secretary of changes in office bearers, public officer and delegates, also changes of the club's meeting location, email and postal address.

Notification should be on club's letterhead or if required a hard copy or electronic copy of the *Office Bearer's Information and Privacy Provision Consent Form* is available from the Secretary.

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## **SOMETHING TO PONDER**

*The following article by Jade Welch was published in the Beenleigh Bird Breeder's magazine and as titled is "something to ponder".*

### **Jade Welch writes ....**

With the current state of affairs it has become apparent that Facebook is no longer a good place for pet owners or breeders of any animal species to come to, even those that just wish to discuss the care of their animals.

Groups are being shutdown rapidly, and with them goes years of information and photos in an instant – information that is not easy to get back and that could have helped anyone from breeders, pet owners, and wildlife carers, right through to zoological institutions and even researchers.

It is clear that the animal liberation advocates are winning. Meanwhile we have nowhere to go digitally except perhaps another platform where we have to start all over again. With this change in digital platform the damage is further done as people can't be bothered, and disappear altogether from the discussion and dissemination of information.

For me, it is sad to see things heading south as when I first started on Facebook it was like a whole new world opened up to me, and this new world brought many of us together regardless of race, religion or language. On Facebook I have made many lifelong friends.

With this new found way to connect conversations and debates flowed, and people shared their experiences and views readily. It can be said that these experiences and views assisted many to improve their husbandry techniques, thus creating a better environment for the animals they kept or would go on to keep.

During this time though I have always found it important to also be a member of a bird club. They are great places to connect with people and meet face to face. They often hold bird sales where, unlike Facebook, you can actually sell your birds. Many also have a magazine that has articles and classified ads, and list breeders you can connect with, and more. They also advocate for your hobby and your rights as an individual to keep the animals you choose to keep, and get fellow breeders and pet owners in to talk about their experiences.

I understand that some do not like the idea of belonging to a club or have had bad experiences, but now is the time to stand united and fight back against the misinformation being shared by a few. If clubs continue to dwindle in numbers there will be severe consequences.

For a moment I want you to close your eyes and in your mind picture a library and community centre burning to the ground. I want you to reflect on how that makes you feel, because at the moment with groups being closed down and the information disappearing with them, this is precisely what is happening.

When a group disappears you no longer have a place to go to. You also no longer have a forum to discuss issues with or support one another. You can no longer scroll back through history and read threads just as you would read books in libraries.

We need to stand united and not only fight for our rights digitally but also at club level. Join your local club and work together to improve our hobby. Don't let a select few ruin it for the millions upon millions who do the right thing by their animals.



## Ring Specification

### Colour Sequence & Code

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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



## SPASTIC LEG PARALYSIS OF PARROTS

Spastic Leg Paralysis of Parrots is a disease that usually affects single birds amongst many in an aviary. It has also been called “Barraband paralysis” because Barraband (Superb) Parrots *Polytelis swainsonii* appear particularly prone to develop this condition. Similar conditions have been seen in a wider range of parrot species however, including Rainbow Lorikeets *Trichoglossus haematodus* and Cockatiels *Nymphicus hollandicus* (Cockatiel paralysis syndrome).

Spastic Leg Paralysis shows up as a sudden onset of paralysis of both legs. The degree of paralysis can vary from mild weakness with difficulty grasping the branch, to the whole limb being extended stiffly behind the bird, often with clenched toes. The birds' general health is usually not affected and it will continue to eat well and behave in an otherwise normal way.



The affected bird usually has difficulty maintaining its balance on the perch, has an unsteady (ataxic) gait and (in more severe cases) will move around the aviary floor on its hocks or by using its beak only.

While the exact cause of Spastic Leg Paralysis is unclear, many affected birds show spinal cord damage or stroke-like damage to the brain, but not all affected birds show these changes. It is now thought that a deficiency in calcium and/or vitamins A, B1,2&6, D and E may be involved, especially as a dry seed diet is notoriously lacking in these ingredients.

Treatment for affected birds includes supportive care, ensuring birds can reach food and water easily, and vitamin supplements. The latter may have to be given by injection so the aid of an avian veterinarian is often required. While some birds can recover spontaneously, the problem can recur later. Obviously, the long term diet of both the affected bird and any aviary mates needs to be modified to include more fruit, green vegetables such as spinach and other vitamin and mineral supplements. Giving nothing but “Berocca” to drink for seven days has often achieved good results.

Source: [www.https://www.birdkeepinginaustralia.com](https://www.birdkeepinginaustralia.com)



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## THE BIRDS ARE BURNING

The birds are burning: preliminary bushfire study finds 19 taxa may have lost more than half their habitat to the flames.

*New work to map the loss of habitat for Australia's birds by BirdLife Australia is revealing the massive impact of this summer's bushfire emergency on our wildlife. The preliminary figures are daunting: 19 birds have had more than half of their habitat heavily impacted by fire, and another 58 have lost over a third.*

"As of 2019 we had 134 nationally threatened birds. That number is likely to rise dramatically once we've completed these assessments," said BirdLife Australia's Head of Research, James O'Connor. "The number of threatened Australian birds may rise by over 25% in a matter of months, it's staggering and tragic."

Birds on Kangaroo Island have been hit particularly hard: 16 birds endemic to the island, including the iconic Glossy Black-Cockatoo are believed to have lost more than half of their habitat, and the island faces a huge conservation challenge over the coming months and years.

It is estimated that Kangaroo Island's Southern Emu-wren has lost over 80% of its habitat, meaning it may now be Critically Endangered.

On the mainland, Northern and Central Superb Lyrebirds have lost more than half of their habitat. This comes as a shock to ecologists and researchers who have previously regarded these beloved and relatively common wet forest species as safe.

"We never expected these wet forest birds to be so impacted," said James. "But climate change had everything out so much. This is a whole new ball game, and we need to change our thinking about the scale of effort required to deal with it."

Birds that were already on the threatened species list have also been hit hard. "We're very worried about the Regent Honeyeater for example," James continues. "But there's a raft of other threatened birds which have taken another serious hit."

"We're picking ourselves up and dusting ourselves off for the challenges ahead" said James. "Once we've completed these assessments, the



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next steps are to get people out there to see what is left, find the refuges fire has spared, and start working to protect them. These birds are going to need a lot of help on the ground, whether that be translocating birds, providing emergency food resources, or working with fire managers to improve protection from future fires.”

“In the long term, our restoration and recovery efforts will need concerted and dedicated government investment. It’s also essential to properly protect the habitat that’s left, which means an environment policy overhaul—this country desperately needs new nature laws.”

James continues, “Luckily, we know threatened species conservation works.”

Professor Stephen Garnett, Chair of Birdlife Australia’s Threatened Species Committee adds, “we should be thankful for all the work that has gone into these threatened species over decades. Without that dedicated effort, birds like the Glossy Black-Cockatoo might well have been snuffed out for good.”



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

*Birds, especially seabirds keep coral reefs alive by playing a key role in cycling nutrients and helping to fertilise marine ecosystems such as coral reefs.*

*Seabirds travel hundreds of kilometres to feed out in the ocean – and when they return, they deposit layers of highly pungent guano (seabird droppings) at their colonies. This guano leaches into the ocean and fertilises nearby communities such as coral reefs.*

*A study on the Chagos Islands shows what happens when this process is disrupted. On islands free of invasive seabird predators, coral reefs thrived, with fish growing larger and faster for their age, compared to rat-infested islands.*

## MORE BIRDS EAT CANE TOADS - Kites, crows and...swamphens?

You might have heard that crows flip toads on their backs and eat their organs.

But crows have also been known to eat the whole toad, parotid gland (the poison bit) and all an environmental scientist Associate Professor Jonathan Webb from UTS said.

Strangely, some crows take it in their stride, while others drop stone-cold dead.

"Some crows can eat them and be fine and others will eat them and die," he said. "The same seems to be the case with kookaburras."



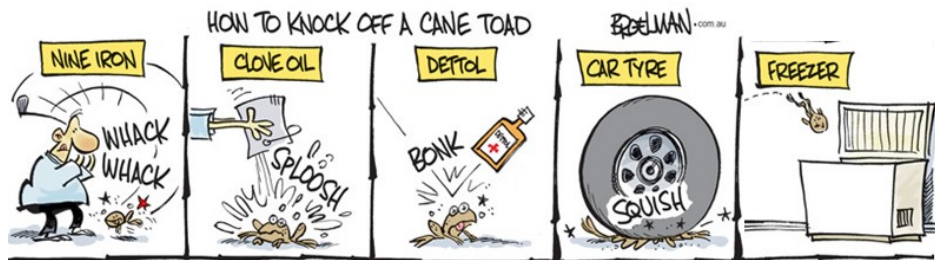
A few other bird species are also partial to a bit of warty golf ball, according to Professor Rick Shine a reptile and toad expert from Macquarie University .

"A lot of the birds tend to eat the tongues out of them," he said. "The kites that patrol the highways pick up the road kill and eat them."

Tawny frogmouths and bush-stone curlews have also been known to partake, according to Tim Cutajar from the Australian Museum said adding swamphens seem to be getting in on the act as well.

"There is one case of an Australasian swamphen killing an adult cane toad and extracting parts out through its mouth. It fed these parts to its chicks," Tim said.

"This does seem to indicate an intentional and successful hunt, but it should be noted that it's not known whether or not the swamphen and its chicks survived."



## HOPE FOR AN ENDANGERED SPECIES IS FOUND IN A REMOTE NATIONAL PARK

Northern Gulf Resource Management Group recently collaborated with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) to survey the southern population of the endangered Golden-shouldered parrot in Staaten River National Park, west of Chillagoe.

The objective of the survey was to gather information on the size of the population and to identify threats to this endangered bird. We also set up motion-sensing cameras on nesting activity to better understand the main threats to the birds during this vulnerable time.

The team spent a week navigating their way through the remote National Park using side-by-side vehicles, surveying for Golden-shouldered parrots. The surveys involved searching for their nests along with sighting adult birds. Golden-shouldered parrots nest in termite mounds, with nests appearing as a golf ball-sized hole in the side of a mound.



The small entry hole leads to a large nesting chamber within the mound, where the adult birds incubate the eggs and raise up to six chicks during the breeding season (March – June). During the week-long survey, we searched an area of more than 2,500 ha, sighting a total of 69 Golden-shouldered parrots and observing 48 nests from the current breeding season. This data will be used to estimate the population size and compare collected data with previous surveys undertaken by QPWS over the last 15 years to see how the population is tracking.

Encouragingly, the habitat appeared to be in very good condition with very few feral animals or weeds observed during the surveys. QPWS rangers actively manage Staaten River NP by implementing an annual planned burn program and conducting an annual dedicated pest animal program controlling pig and horse numbers in remote and inaccessible terrain where the Golden-shouldered parrot habitat sits within the landscape

Source: <https://mynortherngulf.org> (Northern Gulf Resource Management Group)

## ENDANGERED WOODHENS ON LORD HOWE ISLAND HAVE BEEN REINTRODUCED TO THE WILD

*Endemic birds are thriving on Lord Howe Island after the Island's biggest conservation project, removing invasive mice and rats.*

An estimated 150,000 rats and 210,000 mice were found on Lord Howe Island, until the largest project of its kind on an inhabited island took place. This Island is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that sits near the mid-North coast of New South Wales, Australia. It also holds a small community of 350 residents and is a popular tourist destination. The project was introduced in 2019 after the large population of mice and rats destroyed crops and gardens, as well as desolated many native bird and wildlife populations.

The project, made possible by partnership between The Lord Howe Island Board and Department of Planning Industry and Environment, took years of planning and had to be carefully executed. The project paid special attention to two species, the Lord Howe Woodhens which were brought back from extinction in the 1980s, and Currawongs a threatened subspecies of the mainland Currawongs. Both species were taken into captivity, assuring their safety while the project took place.



After the invasive mice and rats were removed, it was deemed safe to re-introduce the native birds. The Currawongs and Woodhens were released in stages, starting with the mountain populations and ended with the lowland populations. Scientists have reported that the birds settled back in miraculously fast and were even seen breeding within minutes of their release. Lord Howe residents are happy to announce that their beloved Woodhens are back and friendly as ever, seen wandering gardens and yards.

Eliminating the threat of ravenous and invasive mice and rats on Lord Howe island is an amazing accomplishment, and the biggest conservation project in the state's history. The island will be monitored for the next two years to assure all mice and rats gone, and won't return.

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Removing these invasive species mean that native bird populations can thrive, crops will be left alone, and residents can resume having happy gardens. It also allows for the reintroduction of critically endangered species, such as the Lord Howe Island Stick Insect, whose biggest threat was the invasive rat. A win win situation for endemic species and the community alike .

The currawongs on Lord Howe Island are a keystone species for the terrestrial ecosystem because they are omnivores, so they eat all sorts of things including rats and mice, so there is interest in how they will react to the rodent eradication."

Dr Melanie Massaro and researchers from Charles Sturt University (CSU), on the world-heritage listed Lord Howe Island are investigating what impact there has been since rats and mice were removed from the remote island as part of a controversial rodent eradication program.

Dr Massaro said she expected the island's currawongs to struggle at first but thought they would bounce back.

"The relationship between the currawongs and rodents on the island is not a simple one," she said.

"Yes, the currawongs do eat the rodents and feed them to their offspring but the rodents are also a massive competitor to the currawong because the rodents eat seedlings, but also eat insects and that has an effect on the currawong.

"I think what will happen most likely is with the rodents removed, the insect numbers hopefully will increase and benefit immediately.

"I think the currawongs will initially suffer, so their numbers will decline, but hopefully we will see whether they eventually pick up again once the insect numbers have increased.





## **DARK FEATHERS GIVE BIRDS HOT WINGS THAT MAY SAVE ENERGY DURING FLIGHT**

Dark feathers may help birds fly more efficiently. They heat up the animals' wings and the surrounding air, which might help increase airflow over the wing.

Svana Rogalla at Ghent University in Belgium and her colleagues studied several bird species to see how the colour of feathers affects wing temperature during flight. They thermally imaged an osprey and found that dark feathers on the bird become warmer than light ones.

To see how wing temperatures changed during flight, the team used stuffed bird wings of different species in a wind tunnel, and heated them with infrared light bulbs similar in intensity to being outdoors on sunny and cloudy days.

They exposed osprey, gannet and black-backed gull wings to wind speeds of 6, 12 and 18 metres per second, similar to the birds' natural flight speeds. "We wanted to simulate flight under realistic conditions," says Rogalla.



The species chosen were large soaring birds, which can increase their altitude without flapping their wings by riding on rising air currents.

The team heated each wing for 2 minutes before placing it in the wind for two minutes.

Darker feathers heated up much more than light feathers. "We found temperature differences of about 9 degrees between black and white," says Rogalla. "We would even find these temperature differences in the same wing."

The finding suggests that a common wing pattern – white feathers at the root of the wing where it attaches to the body and black feathers at the wing tips – could increase lift while flying. The temperature difference between the light and dark feathers creates convective currents in the air above the wing that move from the cooler base of the wing to the darker tips. This boosts the airflow over the wing, which may make flight more efficient.

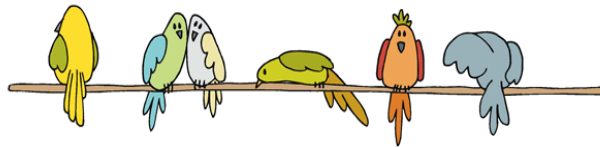
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Several bird species including storks, gulls and pelicans have white wing roots and black wing tips, although there is variation between individuals. "It could help to have these two different colours in one wing to improve flight," says Rogalla.

The next step is to study the precise effects of different temperatures on lift and drag during flight.

Source: [www.newscientist.com/article/2210970-](http://www.newscientist.com/article/2210970-)



## **PSITTACINE CIRCOVIRAL DISEASE (PCD) — MIGHT SOON BE A WORRY OF THE PAST.**

Researchers at Charles Sturt University (CSU) in southern New South Wales said they have developed the first vaccine for PCD — commonly known as beak and feather disease and are ready to submit their work to the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) for approval.

Professor Shane Raidal is a veterinary pathologist at CSU and has been working to develop the vaccine for more than a decade.

"[Australia is] the land of the parrots and critically endangered species, such as the orange-bellied parrot, and others around the country are devastated by this infection," Professor Raidal said.

Professor Raidal said the vaccine could now give these species a fighting chance of survival.



## **HOW AUSTRALIA'S ABORIGINES ARE USING FIRE TO SAVE THE DAZZLING GOULDIAN FINCH**

Tiny, rare, and rich in color, Gouldian Finches are called “jewels of the outback” for good reason.

With just under 2,500 remaining in the wild, the once-common Australian bird is a stunning sight—for anyone so lucky to find it. The birds' range is largely bound to the Kimberley, a spectacularly rugged region that marks Australia's last frontier. From April to October, the area experiences a naturally dry season that culminates in ferocious late-season fires, wiping out flora and essential habitat. Fires have always been around in the Kimberley, but never at this scale or frequency.



Historically, Aboriginal tribes set small, prescribed burns to prevent late-season wildfires around their homes. But when European colonists displaced the tribes in the early 20th century that practice died out, and eventually infernos began to regularly decimate the entire landscape.

Many seed-dependent birds starved in these barren savannas—especially Gouldian Finches, which rely on spinifex, a seed that grows solely in areas that have been untouched by fire for at least three years. The late-season fires also wiped out shrubs and hollow trees, leaving the birds with nowhere to hide from feral cats and other predators.

In 2013, British ecologist Alexander Watson learned that Aboriginal Kija park rangers had created a prescriptive burning plan for the Kimberley but lacked the money and equipment to put it to use. Watson realized the plan could give the finches a fighting chance. So he and the rangers launched the Fire and Feathers program, funded by the Australian government and various conservation groups, which hires indigenous-owned fire stations to set small, controlled burns early in the dry season around six populations of Gouldians.

The rangers first burn the bush by dropping incendiaries out of choppers along a pre-arranged route. They then follow up on foot, sweeping the ground with grip torches to get a more precise burn. The rangers also monitor the finches by installing cameras in their breeding area.

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After just three years the project has already seen tangible success. Though the rangers won't have concrete population data until later this fall, they say Gouldian sightings have been on the rise. "This is one of the rare cases where we saw a problem, we did something about it, and the birds are coming back," says Kira Andrews, a project supervisor from the nonprofit group Rangelands.

Watson's next target is to quadruple the project's range to 60,000square kilometers, covering almost all of Kija country. "The rangers aren't just protecting finches," he says. "They're protecting assets like towns and reservations. They're protecting roads and a whole range of things their community depends on."

Prescribed burns set by the Kija help preserve entire eco systems and these two birds are also reaping the benefits.

Purple-crowned Fairy-wrens which nest in river grass, that doesn't burn easily. In the dry season, however, wildfires wipe out entire patches of the songbird's habitat. After a controlled fire, the grass grows back far more quickly.



The other is the crimson-faced Partridge Pigeon which nests on the ground. Late-season blazes can reduce plant cover, making the birds and their young more susceptible to predators, such as dingoes and feral cats.



Aboriginal groups like the Kija make up 40 percent of the Kimberley's population, but have very few resources to subsist on. These groups experience extremely high levels of poverty, unemployment, and suicide. In this way, the fires represent a lifeline for the Kija. The program not only restores their land, but also trains them for jobs in threatened-species management and open up career opportunities for the communities. And the Kija are not alone; many tribes across Australia have struck conservation partnerships with nonprofits to preserve local wildlife. The Olkola people, for example, are surveying endangered Golden-shouldered Parrot nest sites, while the Gumbaynggirr people are stewarding a habitat reserve for Wedge-tailed Shearwaters on Muttonbird Island. The locals know that if the birds recover, so too will their connection to the land.

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**THE CANARY & CAGE BIRD FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 4th March 2020.**

The President opened the meeting at 8:21 pm, following the conclusion of the AGM.

**ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES:** as per attendance register.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes for the 5th February 2020 General Meeting of Federation had been distributed and read by the delegates. It was moved B. Barnes and seconded C. Isbister 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.*

**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, clubs 2020 ring orders from various affiliates notification of show, sale and auction dates for 2020, confirmation of receipt of ring orders.
2. Quote for the Marine insurance for ring shipments for period from 1 March 2020 to 31 December 2020 \$515.97
3. Mediterranean Poultry Club of Australia Inc, request for affiliation and insurance with completion of the application.
4. 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, W.A. DPAW Biodiversity Conservation Regulations, ACT office of Conservator of Flora and Fauna.

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

**Out-going correspondence as follows:**

1. Ring orders place for 29,000 rings for various clubs.
2. President / Govt Liaison Officer, Sam Davis. - ongoing communication, in response to their communication with Minister for Agriculture NSW, Minister for Energy and Environment NSW, NSW OEH / NPWS, Wildlife Licensing submission, NSW DPI - Animal Welfare Action Plan, Keeper / Dealer Stakeholder Consultative Group meeting – ACA animal welfare alliance, W.A. DPAW Biodiversity Conservation Regulations, ACT office of Conservator of Flora and Fauna .

**MATTERS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE:** Moved J. Palmano and seconded C. Gruntar that application for affiliation and insurance be accepted for the Mediterranean Poultry Club of Australia Inc :- carried It was moved by J. Forrest and seconded by C.Tsintarakis that the correspondence be received and the secretary's action endorsed - Carried

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## **TREASURERS REPORT:**

The accounts were submitted for endorsement. It was moved by J. Flood and seconded by G. Roberts that the payments and the Treasurers actions be endorsed – Carried

## **REPORTS:**

President / Government Liaison Officer Sam Davis presented reported on:

- **Victorian Animal Welfare legislation review**

On 16/2/20 I wrote to President's of both VAC and ASA to ensure aviculture throughout Victoria is united as the revision of animal welfare laws in Victoria progresses, and am awaiting a reply.

- **NSW Native Animal Licensing Update.** Brendan Neilly, whom I'm advised is now leading the implementation of the licensing reforms, has still not returned my calls or replied to my numerous emails. I also emailed Director Richard Kingswood on 26/2/20 to understand the lack of communication and continue to await a reply.

Via ACA, we have obtained a meeting with Environment Minister Matt Kean's office on March 17th. Questions about the delay implementing the reforms is just one of a number of matters that will be discussed.

- **Qld Native Animal Licensing Update.**

Gary Fitt advises the following...

Note that Qld Legislative changes won't be implemented in April. The Dept. now won't give a date.

However, we know that all the proposed changes and the proposed lists of exempt and licenced species have been approved in the Dept. and by the minister. Now waiting for the next step in the implementation process which is outside the dept. However, we also know that the new regulations must be implemented by September 1 and must be advertised to the public for one month beforehand. So something must happen soon.

- **ACT Exotics licensing**

I'm advised that delays implementing the species list changes are due to staffing deficiencies that should be rectified in due course. All is on track, however it will be some time before implementation.

- **NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Animal Cruelty**

Michael Donnelly (ACA President) and I presented and gave evidence at the Select Committee on Animal Cruelty Laws in New South Wales on Thursday 13 February. We essentially mirrored details in our CCBFA and ACA submissions which are on the inquiries website, submissions 74 and 76 -

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/Pages/committeeprofile/animalcruelty-laws.aspx>

A full transcript of the inquiry and our evidence will be posted on the website, as will the report and recommendations by Thursday 4 June 2020.

After we gave evidence, we were able to speak directly with a number of MPs on the panel. It was terrific to make some connections that will no doubt prove valuable in the future.

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- Meeting with office of NSW Minister for Agriculture, Adam Marshall Michael Donelly (ACA President) and I met with the Minister's Chief of Staff and Senior Policy officer on 19/2/2020. The review of animal welfare legislation, restructure of the animal welfare advisory council (AWAC) and current parliamentary inquiries were the main topics discussed. I recounted the commitment from previous Minister Niall Blair that we draft our own standards and guidelines NOT DPI, with DPI then doing public consultation. The officers will look to have this commitment affirmed by Minister Adam Marshall, but no guarantees. The AWAC is formed to advise the Minister directly on animal welfare matters. The Minister has redesigned AWAC as a scientific committee and applications are currently being sought for membership. There will be other specialised consultative groups formed to advise on specific industry matters. We expressed concern that the description of scientist for these AWAC positions is somewhat flexible, those with animal behaviour or animal science credentials are not necessarily pure scientists and may well have animal rights extremist agenda.

Direct and ongoing contact between ACA and the Minister's office was encouraged.

- **Animal Welfare League (AWL) Meeting** On 3/3/2020 Michael Donelly and I met with the CEO of AWL, Mark Slater. AWL seems to have a greater focus on education over enforcement. AWL are supportive of our recommendation that WE draft standards and guidelines, RSPCA and AWL comment on enforceability of the standards and THEN the documents go to the DPI to do their thing. AWL inspectorate obtains just \$75K from NSW state government, yet they spend more than 10 times this amount. The bulk of the funding for compliance is from AWL donations. Note this is similar for RSPCA NSW where government funds some \$500K yet \$5-7 million is spent annually. It does not make sense (to me) that charity donations are funding the enforcement of government legislation.

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

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Sydney Royal Show update. I. Cindric reported that there were 573 entries a increase, they were to have a meeting on Monday. There would be two aviary displays, one for the Budgerigar the feature bird and the other a collection of birds to be decided, the Brincatt's would also be in attendance with their hand raised parrots. J. Palmano advised that the RAS would be picking the staging up from his home on the 31st March and he would appreciate some assistance in carrying and loading the vehicle.
- Code of Practice re NSW Bird Sales. A copy of the NSW code was distributed. It was moved J. Palmano and seconded J. Forrest that we edit and review it at the 6th May meeting. • WIRES Rehoming CEO. As there had been no communication from Wires, it was agreed that Sam would email Leanne Taylor to follow up on the arrangement previously organised with her 2 IC.

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- Guest of Honour Dinner. Nominations for Guest of Honour for the 2020 dinner D. Price and P. Southgate were accepted. The dinner coordinator J. Palmano advised that he was waiting for J. Walker to get back to him with a quote for the Bulli Lookout restaurant for the Saturday 29th August, or alternately Merrylands Bowling Club would have a separate room adjoining the Bistro available which would cater for 75. • Poultry Magazine, The President suggested to the meeting that we place an advert in the monthly publication sold in News Agency's for the Poultry bird keepers. Sam to make further enquiries. • 2020 Ring Orders supplementary orders can be arranged for all species during 2020. Clubs requiring an order form to be completed, should contact the Secretary.

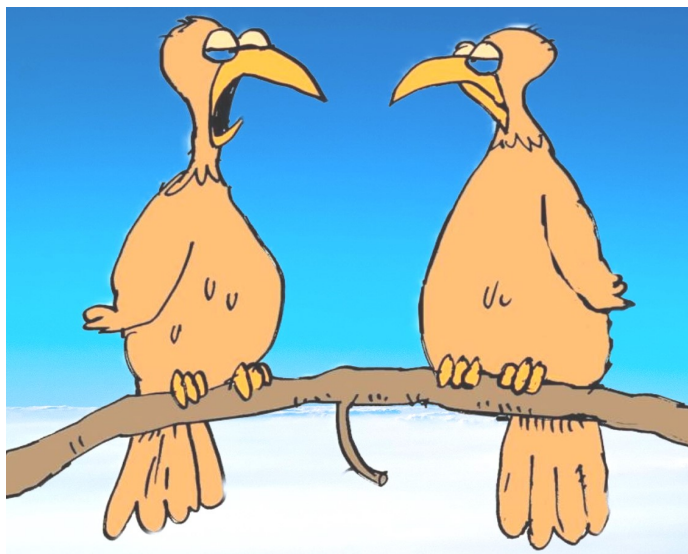
The President thanked the delegates for attending, as there was no further business the meeting closed at 9:40 p.m.

**Notice of next General Meeting**

Wednesday 6th May 2020

at 8:00 pm

Ashfield R.S.L. Liverpool Rd. Ashfield



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**THE CANARY & CAGE BIRD FEDERATION of AUSTRALIA INC.**  
**MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting 4th March 2020.**

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the Federation AGM held Wednesday 6th March 2019 were distributed to the delegates and with nothing arising from these minutes, they were adopted on a motion moved by J Flood seconded by J. Palmano as a true record of the 2019 AGM - Carried.

**REPORTS** were given by the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditors. The President and Secretary both expressed thanks and appreciation 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 31st December 2019. It was moved that honorariums remain the same and be paid for 2019. The President thanked the editor Jamie Norriss for the great and timely presentation of the Feathered World publication and endorsed the comments of the Secretary. Thanking the Secretary for his ongoing support to him in his role as President and thanked John Palmano for organizing the Guest of Honour dinner and went onto say it was a busy year with a range of issues and successes which he had reported on at the General Meetings throughout the year, giving a special mention to the success of Animal Care Australia (ACA) as push back to Animal Rights Activists. Stating the ACA already has a significant profile with NSW Ministers and MPs'.

This concluded the business of the AGM. Vice President John Palmano took the chair as Returning Officer to conduct the election of office bearers for 2020. It was moved J. Palmano and seconded J. Flood all positions being willing to accept their re-appointment, the appointments in block-carried.

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 8:20pm. The Returning Officer declared the AGM closed and passed the meeting over to the President Sam Davis to conduct the March 2020 General Meeting.

**THE NEXT FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at 8:00 pm on Wednesday 3rd March 2021**

**THE CANARY & CAGE BIRD FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA INC**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 5th February 2020.**

The President opened the meeting at 8:00 pm welcoming the delegates, thanking them for their attendance.

**ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES:** as per attendance register.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes for the 6th November 2019 General Meeting of Federation had been distributed and read by the delegates. It was moved C. Isbister and seconded B. Lloyd that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the September General meeting – Carried

**Matters arising out of the minutes:** *November minutes noted that as there was no response from, Narrogin Poultry Society Inc., their insurance had been cancelled. The club has since paid and renewed their affiliation and insurance.*

**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 2020 ring orders from various affiliates notification of show, sale and auction dates for 2020.
- Confirmation of cover of the public liability cover for listed affiliates for 2020, together with the invoice. • Brisbane Canary Association Inc, request for affiliation and insurance with completion of the application and privacy forms together with payment
- Wide Bay Aviculture Society Inc. request for affiliation and insurance with completion of the application and privacy forms together with payment.
- Combined & National Canary Exhibition of Victoria Inc Notification that due to lack of interest the club representatives and decided to close the body and hence will not require the insurance cover in 2020.
- Soft Feather Poultry Club. In following up payment for affiliation and insurance they advised they would not require the insurance in 2020.
- Wollongong & District Avicultural Society. Nominating Don Price and Peter Southgate for consideration for future Guest of Honour.
- Sydney Water Corporation. Responding to the application by President in relation to Level 2 Water Restrictions, advising that Sydney Water will allow aviculturists to use water to provide appropriate care, refer [www.sydneywater.com.au/restrictions](http://www.sydneywater.com.au/restrictions)
- 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, W.A. DPAW Biodiversity Conservation Regulations, ACT office of Conservator of Flora and Fauna.
- Newsletters / Journals – Received from various clubs, with notification of club events for insurance:

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**Out-going correspondence as follows:**

- Details of affiliation and insurance provided to clubs requesting information.
- Insurance Broker submitting complete schedule of affiliate clubs requiring insurance for 2020 and negotiating term, invoice and CoC's.
- Invoicing all affiliates for affiliation and insurance for 2020, attaching covering letter detailing the policy requirement, together with a separate note requesting notification of their 2020 show, sales, auctions and convention dates. On receipt of payment forwarding thee electronic copy of their CoC. Nine clubs who do not have electronic communication or requested were sent a hard copy.
- N.Q. Grants, a letter of support for Towers Birdkeepers, hosting the Northern Avian Conference in Charters Towers in June 2020.
- Brisbane Canary Association Inc. Forwarding their copy of the CoC together with the covering letter detailing the policy requirements.
- Wide Bay Aviculture Society Inc. Forwarding their copy of the CoC together with the covering letter detailing the policy requirements.
- Geoff Roberts and family a Sympathy card on the passing of Kay.
- Feathered World subscribers to the paper copy invoiced for \$25.00 for the year.
- President S. Davis to Sydney Water, seeking exemption for aviculture re stage 2 water restrictions.
- President, notification to all affiliates advising two ways to access Feathered World. On our website [www.ccbfa.org.au](http://www.ccbfa.org.au) and click on the Journals tab. And the second via the following URL - <http://online.fliphtml5.com/anwr/biqn/>
- President / Govt Liaison Officer, Sam Davis. - ongoing communication, in response to their communication with Minister for Agriculture NSW, Minister for Energy and Environment NSW, , NSW OEH / NPWS, Wildlife Licensing submission, NSW DPI - Animal Welfare Action Plan, Keeper / Dealer Stakeholder Consultative Group meeting – ACA animal welfare alliance, W.A. DPAW Biodiversity Conservation.

**Matters arising out of correspondence:**

Moved B. Barnes and seconded C. Tsintarakis that application for affiliation and insurance be accepted for the, Combined Council of Queensland Avicultural Club's – carried It was moved by I. Cindric and seconded by J. Palmano 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. Palmano and seconded by J. Flood that the payments and the Treasurers actions be endorsed – Carried

**REPORTS:**

President / Government Liaison Officer Sam Davis presented reported on:

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- **Emma Hurst AJP meeting 3/12/19**

ACA President Michael Donnelly and I met with Animal Justice Party (AJP) MP Emma Hurst on 3/12/19 to try to find common ground. Currently AJP policy is that birds should not be in cages of any type and this remains the case. I described a range of different aviary and cage setups from large planted aviaries housing threatened species through to highly domesticated setups for Budgerigars and Canaries and at all times animal welfare is a priority. Emma (and her NSW Director) expressed some sympathy for threatened species programs and they did make it clear that well managed bird collections were not a current priority, nevertheless Emma, just as we rose to leave did make it clear their policy of no birds in cages of any type will remain. It is my view, and I think Emma's, that we are best to keep the communication open despite our obvious and significant disagreement on central issues.

- **Victorian Animal Welfare legislation review**

In December I spoke with the Manager of the review process. She is currently interviewing staff to build her team who will manage the review process. CCBFA will lead this process on behalf of our Victorian affiliate clubs. We already have a commitment from the head of animal welfare Victoria that we are major stakeholders who will be included in preliminary meetings to set the general direction of the review process.

I will contact the VAC to ensure aviculture throughout Victoria is united.

- **NSW Native Animal Licensing Update.**

The contract for the manager of the NSW licensing reforms process Robert Oliver, and his team concluded at the end of December 2019. I spoke with Rob before his work concluded and he made it clear everything was in place to implement the new system very rapidly once the Minister approves.

Speaking with Richard Kingswood, the Director Conservation, who is close to the top of the tree, indicates the reform package will be implemented. When this happens continues to remain unclear, however it will occur under the management of the new wildlife licensing leader Brendan Neilly. Richard is aware implementation could occur rapidly once approval is obtained.

Brendan Neilly has recently been appointed as the team leader of the wildlife licensing team within NPWS. Brendan most recently worked for RSPCA NSW and prior had worked in various capacities at NPWS and NSW DPI. He has often expressed opinions that wildlife licensing should be more tightly regulated which conflicts with the general nature of the current reforms package. I'm currently awaiting a return call from Brendan.

We are currently waiting for meetings with Minister Matt Kean and Atticus Fleming who is now at the top of the chain as Executive Director. Everything remains ready for implementation.

- **Qld Native Animal Licensing Update.**

We continue to be advised the new Qld licensing reforms, which largely mirror NSW proposed reforms, will be implemented in April this year.

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- **WA Avicultural Consultative Committee Update.**

Minister Dawson most recently in a letter to me dated September 2019 renewed his commitment to forming the committee. I recently (4/2/20) had a productive conversation with the manager of WA licensing, Ryan Parker. He indicated a new online licensing system is due to be implemented around July this year. After this system is operational, we can expect the Avicultural Consultative Committee to form and commence meetings.

Some other areas discussed included improving efficiency of identifying imports at the border, streamlining the addition of new species to species lists, trialling the new online system via clubs, etc.

- **NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Animal Cruelty**

Michael Donnelly (ACA President) and I have been asked to speak at the Select Committee on Animal Cruelty Laws in New South Wales on Thursday 13 February. Our CCBFA and ACA submissions are on the inquiries website, submissions 74 and 76 - <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/Pages/committeeprofile/animal-crueltylaws.aspx>

This inquiry is largely a dig at RSPCA NSW by the AJP. They would like to see the inspectorate functions of both RSPCA NSW and Animal Welfare League (AWL) removed to a government run department. This would have disastrous consequences for all who keep animals if it were to occur under the AJP's reins. We are meeting with RSPCA NSW CEO and senior staff tomorrow (Feb 6th) and are in contact with other groups who are also presenting to prepare. This inquiry is Chaired by Mark Pearson who is the other NSW AJP upper house member. The recommendations of this inquiry will affect the review of animal welfare laws that is just warming up in NSW.

- **Inquiry into Exhibition of exotic animals in circuses and exhibition of cetaceans in NSW**

In addition to the parliamentary inquiry into Animal Cruelty, ACA will also be giving evidence to the inquiry into Exhibition of exotic animals in circuses and exhibition of cetaceans in New South Wales. This inquiry was at the behest of AJP's Emma Hurst, however the committee is chaired by the Shooters Fishers Farmers Party MP Mark Banasiak. This inquiry has potential ramifications for all public exhibition of animals, including bird shows and sales together with agricultural shows. Michael and I will give evidence on behalf of ACA at one of the hearings in April.

ACA's submission (sub 178) and other details of this inquiry is here -

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx>

Moved C. Isbister and seconded by I. Cindric that the Reports be accepted and Reporters thanked – Carried

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Sydney Royal Show update. I. Cindric advised he would have more to update for the next meeting all arrangements for the exhibition and for the bird display aviaries were in place, Budgerigars being the feature bird this year. The RAS have advised that the new venue plans for beyond 2020 have been put on hold.

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- **Code of Practice re NSW Bird Sales.** It was agreed to allow more time for discussion we would hold this over until next meeting.
- **Insurance cover for special events.** The Secretary advise that the insurance Underwriters have advised that clubs will require an additional CoC to be issued for special events (other than shows and sales) noting the event name, period / date of the event, address and venue name. The club should also detail to the secretary the club's involvement at the event. The President requested that I. Cindric and C. Tsintarakis ask the RAS, if they cover our participants now that the aviary birds are in the Pet Pavilion not in a commercial hall, for both the RAS Show and the Poultry Show
- **Guest of Honour Dinner.** Nominations for Guest of Honour for the 2020 dinner to be reviewed by the Guest of Honour Committee prior to the AGM to bring forward to the meeting. The dinner coordinator J. Palmano advised that a lunch would be preferable for Sunday 30th August and was in discussion with J. Walker the President of the Wollongong club to check the availability of the Bulli Lookout restaurant and John to follow up with the Merrylands Bowling Club.
- **2020 Ring Orders** supplementary orders can be arranged for all species during 2020. The initial orders for **2020** [if required for distribution at the specialist Annual shows at the end of May] should be finalised by the 1st March 2020. Clubs requiring an order form which must be completed, should contact the Secretary, Ron Robertson by email.

The President thanked the delegates for attending, as there was no further business the meeting closed at 9:50 p.m.

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

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