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Council Chatter

In this Bulletin we remind all members that the Patronage Show is coming up on May 18-20. This huge event on the BSNZ calendar is combined with the Annual General Meeting of the Society and the annual Auction of birds. We urge every member to get in behind this very special event to make it our best yet.

The Council Chatter section of the Bulletin is set up to provide direct broadcast of information from the Council to the members of the Society. If you have any questions please send a query in the Comments section so that your issues can be dealt with promptly. We hope that members will find this section of interest, of support to you, as a breeder of budgerigars and that it will motivate you to share your own ideas about growing and developing the Society as we move forward.

1. 2018 Patronage Show and Annual General Meeting:

As previously circulated widely our special Patronage Show will be hosted, by the Levin Club at the Horowhenua Event Centre, Victoria Street, Levin. The dates for this Show are 19-20 May 2018. The Judges are: Novice: **Brian Townsend** and Champion: **Derek Poole** from Tasmania. The Annual General Meeting will be held at 11am on the Sunday morning of the Show. Prior to the AGM there will be an open seminar on judging. This seminar will start at 8.30am and conclude at 10.30am. After a short break we will roll on into the AGM at 11am. We trust all members have received all the material circulated to members regarding the AGM. Please see further material in this Bulletin including the Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

2. Auction of Birds:

This year's BSNZ auction will be held after the judging on the Saturday. Please be sure that all images of the birds you have offered are in the hands of Graeme Earles who is coordinating this aspect of proceedings. He needs the images for uploading to the website as

soon as possible please. For all those interested in bidding on the auction birds, please keep an eye on the website as the images and details of the birds are uploaded for all to see! (shegrae@gmail.com)

3. South Island Judging Seminar:

At the initiative of Tom Tutbury there will be a judging seminar held in Oamaru this month for local South Island members. If you are interested in attending please make contact in the first instance with the Secretary: (chris@keyproperty.co.nz)

4. Annual General Meeting

At the time and date that remits and nominations were to have been received by the Council Secretary, no remits had been received and there were not enough nominations for Council positions and membership to fill all positions without the need for an election. A nomination was received from Stuart Phipps for the one vacant position and below is the information that he submitted for the information of the membership.



One of two Jane Adam original paintings up for auction at the BSNZ Auction at the Patronage Show May 19, 2018



Topflite

President's Patter

The Council President shares his thoughts, ideas and updates for members to hear directly from the Council President about issues of interest to you as a breeder and other important communication with the full membership:



I would like to invite everyone to the AGM for the Budgerigar Society which is being held in conjunction with the Levin Bird Club annual Show. I know that most of you will have finished breeding for the current season and will be looking forward to the upcoming show season. This last year has been one of stability for the committee and we are starting to get the judges training system back up and running. It has long been overshadowed by other issues and unfortunately has left us with a shortage of well-trained judges available to

officiate at some of the shows, particularly in the South Island. It is exciting to see Tom Tutbury organising a meeting to further the understanding of standards for judging in Oamaru this month and we intend having a meeting at the AGM where we will have input from Derek Poole to help us to understand Judges training procedures in Australia and exhibition standards.

It is sad to see Mike Hannan leaving both the BSNZ Council and the fancy. He has long been a hard-working member of the fancy and his quiet but well-reasoned input has been a great boon to the Society and we will be losing another Judge. We wish him well with his future interests. His place on the committee looks like being taken by Stu Phipps who has put his name forward to serve on the committee, Stu lives in Ashburton and has been involved with breeding and exhibiting poultry and various types of birds for most of his life. He has realised the folly of his ways with the other birds and finally graduated up to budgerigars, having bought stock from John Perry and Mike Hannan. He is also a member of the Federation management committee, so it will be great to get another voice on that organisation. (See below for information about Stu) We have no remits for you to vote on at the AGM this year and just the right number of nominations for the committee positions, so either everyone is happy with the job that we have been doing and want to retain the status quo or no one wants to put their hand up to join the committee and be held responsible for any decisions. Either way I look forward to catching up at the AGM, so I hope that you can make the time to get there and enjoy the Show and the training seminar.

Regards to **all**
Tony **Grinter**
President

Meet the Latest Nomination for Council

Given the resignation, from Council, of Mike Hannan it is heartening to have received the nomination of Stu Phipps. Read on to learn more about this long time, experienced breeder.



My name is Stu Phipps. I am waste water manager at Anzco Foods Canterbury. My wife Debbie and I live in Ashburton and we are members of the local Ashburton Club. I have breed birds and poultry since I was a child and have kept many types of parrots and budgies off and on over the years. I have been serious about breeding budgies for about a year and this will be my first show season with them.

I went to buy a nice pair of birds from John Perry in Christchurch when I found out he was giving up showing and I ended up with all his birds and breeding cages! I also purchased

seven birds off Mike Hannan when he gave up breeding and showing. I was President of the Ashburton Bird Club for three years as well as a member of the committee for a number of years. Currently I am in my second term on the Federation of Bird Clubs management committee.

Up until last year I was very involved in showing, breeding and judging poultry for over 50 years. In fact starting as a child. I was very involved in poultry clubs and was on the South Island Poultry Association that oversees all the South Island Shows and clubs. When I gave up poultry I was South Island senior vice president. I gave up poultry as I had lost my passion and enthusiasm.

I feel I have a lot to offer as a councillor for the Budgie Society with my history of club management and my newly renewed passion for breeding cage birds.

AGM Information

1. Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting
2. Agenda for the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the BSNZ

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Budgerigar Society of New Zealand

**Held at Kawerau on the 18th June 2017
Meeting started at 9am**

The Meeting was called to order by the President Darryl Cleland

Those Council members present where :

Chris Asken., Derek Lourens., Vince Huston., Dave Ingoe., Tony Grinter., Phil Hill
Apologies from Mike Hannan .

Those members present where : Song Chen , Jim Ziarno , R and S Baron Partnership, Keith Flockhart, R. Carter, G Carter, K. Kilmister, E. Lourens , G. Earles, Calvin Appleby, Ken and Carol Burke David and Fran Goulden , C. Huges and Ian Silk Partnership, Dave and Gail Morris , Graham Rogers , David Pawson , John Rosser

Apologies from members: Hamish Baron and Earl Feck
Moved Carol Burke / Dave Ingoe

There was a minutes silence for those members who had pass away over the last year

Scrutineers where appointed they were: John Rosser and Jan
Moved: Shorty / Phil Hill

The minutes from the previous AGM were circulated and taken as read: There were no matters arising from these.
Moved Sheryl Baron / Dave Ingoe

The President Darryl Cleland then made his speech:

Darryl spoke of how he felt everything had run smoothly over the past year and how the Budgerigar Society had worked in a prompt and business like manner. Darryl thanked the Secretary and all the Council Members for their work and commitment. The Budgerigar Society had obtained extra sponsorship this year from Topflite, The Website has been opened up with the addition of the Mentors Page, Rare Breeds Page, the Market Place which is a medium for all members to advertise their birds etc to other members, and the Membership Card which we are working on to provide our members with a net working opportunity to offer discounts to fellow BS members for their Good or Services.

Darryl also mention that we need to work on promoting new membership and the biggest thing that we need to do is to make sure that we make the hobby enjoyable. He thanked Dave Ingoe for his work in helping with the Patronage Show.

Treasurers Report : Derek Lourens handed around to the members present the copy of the 2017 Treasurers Report and then spoke of the status of the Budgerigar Society Annual Accounts (Copies of which are attached) there were no matters arising from these.
Moved Shorty Rogers / Vince Huston

Membership and Ring Registrars report: Vince Huston spoke of the Budgerigars membership drive on Facebook where we obtained three new members that over the period of a year we had obtained approx. twelve new members. Vince went on to mention that this year the ring size has moved up a size due to members request and we have also now have obtained a local contact for ring cutters which will be advertised on the Budgerigar Website under the Market Place page. We will now order smaller numbers of rings as we now have a supplier in Belgium who can deliver more given a couple of weeks notice meaning we don't need to carry over so many.

Rings will be ready to be sent out a week prior to the 1 August 2017.

The Meeting then moved to the Election of Officers:

A point of order in respect to the Proxy Voting Forms: Both Darryl and Tony had sent out letters in respect to their re-election.

These voting forms as the Rules of the Society states are required to be in the hands of the Secretary 48 hours prior to the AGM and as such unfortunately a number of votes were unable to be counted as they were not received by the Secretary in that time frame .

These votes were put to one side and not counted.

The Council Members elected for 2017 are:

President :	Tony Grinter
Vice President :	Dave Ingoe
Secretary :	Chris Asken
Treasurer :	Derek Lourens
	Membership and
Ring Registrar :	Vince Huston

Council : Phil Hill , Mike Hannan, Newly appointed Graeme Earles

	Patron :	Keith Flockhart
	Vice Patron :	Herb Duston
Life Members :		M. Waldron, M. King, L. Baldwin, K. Flockhart , G. Price , W. Wilson

Voted and carried unanimously

Tony Grinter then took the chair and thanked all those present for their confidence in him.

Remits :

Remit 1: Hastings Bird Club

Part A: page E13. Show Rule 25(b) Delete "or Novice AA (any age)"

To read: For Budgerigars, birds exhibited in Novice C.Y.C.R. (Current Year Closed Ring) classes must be BBE (Bred by Exhibitor). Reason: Enforced onto Budgerigar membership in breach of Federation Show Rule 20. (last line). Page E12 and an imposition on Novice Budgie exhibitors ONLY and not imposed on ANY other section, Champion or Novice from Yorkshire Canaries to Lovebirds.

Part B: Page A14 Notes 5 Delete "and any age"

To Read: Novice breeders may only show birds that they have bred, in the young bird classes.

Reason: As per remit 1 part A

Part C: Page A14 Classes: Remove classes 640 and 641

Reason: As per remit 1 part A.

NB: We believe Rule 25(b) will discourage new members from joining the Budgerigar Society and may cause them to look at other varieties as a less demanding option.

Moved: Acting President, Calvin Appleby Secretary, Mrs Andrea Paynter

Passed 21 / 12

Remit 2 : Same as above

Presented by G. Carter and Seconded by P.J. Ziarno

Passed 9 / 5

Remit 3. To Return to CYCR BBE Budgerigar It was felt that the young bird rule is having an impact on the numbers of CYCR birds not being shown

Present by D. Cleland and Seconded by J. Smith

Passed 12/2

Remit 4 For the removal of the requirement for auditing of the Society Accounts due to the high cost of that process. Any concern regarding corruption and or misappropriation of society funds is covered by the Treasurers requirement to submit a transaction report to the committee at each meeting for scrutiny and approval and for the Annual Accounts to be tabled at the AGM for scrutiny and approval by membership

Passed 11 / 3

The meeting then voted to have all the voting forms destroyed.

Moved Short Rogers / Gary Carter

General Business :

Dave Goulden mentioned that we are an Incorporated Society and as such it gives us an immunity, we need to meet our obligations in regards to the updating of our information with the Companies Office.

Derek stated that this had been done verbally however these matters have now been rectified.

The Treasurer spoke of the Out of Pocket expenses:

These are:	Secretary	\$ 1250.00
	Treasurer	\$ 500.00
	Ring Registrar	\$ 500.00

This was passed unanimously

Derek then spoke on how the high cost of posting and printing of items such as the Bulletin Was having an effect and in order to recover postage costs it will now be added into the cost of sending items. Therefore people asking to get the Bulletin sent through to them by mail will need to pay \$15.00 for the year and not the current \$5.00

That any orders for rings you will now need to pay \$2.50 and pay for any further costs of sending out any additional orders previously this cost was the Budgie Societies expense.

It was agreed to keep the subscriptions at the same level.

This was passed unanimously.

Sheryl Baron spoke to the members present on how we need to modernise the way in which we work in order to keep our members informed and we should not always be expected to have all our documents arrive in the mail. That way there will only be a few people do not have computers that we need send printed information to .

Prize Giving :

Dave Ingoe then presented the Prizes for the BS Patronage Show to Tony and Robyn Grinter for the Best Open Budgerigar and the Best CYCR

Best Recessive Pied also went to T. and R. Grinter

Best Dominant Pied went to Vince Huston

The framed Novice Painting went to Josh Smith for Best Novice

The Meeting Closed at 11 am

*The Budgerigar
Society of
New Zealand*



2018 PATRONAGE SHOW HELD, LEVIN
18TH 19TH 20TH May 2018
LEVIN

Annual General Meeting
Agenda

One minutes silence for members who have passed during the year

Minutes from previous AGM previously circulated taken as read
Any matters arising

Apologies

Presidents Report

Treasurers Report

Membership and Ring Registrars report

Election of officers ... Only one member standing down and one new BSNZ member standing

Remits None received

General Business Any discussion from the floor

The Show and Tell Egg

Pauline Conolly is a full-time non-fiction author and researcher. Her interests include social

history, especially the Victorian era, and Australia's colonial past. She currently divides her time between the UK and the beautiful Blue Mountains of New South Wales, where she happily writes, gardens and enjoys the profuse bird-life. This short article and a link to her interesting blog appear here: <https://paulineconolly.com/2018/the-show-and-tell-egg/> for you to enjoy her other interesting work.

This interesting article comes to us from Australia where the link between an egg found on a beach in Western Australia and our native *kiwi* may be of interest to our members. It is a fascinating story that throws up arguments about the ownership of such finds as well as where it might have come from originally. Sincere thanks to Pauline Conolly for allowing us to use this article in our Bulletin.

During the Christmas holidays in 1992, three primary school children in Western Australia came across a giant, fossilized egg in the sand dunes at Cervantes Beach.

Jamie Andrich aged nine and his cousins Kelly (9) and Michelle Rew (7) had no idea of the importance of their find. I love the fact that when school went back, one of the kids took it along to a class 'show and tell'. It was only some time later that the egg was taken along to palaeontologists at the Western Australian Museum by Jamie Andrich and his father, Darryl. It was identified as being from *Aepyornis titan*, a long extinct, flightless bird; possibly the world's largest.

The egg had floated 6,000 kilometres from Madagascar over a thousand years before the birds actually died out. It appears they were still around in the 13th century, when the explorer Marco Polo described them in his diary as being; '*so large and strong as to seize an elephant with its talons, and to lift it into the air, in order to drop it to the ground and in this way kill it.*' This account was a bit exaggerated, but Marco Polo had provided *Aepyornis titan* with its common name; Elephant Bird.

Plans were made to auction the egg, with huge sums being bandied about. Jamie and his cousins must have been dreaming of a trip to Disneyland and every toy they ever wanted. However, almost immediately there were questions about ownership. Eventually it was judged to have been found on crown land, and therefore the legal property of the government. Museum staff were very relieved. Private ownership might have resulted in the egg leaving Australia, or worse still being broken up and sold in tiny sections as souvenirs.

Not surprisingly the families felt hard done by. They believed the old Aussie code of 'finders keepers' should be honoured. In fact, they were so incensed that they took the egg back and young Jamie reburied it! Museum staff were terrified that he might forget the location. After protracted negotiation the families received an *ex gratia* payment of \$25,000 dollars and fortunately Jamie went straight back to the egg, hidden under a particular bush at the beach. The egg is now held at the museum, along with a smaller one, also found on the Western Australian coast at Scott River, in 1930.

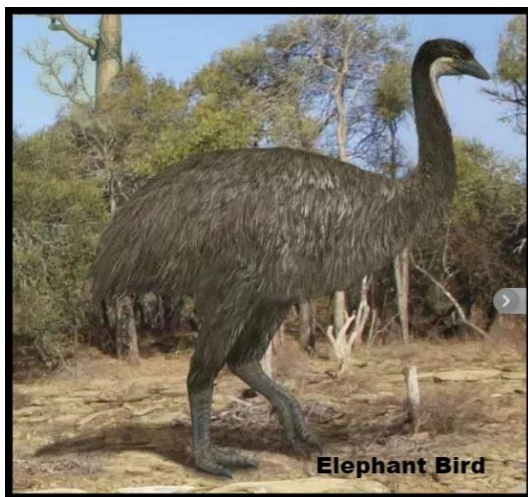
Mr Vic Roberts found the Scott River egg when he was ten years old. However, it did not come to public notice until 1962, when the TV presenter and naturalist Harry Butler saw it in a Nannup farmhouse and informed the museum. It is now on permanent loan from Mr Roberts.

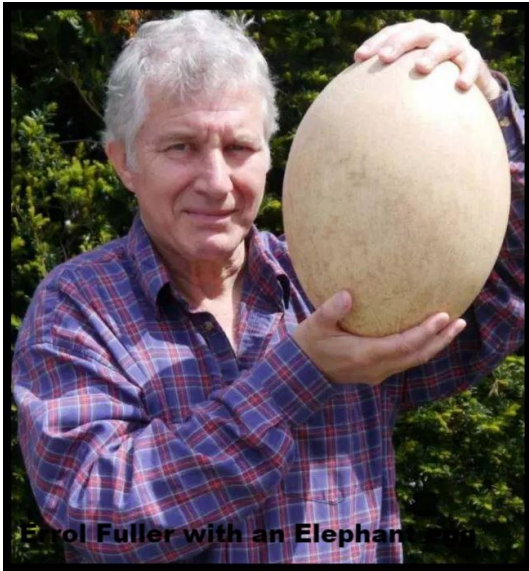
The flightless birds were approximately 3 metres tall, and weighed over 450 kilograms. No wonder their eggs were one hundred times larger than a hen's egg.

My friend, the UK collector and author Errol Fuller, poses below with an Elephant Bird's egg about to be auctioned with a price guide of £50,000.

If you would like to know more, Errol wrote the wonderful book, *Extinct birds*. I really treasure my signed copy. There are less than twenty complete eggs of *Aepyornis titan* around the world, mostly held in museums. Sir David Attenborough has one that was pieced together from fragments found in Madagascar.

Can you guess the nearest living relative to the giant bird? Ostrich? Emu? No....the flightless kiwi. It seems a delightful thing that two of nature's wonders should have been found by two little Australian boys at the beach, sixty years apart.





Ever thought of using a Photography Cage for creating excellent records of winners at your local Show?

Overseas, taking photographs of Show winners, images for use in advertising etc. is a much more honed and refined skill than it is here in the New Zealand Show scene. Overseas breeders have developed excellent ways in which to take flattering and close-up images of their birds that show them in the best possible light. A little research into the hows and the whens and the wheres produced some interesting ideas that members may wish to follow up on. Would it not be excellent for our Society to have great shots of all Patronage Show and Top Flite National winners up on our website so we could keep a visual record of winning birds and their owners? This season have a go with your photography skills and see if you can share some of your own Club winners in our Society Bulletin. Send them in to our Society Secretary: chris@keyproperty.co.nz and see if we can have some great images to upload to the website as a permanent record of winning birds in New Zealand. Have a look too at the WBO website to see winning birds from across the world: <http://www.world-budgerigar.org/rosettes2017.htm> You will see a huge difference in the quality of images from one country to the next.

Ideas for Using Photography Cages



