

Kapiti Bird Club Inc.

“Chirp & Squark”



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July 2010 Newsletter
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Next club night: **Wednesday 14 July – Pot Luck Dinner**
7 pm Community Centre, Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

Hi Team.

I thought I'd better write a short report on our last meeting. The turnout was a bit disappointing, although not entirely unexpected. It was good to see a few old faces/friends and some positive contributions were made from the floor.

The most positive outcome has been the offer by Natalie Bowles to take on the position of Secretary. This is absolutely marvellous as this position has been vacant for some years. We thank Natalie and no doubt you will be hearing from her in the near future.

We did discuss the other tasks that need to be done during the course of the year and have managed to get a name next to most of the tasks. It was the general opinion of the meeting that if we can't get volunteers for some of the jobs then those particular activities might not take place.

Gaps at the moment are in the following areas.

1. We need a couple of members to take up a spot on the **Exhibition committee**. These people do not need to be on the Club committee if they would rather not. We functioned last year without this committee and it made things quite tight in the pre Exhibition planning area. It was suggested that if we can't get a functioning committee together that we don't hold an exhibition this year. Maybe replacing it with an alternative activity. However we would need an organizing group for this too.
2. We still don't have a **Vice President**. This is not an onerous job, but a necessary position. Please really consider taking this job on. All that is required is to attend committee meetings (6-8 a year) and chairing the meetings if the President is unavailable.
3. We also need **1-2 more on the Committee**.
4. We do have the occasional activity apart from the monthly meetings, and it would be great if a club member could take on one of these activities on a 1-off basis. You would not need to be on the committee if you so wished, but just taking on the organization of an activity would spread the load a bit further. Examples would be: Xmas dinner; Club BBQ; Aviary crawl; a Show visit; or any other activity that may be of interest to members.

To sum up, I think all the Committee, as well as those members attending, left the meeting with a much more positive outlook about where the Club is going. The Club can, and will carry on, although we are still light on the administrative side of things. Club nights have been well attended this last year compared to previous years, and we are getting a steady trickle of new members.

So, thanks again to all those that came to our last Club night. For those who couldn't make it, have a second thought about getting involved. As I've said before the strength of the club is its membership; the club relies on its members being involved. Let's go on and up.

Regards Don McAlpine

July 14 Meeting - pot luck dinner starting at 7 pm.

please_note early start time so we can eat about 7.15 pm

Come along as these evenings are great fun. Mix and mingle with the bonus of a great variety of sumptuous food. ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

On our last Club night a lot of things were sorted out. Natalie Bowles put up her hand and is going to be our Secretary and Adam Kake has come onto the Committee.

Seed Order: Bill will have order forms on Club night 14th July and last day for ordering is Sunday 18th July, and, unless you hear differently, you can pick up your seed between 10am and 12 noon on Saturday 24th July. Please note at our last Club night members decided to go back to 'TOP FLIGHT' for seed.

Look forward to seeing you all on 14th July at 7pm. Please note the earlier start time of 7 pm.

Kindest regards to all - June

Please note that subscriptions are due now

The subscriptions are the same as last year: partners \$20, single \$15, and Junior \$5. If you want a year book please tick the box. If you want it posted it will cost another \$5. Your forms will be enclosed with this newsletter.

Cuttlefish and Grit – Birds need both!

The shell or exoskeleton of the cuttlefish, technically known as cuttlebone, which is shed periodically, is an important source of calcium for all birds, especially young and females. It is essential to ensure adequate supplies in the breeding season and during the moult. Hang the cuttlebone in an area where it will not get wet and where the birds can pick away at it. Grit helps bind the food in the bird's stomach, making it easier to digest and is also a supply of calcium. Seed-eating birds have a crop in which the seed is softened before it goes into the gizzard or muscular stomach – the gizzard is an enlargement of the alimentary canal with dense, muscular walls. Without a supply of grit the seed remains unground and whole seeds are passed out with the droppings. Studies have shown that birds with a good supply of grit don't eat quite as much as those who do not have enough in their diet. Lack of grit harms the bird's health as undigested seeds cause blockages in the intestine, resulting in a whitish watery discharge. Grit is available in various grades (fine to coarse) and is best supplied in a smaller separate dish although some breeders often mix it with their normal seed.

Club Rules

We are bound by a set of rules –our constitution –the little green book! We have been a bit lax these last few years and some members may not have a copy. Get a note/email to Don (Treasurer) for a copy.

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Here's a test for those canary fanciers out there. See if you can name all of these types. Which is the oldest?

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2010 UPDATE

Privacy issues mean we have to be sure what information, if any, is divulged to third parties during the day to day activities of the club. Many members have not completed this form, or it is some time since they have, so an update is appropriate.

USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM

To be completed by all members, and intending members on application for membership.

Name:

In terms of the use of your personal information would you please complete this form when you renew your subscription, or with your application form for membership.

Confidentiality of Information:

The information on your subscription form is used by the Club for record keeping, posting, and Club purposes. It is also required for a register of members kept under the Incorporated Societies Act. The information is supplied to Committee members to fulfil management and club related actions and the Club will not supply membership information to any third party without your approval. Your details may be listed on a Club membership list circulated to Club members if you give us your approval, and to the NZ Federation of Bird Clubs.

Please tick or cross the appropriate boxes below:

I am happy to have my personal details published on a list to Club members.

And to the New Zealand Federation of Cage Bird Clubs

If you wish only some of your personal details (i.e. Name only) be supplied to other members of the Club, or other parties please expand below.

Where a member is a member of more than one cage bird club it is necessary for the member to nominate which is their parent club.

My Parent Club is...

Signed:

Thank you for completing above.



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SUBSCRIPTIONS 2010/2011

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-just fill out the relevant cells in the table and email back. DC details below.

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First Name/s			
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Subscription Rates for 2010/2011

Partnership or Family	\$20.00	\$
Single	\$15.00	\$
Junior	\$ 5.00	\$
Federation Yearbook	\$10.00 + \$5 if posted	\$
Donation		\$
Arrears/Credits		\$
	Cheques/Cash enclosed	Total \$

Notes:

Subscriptions are due on 1 August and should be paid by the end of October. Where a member fails to pay the appropriate subscription within 90 days from the due date under the rules of the Club they are not entitled to receive any benefits from the Club until such dues are paid.

For members wanting to **Direct Credit**, the clubs account number is 01-0731-0067815-00

Put your surname in the reference part.

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Thank you for completing the above information. If you have any queries about anything please ring Don, phone (06)3647067 or June (04)9042330. Please hand the form/s and your subscription (preferably in a sealed envelope) to June at a Club meeting or post to the Treasurer, Kapiti Bird Club, c/- Don McAlpine, 31 Atmore Avenue, Otaki. Email donmcalpine@xtra.co.nz