

"Chirp & Squawk"

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Next club night: Wednesday 10 August
7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
Community Centre, Ngahina St
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President's Report Well it's that time of the year again – subs are due. Attached with this month's newsletter will be the relevant paperwork for subscription renewals. For those you who usually get the newsletter via email – this is why it has been sent by post this month. Everyone will receive August's newsletter with their subscription paperwork.

Don't forget to put your suggestions in for the Christmas Dinner venue for December. I have a few already from last month's Pot Luck Dinner and this month is your last chance to have your say. I will tally up the suggestions and then ask the top three for a menu and price for the members to then put their names against for the final vote. Remember, put your suggested venue AND your acceptable price point on a piece of paper and put it into the Suggestions Box at the next meeting. No names are necessary and only I will be seeing the suggestions.

Pot Luck Dinner A great night as usual, well attended by old and new members alike. Thanks all who came and made it a great night. The committee has also taken away some suggestions for next year's event on how we might improve on it.

Raffles Our new raffle format went down a treat! Almost all tickets were sold and Murray Davey was the winner. We also drew the previous month's raffle with June Simpson winning that. Congratulations to both winners.

A note for those member's not present last month and who may not be aware of the new raffle format. It has been decided the raffle will always be drawn on the night, irrelevant on how many tickets that may or may not have been sold. So, don't forget to buy your ticket this month - only \$1 per ticket!

Guest Speaker August's meeting is a club night. The topic: This year's breeding season. There were a number of members last season that had problems and issues that were corrected part way through the season, usually with a lot of help from our more experienced breeders. (Thanks as always go out to them!) Let's try and nip these problems in the bud from the get-go so some of us don't have to go through the pain again this year.

We will have a round-the-room discussion with everyone participating, on their good, their bad and their learning's from last year's breeding season and possibly any tips that can be passed on, especially from those more experienced breeders to the new and up-and-coming breeders of the club. I do not expect any secrets to be passed of course, but any little tidbits that may help those of us less experienced in these matters is always welcome.

I would like EVERYONE to have at least one thing to talk about – be it something that worked for you last year, a problem you had (and the

solution to remedy the problem), or maybe even a question that has been burning in the back of your mind and just haven't had the time or the opportunity (or maybe the gumption) to ask it. NOW IS THE TIME TO ASK IT! So make sure you have something – everyone will get a go!

Seed Orders

While we just had a seed order, Bill does keep some spare seed on hand for those who misjudge and under order. While this stock isn't extensive, it might help you through to the next order. Talk to Bill at the meetings.

Also, for those with smaller flocks, there are smaller seed sizes being sold by the club at the meetings for some more common seeds:

- 1kg bags of Budgie Mix - \$2.40
- 1kg bags of Canary Seed - \$2.40
- 1kg bags of Fine Oyster Grit - \$1.20
- 1 bag of 25 Millet Sprays - \$6.50
- 3x Cuttlefish - \$1.50

See Helen at the seed table on club night.

Payments

Club members can pay their subscriptions (or seed orders for that matter) using direct credit. If you use this method of payment, please ensure you put your name in the reference field so the treasurer knows who the payment is from. Dropping a note to Don (treasurer@kapitibirdclub.org.nz) advising the payment details and amount would be a good idea as well so he can easily marry up payments, be they for subs or seed orders. See the subscription form for the bank account number to use.

Help wanted

The club has a number of bird cages on inventory that are badly in need of some TLC! Some are old and some are more recent purchases. These are used by some club members as loaner's, usually for our annual Exhibition in April each year. They are all in need of some scrubbing and cleaning and then painting. Any volunteers to help with this, please contact a committee member.

Photographs

If any club member has photographs of club events that would look good on our website, please contact the webmaster (Adam). I know some of you have some for me but haven't had the time to get them across to me yet. Any other members who have photos – anything will be gladly accepted. Some documentation with the photos would be nice as well but not necessary.

On the subject of photographs – the club has a collection of photos in photograph album(s) showing some of the history of the club. These seem to have gone missing. When they went missing is uncertain, but it is possible they were taken by someone after one of our exhibitions – which exhibition again I am unsure.

It was thought they were in the container with the rest of the exhibition equipment, but we audited that a few weeks ago and they were definitely not there. The grey cabinet at the Community Centre has also been searched and nothing found there either (although the seed samples did turn up ☺).

If anyone has these or know where they are, please contact the President (Adam).

Subscriptions

These are now due. Please refer to the attached documentation.

Club Library

We are having problems sourcing new magazines for the club library as this country does not have anything suitable and we already subscribe to the Australian one that seems to be worth getting. We are looking further afield. Suggestions to look to the UK have been received and will be acted upon. Watch this space.

Nutritional Analysis Quick Comparison Chart

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Seed	Protein	Fat	Carbohydrate
Canary	14%	6%	55%
Rape	19%	40%	10%
Bee Pollen	35%	2%	55%
Niger	17%	32%	15%
Hemp	22%	36%	30%
Linseed	21%	34%	24%
Maw	12%	70%	18%
Sunflower	14%	73%	13%
Oats	10%	12%	78%
Sesame	11%	73%	16%
Anise	18%	39%	43%
Fennel	15%	36%	49%
Millet spray	15%	6%	51%
Wheat Germ, Raw	23%	23%	54%
Spirulina	55-70%	6-8%	15-25%
Texturized Vegetable Protein (TVP)	61%	3%	36%