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“Chirp & Squawk”

June 2012 Newsletter

Next Club Night: Wednesday 13 June – 7.30pm-9.30pm
Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu

President's Report Here we go on a new year in the life and times of the Kapiti Bird Club. I understand this is year 29 for the Club – guess we need to organise something special for the Club's 30th birthday in 2014.

For those who missed last month's AGM, we had a few old faces leave the running of the Club and a few new faces stepping up to the plate.

First up, Roy and Shirley Allerby have stepped down from Patron duties to allow someone new to have a go. In stepping down, they nominated Joan Bakker, who was voted into the role. Congratulations to Joan and a huge thanks to Roy and Shirley for the many years of leadership.

With the stepping down of our secretary of the past two years, Natalie Bowles, Helen Kake was voted to take over the role. Thanks go to Natalie for stepping into the breach when the Club really needed it. Without that happening, I doubt we would still have a Club.

With Helen now secretary, she has passed her other roles over to old and new members alike. Bev Grant is the new Librarian. Did I say new - as this is a role she has filled in the past! Please support her like you did Helen with the moving of the book boxes if you are able as these are very heavy.

The Seed table will now be run by Jan Killalea and Lyn Hay and with Jan's move to the seed table, the raffles will now be run by Adele Durrant.

The committee has two new members - Joan Bakker and Lyn Hay with many thanks to Joss Hicks who stood down.

Congratulations to the new committee and non-committee members and thanks again to those have just left roles. It would be great if the Committee members who are helping to setup before the monthly meeting could be there by 7.10pm at the latest so all is ready when members start arriving around 7.25pm.

New Member: We welcome Jacqui McIntosh to the Club.

Club Night

This month's Club night, we have a guest speaker.

Flora and Wildlife of the islands of the Southern Ocean.

'A Floral Display second to none outside the tropics' So wrote Sir Joseph Hooker, 19th century botanist. This describes the vegetation thriving in the harsh climate. For a variety of species of wildlife this is also very much their home.

Late in 2007 Derek Lightbourne had the opportunity to visit four island groups south of New Zealand. He will give an illustrated talk at this month's meeting. After concluding fulltime church ministry Derek made this the first trip in his retirement. He has a background in geography and has added landscape photography as one of his interests.

July's Club Night

A reminder that July's meeting is our annual Pot Luck Dinner held at the Community Centre. For new members who don't know about this, we all bring an item to share for dinner and have a nice meal, drink and conversation.

While the past two years seemed to have gone well on the food spread side, through luck more than good organisation it seems, last year it was recommended by a few members that we should make sure we are covered across the three courses. So at June's club night, there will be lists for members to put down what item/course they will be bringing for July. The club will provide some liquid refreshments as usual and these lists will also allow us to make sure we have enough to go around. If you are unable to attend June's meeting but intend on coming to July's dinner, feel free to call Adam or Helen (number at the top) advising a) that you are coming; and b) what you will be bringing (or what we are missing that you could bring instead ☺).

Seed Order

The next scheduled seed order will be at July's meeting. Bill will have order forms with the new seed prices available at the Pot Luck Dinner. Another reminder will be sent out in next month's newsletter.

Seed Sales

For those with smaller flocks or you need something before the seed order, there are smaller seed sizes being sold by the Club at the monthly meetings of the common (and some not so common) seeds. Please note these now reflect the price increase that came into force on 1 April 2012 as they are now using new stock.

- Budgie Mix – 1kg \$2.70 / 2kg \$5.40
- Canary Seed – 1kg \$2.70 / 2kg \$5.40
- Finch Mix – 1kg \$2.70 / 2kg \$5.40
- Fine Oyster Grit – 1kg \$1.40
- Hulled Oats – 1kg \$2.50 / 2kg \$5.00
- Weed Seed – 1kg \$1.90 / 2kg \$3.80
- 1 bag of 25 Millet Sprays - \$7.70
- 3x Cuttlefish - \$1.70

We are trialing some other seeds in smaller amounts at member's requests and if they do not sell, we won't be getting them again:

- Canary Mix – 1kg \$2.70 (**new item**)
- Soak and Sprout Mix – 1kg \$2.10 (**new item**)
- White French Millet – 1kg \$2.40 / 2kg \$4.80
- Wild Bird Mix – 1kg \$2.30 / 2kg \$4.60

We also have some Blue Maw seed available for purchase at \$4.00 / kg
See Jan/Lyn at the seed table on club night.

Piminix	The Seed Sales table still has two boxes of Piminix available if anyone who missed out wants to buy them. \$13.50 per box. See Jan/Lyn on Club night.
Club Library	The latest Birdkeeper magazines are now available for loan. Don't forget: if you can think of any other books that may be suitable for the Club to purchase, feel free to let Bev know. We are having major problems finding up-to-date additions/replacements for the library so any help will be much appreciated.
Club Website	Remember if you can't find a newsletter or want to ask a question, or have birds for sale/want to buy – go to our Club's website (www.kapitibirdclub.org.nz). Remember this and you can advise other people interested in birds to check out the website or join the Club!
Raffle	I am sorry, I do not now know who won last month's raffle but congratulations whoever you were ☺. Our new raffle organiser starts this month, so don't forget to get your tickets!
Bird Shows:	<p>9-10 June Bay Cities 14th Combined South Auckland 35th Annual</p> <p>16-17 June Hamilton</p> <p>23-24 June Palmerston North 80th Annual (entries close Fri 8 June)</p> <p>30-1 July Piako 39th Annual Timaru 69th Annual (entries close 24 June)</p> <p>7-8 July North Taranaki 37th Annual (entries close 30 June) Poverty Bay 80th Anniversary (entries close 29 June)</p> <p>14-15 July Rotorua 50th Annual (entries close Friday 6 July) Southland 50th Jubilee</p> <p>27-29 July Christchurch National Federation Show (entries close Wed 4 July)</p>
Bird Sales:	<p>21-22 July Hamilton Cage Bird Club – Annual Bird Sale</p> <p>Sun 19 Aug Te Awamutu Bird Club Annual Sale</p>

These lists will also be on a noticeboard at the monthly meetings plus, for new members, lists of the various Societies to join if you want banded leg rings or if you are interested in showing your birds.