

# "Chirp & Squawk"

March 2012 Newsletter



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**Next club night: Wednesday 14 March**

**7.30 pm – 9.30 pm**

Community Centre, Ngahina St  
Paraparaumu

**President's Report** Here we are already heading to the third month of the year – where has the time gone?? This month's newsletter is early mainly as a reminder about the Nga Manu BBQ this Sunday 04 March in case you missed coming to last month's meeting. See further details below.

We think we sorted out the 2011 Christmas Dinner non-paid meal – it was a free one that was given due to a problem with one of the meals being undercooked. That still left the unpaid for drink but at least the meal has been sorted.

## **Club Night**

The March meeting subject will be the annual preparation for the Exhibition in April. This is where we talk about and assign the various tasks that are required to be covered on the days before and day of the Exhibition. We will also have an egg identifying task for all in attendance so study up on your eggs. I will give you two clues up front for this.

1. All eggs on display will be coming from my house so that might help those who know what we have in our flock (but not necessarily – see 2. below). Others who wish to contribute to the collection are more than welcome to – just let me know before the night please so we can add them to the set.
2. While all eggs will be coming from my house (except donated others from above), there will be a TRICK egg in the mix just to keep you all on your toes.

## **Seed Order**

The next seed order is also due at the March meeting. Bill will have the order forms available at the meeting. Remember: no order form – no order!! No scribbled bits of paper accepted ☺ Orders will be collated and sent off on the evening of Sunday 18 March, therefore all orders MUST be in to Bill BEFORE 6pm Sunday or you will miss out. Pickup will be the following Saturday 24 March as usual between 10am and midday at the Met Office container (earlier is better so Bill and I can go home as well ☺)

## **Seed Sales**

For those with smaller flocks, there are smaller seed sizes being sold by the club at the meetings for some more common (and some not so common) seeds:

- Budgie Mix – 1kg \$2.40 / 2kg \$4.80
- Canary Seed – 1kg \$2.40 / 2kg \$4.80
- Finch Mix – 2kg \$4.80
- Fine Oyster Grit – 1kg \$1.20
- 1 bag of 25 Millet Sprays - \$6.50
- 3x Cuttlefish - \$1.50

We are trialing some of the other seeds in smaller amount's at members requests and if they do not sell many bags, we won't be getting them again.

- Wild French Millet – 1kg \$2.40 / 2kg \$4.80
- Wild Bird Mix – 1kg \$2.30 / 2kg \$4.60

See Helen at the seed table on club night.

## Activities

**Nga Manu Barbeque** and visit has been arrange for this Sunday 04 March 2012. Eel feeding is at 2pm so if you want to see that I recommend arriving earlier. BBQs will be fired up after the eel feeding. Costs are:

**Adults:** \$12 **Children:** \$4 (up to 15yrs) **Family:** \$28 (2 adults + 2 children)

The club will provide the sausages and pay for the BBQ hireage (as we are not allowed to take our own ☺). If you want to bring your own meat to grill feel free. The club will also provide some fruit juice. Evidently there is a small café there for hot drinks but it might be better (and cheaper ☺) to bring your thermos.

Those who were at February's meeting and advised that they were coming have already said they will bring 5 lots of salads and 3 lots of desserts. If you missed last month's meeting and want to come, you are more than welcome to join us. Please advise June on 904 2330 if you are coming and what you will be bringing (salad or dessert) just so we have enough of everything rather than all of one and none of the other. We always seem to luck out at the July pot luck, but it never hurts to be a bit prepared.

The subject of a trip to Kapiti Island has been raised a few times last year so we have it on the list for a possible trip this year. The subject was discussed at the February meeting and some interest was shown. No dates have been arranged at this time but October timeframe was suggested.

Palmerston North Aviary Crawl: a return trip to the Palmerston North club will be organized later in the year. Watch this space.

## Exhibition

**14 April at Community Centre.** Please start thinking about this event now. The new venue this year as seen above is the Community Centre as the Primary School Hall has been booked for something else this year.

## Club Library

The latest Birdkeeper books are now available for loan-out. Don't forget: if you can think of any other books or magazines that you would like to see in the Library or which may be suitable for the club to purchase, feel free to let Helen know. We are having major problems finding additions/replacements for the library so any help will be much appreciated.

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## For Sale

Breeding cage with 4 compartments: 1x Long @ \$230; 1x Small @ \$120

Pair pure white cockatiels \$60

Pair Turquoisines \$100

1 Turquoise cock \$50

Pair of Isobels, Pair of Agates, Pair of Bengalese all \$40 a pair

Wanted to buy:

1/2" Punch Bar for 14 gauge wire

9/16" Punch Bar for 14 gauge wire

Call Paul on 06 367 2525