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## “Chirp & Squawk”

### April 2018 Newsletter

**Next Club Night: Wednesday 11 April  
7.30pm-9.00pm – Club Night - Exhibition Prep**

#### President's Report:

Welcome to the April newsletter. As usual, this month is Exhibition Month. That means this month's meeting will mainly be about Exhibition Preparations for the 21<sup>st</sup> (note the new date this year).

Also, April brings in more Bird Sales with the big one in Feilding on the 15th and the start of the Showing Season on the last weekend of the month. We have the Show Entry forms and Catalogue for Palmerston North available in electronic form if anyone needs them.

#### April Club Night: Wednesday 11 April 2018 from 7.30pm

This month's meeting is a club night and is our annual pre-exhibition meeting!! All volunteers welcome!!

#### Exhibition Important Dates/Times (Times to be confirmed at Wednesday meeting)

Sunday 08 April

- If I can get the keys, the signs will go up otherwise it will be Monday.

Wednesday 11 April

- Final confirmation of timings for Friday 20th/Saturday 21st
- **Food Raffle** Please each bring one or two items along on Club night to allow sorting of the raffle on Friday afternoon.
- **Trophies** Please return all trophies on Club night.
- **PakNSave Sponsoship** I have picked up the sponsorship card and will hand it to whoever is doing the shopping. They upped their sponsorship to \$100 this year. Thanks PakNSave.

Friday 20 April

- **When PakNSave shopping is done** – Pick up PakNSave Sponsorship sign
- **3:30pm** – Trailers meet at the container for picking up of show gear, BBQ, etc. A list of other people required to help load to be confirmed on Wednesday club night (Bill has the key to the padlock)
- **4:30pm** – Remainder of members helping set up to meet at the Community Centre (Adam has keys to Centre)
  - NOTE: In the past, members have been advised a start time only to arrive and find everything is finished as others had arrived early. No setup at the Community Centre will begin any earlier than the 4:30pm start time above to be fair on all helpers.
- **4:30pm-5:30pm** (estimated) – set up Community Centre for Exhibition.

Saturday 21 April

- **8am** – Members arrive for bird benching and remainder of exhibition setup (including putting up road signs, setting up tea/coffee area, sales tables, etc).
- **10am** – Exhibition opens to the public. Rosters for sales tables will be confirmed at Wednesday's Club meeting.
- **3pm** – Exhibition closes to the public. De-benching and pack-up begins. This includes collection of road signs put up on Saturday morning. All help is appreciated – the more we have the faster it gets done.
- **4-4:30pm** – Clean-up of Community Centre completed, vacuum cleaners needed, trailers unloaded at the container (Bill has the key to the padlock).

**Additional Notes (so important I listed some twice):**

<b>Exhibition Date</b>	Please remember there is a week and a half between the club night meeting and the actual Exhibition (not three days later as usually happens)
<b>Food Raffle</b>	<b>Please do not forget to bring</b> along any items for the Food Raffle. We are short this year as only a few people have brought along goodies so far (thanks to those who have remembered already). Non-perishables preferred. Wednesday is the last day so we can get it sorted on Friday afternoon during setup.
<b>Trophies</b>	Those with trophies from last year please ensure you bring them on Wednesday night – thanks to those who have already returned their trophies.
<b>Baking</b>	In the past, some members said they would bring some baking along for members to snack on during the day. If you intend to do the same this year, please bring these on Saturday morning.
<b>Posters</b>	If you need more posters to put up in the last few days before the exhibition, Helen will have some on hand at the meeting.

**Kapiti Bird Club AGM**

It's almost that time again - the AGM is just around the corner (09 May). Put it in your diaries. Relevant AGM paperwork will be sent out in next month's newsletter, which will be early to allow for it to arrive in time.

**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. See Jan and Denise on club night.

**Club Library**

The latest Birdkeeper magazines are available for loan amongst a selection of other books. Don't forget: if you can think of any other books that may be suitable for the Club to purchase, feel free to let Janice and Noel know. We are having major problems finding up-to-date additions/replacements for the library so any help will be much appreciated.

**Club Rules:**

We are bound by a set of rules – our constitution – the little green book! If you do not have one of these, get a note/email to Don (Treasurer) for your copy.

**Bird Database:**

If Helen has not contacted you about your birds for the database, feel free to either approach her at the meeting or call her (number is at the top). The club gets many queries about birds, whether someone is interested in buying or selling or just general information regarding a particular bird breed. Should a query come in, the database can be consulted and the database manager can then contact the member in question. At this point it is up to the member whether they contact the person querying or not – this is not compulsory. Also, the only person contacting the member will be the database manager – no one else, including other club members, will get contact details. All information remains confidential.

**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 (<http://www.kapitibirdclub.org.nz/>). Remember this and you can advise other people interested in birds to check out the website or join the Club! I have added links to a couple of forums we use a lot and a couple of others I found. If you have any good links you want to share with the members, please let me know and I will get them added.

Helen has also spoken to most of the lower North Island clubs and we have their permission to publish their newsletters on our website as well so feel free to check out what they are doing. NZ Federation minutes are available to read on club nights and on the website as well.

**Club Facebook Page:**

Check out our Facebook page - search for Kapiti Bird Club.

**Raffle**

Some have been commenting about always having the same old raffle prizes each month. When previously asked, members said foodie-type prizes are best but if you have ideas for other suitable raffle prizes, let us know and we can put your ideas to the members. Some of us love the meat packs that usually come up, even if we never seem to win them 😊

**Federation Newsletter:**

There will be a copy of these on the table beside the name tags for those who are interested. They come out every two months.

**For Sale / Wanted:**

FOR SALE:

2x Rainbow Lorikeets (not DNA'ed) – Aviary only \$100 each

## 2018 The New Zealand Federation of Bird Clubs – Bird Shows And Bird Sales

<b>April</b>	Sun 8	Egmont Avian Sale – Benching: 8.30am Starts: 10:00am, Midhurst Hall
	Sun 15	Manawatu Avicultural Society Bird Sale – Benching: 7.30am Starts: 8am-12.30pm, Feilding Civic Centre, 84 Aorangi Street, Feilding
	Wed 18	Auckland Metro Bird Club Bird Sale – 7.30pm, Panmure Community Rooms, 1 Pilkington Road, Panmure, Auckland
	Sat 21	Kapiti Bird Club Exhibition, Benching: 8am Starts: 10am-3pm, Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
	Sat 21	Hamilton Bird Club Annual Sale – Benching: 8.30am Starts: 9.30am-12.30pm Fairfield Community Hall, Clarkin Road, Hamilton
	28-29	Te Awamutu Bird Club 60 <sup>th</sup> Annual
<b>May</b>	5-6	Ashburton Bird Club 51 <sup>st</sup> Annual Palmerston North Bird Club 86 <sup>th</sup> Annual (entries close Post: Wed 25 April / Email: Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> April)
	12-13	Hastings Bird Club Annual (entries close Fri 04 May)
	19-20	Levin Bird Club 43 <sup>rd</sup> Annual (Budgie Society Patronage Show) Nelson Bird Club 63 <sup>rd</sup> Annual (entries close Wed 9 May) Piako Bird Club 44 <sup>th</sup> Annual
	26-27	North Taranaki Bird Club 43 <sup>rd</sup> Annual
	2-3	North Otago Bird Fanciers 55 <sup>th</sup> Annual Rotorua Bird Club 56 <sup>th</sup> Annual (entries close Fri 18 May)
	TBA	Parrot Society Sale, Starts: 10am-1pm, Mangere War Memorial Hall, Auckland
<b>June</b>	9-10	Hawke's Bay Bird Club 71 <sup>th</sup> Annual (+Taranua) (entries close Post: Fri 01 June / Email: Fri 8 June)
	16-17	Huntly Bird Club 87 <sup>th</sup> Annual Southland Bird Club 56 <sup>th</sup> Annual
	23-24	Combined Valley Cities Annual St David's Wesley Centre, Corner Fergusson Drive & Benzie Ave and Martin Street, Upper Hutt (entries close Mon 11 June) Timaru Bird Club 74 <sup>th</sup> Annual Whakatane Bird Club 64 <sup>th</sup> Annual
	30-1	Poverty Bay Bird Club 86 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (entries close Mon 18 June) Stratford Cage Bird Club 58 <sup>th</sup> Annual (entries close Fri 15 June)
	29-30,1	Christchurch 111 <sup>th</sup> Annual (entries close Mon 25 June)
	7-8	Auckland Metro 108 <sup>th</sup> Annual (entries close Mon 02 July)
	14-15	Wairarapa Bird Club 60 <sup>th</sup> Annual, Lakeview School Hall, Te Ore Ore Road, Masterton (entries close Mon 09 July) Dunedin Bird Club 137 <sup>th</sup> Annual Hamilton Bird Club Annual
	27-29	Timaru Bird Club National Bird Show, Caroline Bay Hall, Caroline Bay, Timaru (entries close Sat 14 July)
<b>August</b>	Sun 12	Te Awamutu Bird Club Annual Sale – Benching: 8:30am Sale Starts: 9.30am – 11:30am Kihikihi Town Hall