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## “Chirp & Squawk”

### October 2018 Newsletter

Next Club Night: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
7.30pm-9.00pm

#### Next Club Night:

***General Chinwag***  
**Look forward to seeing you there.**

#### Hall Entrance

Previously I have been crying wolf about the change in door access. It now appears to have happened. This is the email I got from the Council.

*This email is to let you know that the **afterhours door access** to the Community centre has changed for security reasons.*

*From today, the Centre's **main entrance doors** will now be set to **exit only** between **5pm to 8.30am Monday to Friday and over the weekend.***

*As the organiser of your group, this does not change the way you enter the Centre. You will still need to swipe your allocated access card upon arrival and deactivate the alarm (if required). Please note you can use your swipe card to re-enter the Centre at any time during your booking.*

*However you will need to let the members of your group in by either standing at the door sensor or pushing the green exit button (due to the external sensor being deactivated). There is an **after-hours bell** situated on the left hand side of the main entrance doors which they can use to alert you of their arrival.*

*Please **only** allow entry to those people connected with your group.*

*If you have any questions regarding this change please do not hesitate to contact me.*

*Thank you*

*Regards*

**So if there is nobody at the door you will need to press the buzzer (after-hours bell on the left hand side of the entrance doors) or bang on ‘our’ window so somebody inside can let you in.**

**Other Club Events this month:** Nothing Planned

Email correspondence can be addressed to either :-  
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## **President's Report:**

I think Owen Mapp's talk last month went down well.  
Apologies but nothing specifically planned for this month's meeting.

All the best for the breeding season.

On a different topic. The Microsoft computer scam gets a bit more serious.  
I am well aware of the usual slow response from the caller to start talking and telling me I have a problem with my computer. Today I had a different version of it, the 'Gentleman' asked if he was talking to me by name both the full first name and surname, (which only people who use an official list would use). A bit worrying they now obviously have access to name and associated phone numbers, (not just random dialing). This gives them dangerous power to re-hound you. So I suggest being careful with what you say. Be polite and hang up. Please talk to your friends and family to make them be aware that asking for you by name for a scam can now be done by an overseas criminal anywhere in the world. If it is a legitimate call they will ring again.

Newsletter Postage or Email.

Please let Don know if you want your Newsletter sent to you by post or email as your circumstances may have changed.

**Next Bulk Seed order** : - Is November

## **For Sale / Wanted:**

Nothing new

## **Wanted to Buy:**

Nothing new

## **~~ June's Tweet's ~~**

This month June has got permission from Donald Birch of the Lizard Canary Society of NZ to reproduce his article that was on Facebook. As Rob is not into social media June has sent screen dumps of the article. So apologies for the slightly unusual presentation.

## **Diatomaceous Earth**

**Diatomaceous Earth recommended dosage rates for CANARIES, BUDGIES etc. 1 LEVEL TEASPOON TO 1KG. SEED**

#### **How Diatomaceous Earth Works**

**Diatomaceous Earth or Fossil Shell Flour is the fossilised remains of one-celled plants (phytoplankton) called diatoms that are mined in Nevada from the South Western region of the USA. Examined under a microscope and magnified 7000x these tiny diatoms appear as spiny honeycombs or tiny cheese-grater like cylinders. These microscopic cylinders are extremely hard and sharp.**

**On the hardness scale, diamonds are 9, DE is 7, insect- exo-skeletons are typically rated at 3.**

**The tiny particles of the sharp and hard DE stick to the insect, abrasively rub through and serrate their epi-cuticle and joints, absorb their bodily fluids and they die of dehydration. This process is purely mechanical, not chemical. As such, there is no build up or chemical residue, the insect cannot build up immunity or become tolerant to it.**

**There is no plant or livestock with-holding period for human consumption.**

**DE is a desiccant. It absorbs moisture – some six times its own weight.**

**Despite Fossil Shell Flour having a debilitating and eventual fatal effect on bugs and insects it does not harm its warm-blooded host and has no negative impact on mammals.**

**Poultry, Pets and Livestock can be dusted or brushed in DE as a chemical-free aid to rid themselves of external parasites such as fleas, ticks, mites and lice. Place Canary Felts and nesting material in a plastic bag and mix well. Place some under the Pan.**

**As well as external parasites it also has positive benefits on internal parasitic control for poultry, farm animals, domestic pets and equestrian applications. The hard and sharp honeycombs of the DE lacerate internal worms to which they release their grip on the intestinal walls and get passed out with the rest of the waste.**

In addition to this beneficial impact on internal parasites, DE cleanses and almost 'polishes' the colon and intestinal passages at the same time. This polishing effect removes excess mucus and bad bacterial build-ups internally which may have occurred over time. This provides a greater ability to digest and absorb the feed nutrients being provided. Diatomaceous Earth deposit is 89 - 95 % amorphous silica. As well as being very high in silica percentage and also contains 15 essential trace minerals including phosphorous, selenium, calcium, sodium, potassium, magnesium, copper, zinc and iron.

Silica is the most plentiful element on earth, following oxygen; but there are very few foods that contain an adequate amount to supply the quantity your body needs. Silica is crucial to bones, tendons, skin, cartilage and blood vessels. Silica is even located in the blood itself and important organs such as the liver, heart, and lungs.

Mixed with your animal's normal feed it promotes improved health, well-being, vitality and productivity when used on a daily basis.

As well as the trace minerals, Fossil Shell Flour particles are negatively charged which is somewhat uncommon in the elemental world. Heavy metals, bacteria and viruses, pesticides and drug residues, E-Coli are typically positively charged.

As the tiny particles of DE sweep through the digestive tract, they attract or draw in the positively charged nasty's, capture them within their framework and consequentially pass them out as waste.

Regular consumers of Diatomaceous Earth report a range of potential improvements in the areas of nails/hoofs, coat/hair, skin, general immunity, arthritis, colitis, cholesterol levels, blood pressure, weight loss, improved sleep, increased energy, general well-being and health.

#### **Diatomaceous Earth Precautions**

It is recommended to exercise caution and using a mask, especially when applying heavy applications and working with volume to avoid an excess of inhalation.



Avoid getting DE in the eyes of yourself, your animals and livestock. DE is drying to the eyes, so be aware of wind direction.

DE can be drying to your skin, hands, and feet, similarly to your pets. If you suffer from dry skin you may consider using gloves when handling.

Some two-legged mammals have the potential to experience a healing crisis (detox reaction) when beginning DE consumption. If this occurs, reduce the dose, increase in slow increments until RDA is reached.



## **The Lizard Canary Society of N.Z.**

Regards June

If you have anything of general interest to add to the newsletter please contact June or Rob

~~ ~~ ~~ ~~ ~~ **Standard Notices** ~~ ~~ ~~ ~~ ~~

**Please note :- Text in *Italics* is unchanged and text in normal font is either changed or new.**

### **Raffle at Club Night**

*Don't forget to get your raffle tickets! \$1 per ticket.*

### **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.*

### **Bulk Seed Orders**

*The club arranges 3 bulk seed orders a year in March, July, and November.*

*The next seed order will be for November - Bill will accept orders from the November club night to 6pm on the following Sunday – after collating, order goes in first thing Monday, and pickup is from the club's container from 10 – 11 am on the next Saturday.*

*Please note that we only use Topflite seed. A little more expensive, but much better quality. They have a very good website [www.topflite.co.nz](http://www.topflite.co.nz) which lists all their products. Our order form only lists the more common seeds and mixes, but all their products are available to us provided we purchase them at the time of our bulk order. Please let Bill know if you have a special requirement.*

**Seed Sales**

*If you run short between orders, we often have bags in the container (usually 10 kg) of the more common seeds. Contact Bill if you need them.*

*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.*

**Bird Database**

*Helen manages the confidential club bird database. If you want to update your details please contact Helen at the meeting or call her (number is at the top of the newsletter).*

*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 wish to contact the person querying or not – this is not compulsory.*

*Please note the only person contacting the member will be the database manager – no one else, including other club members will be given your contact / details. All information remains confidential to the data base manager and you.*

**Club Website**

*Remember if you can't find an old 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!*

*Adam has added links to a couple of useful and interesting forums. Have a look.  
If you have any good links you want to share with the members, Please let Adam know.*

*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.*

**Federation and Other Clubs Newsletters**

*There will be a copy of these on the table beside the name tags for those who are interested. The Federation comes out every two months and other clubs monthly.*

~~ ☺ **Have a good month.** ☺ ~~