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“Chirp & Squawk”

March 2019 Newsletter

Next Club Night: Wednesday 13th March
7.30pm-9.00pm

Next Club Night:

Disaster care for Animals and Birds

Steve Glassey from Animal Evac is coming to chat about how the community can be better prepared to look after animals in case of a natural disaster. This should be an interesting discussion for us all. He was going to come last month but he was right in the middle of the Nelson fires. So understandably he could not make it. I also understand he has previously been involved in Aviary bird rescue due to flooding. Thanks to Helen for arranging this.

Remember the Hall Entrance Issue

Just to remind you again that the Council has changed the door access. 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.



*Congratulations to Roy and Shirley
on their 70th Wedding Anniversary.*

Early next month our life members Roy and Shirley will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. Well done to you both and all the best from your friends in the Kapiti Bird Club and the wider bird community. ☺

Email correspondence can be addressed to either :-
President/Secretary/Treasurer@kapitibirdclub.org.nz

Other club events coming up:-

Next Bulk Seed order : - **Is this Month** = March 2019

Bill will accept orders from the March club night and up to 6pm on the following Sunday (17th March) – after collating the order goes in first thing Monday, and pickup is from the club's container from 10 – 11 am on the next Saturday (23th March).

Interested in going to Kapiti Island?

We are still considering a club trip to Kapiti Island but it has slipped a bit due to lack of organizing on my part. Probably be in April now? A few people have expressed interest at our last meeting but if you weren't there and are interested please let Helen or Rob know that you are interested. Please reply soon so as we need to arrange the relevant bookings.

Inter Club Aviary Crawl

There is still a possibility of an inter club aviary crawl, but at present we don't have details of it. Watch this space.

Committee Meeting

Wednesday the 20th March at Rob and June place.

President's Report:

We canceled the planned trip to Nga Manu as there was a lack of interest at the time. We may have it a bit later in the year.

June Simpson is out of hospital after her stroke. She is doing well but if you want to visit please ring her first.

For Sale / Wanted:

Nothing new

Wanted to Buy:

Nothing new

~~ June's Tweet's ~~

On hold this month.

~~ ~~~ 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 **March** - Bill will accept orders from the **March** 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 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 database manager and you.

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.

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.

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