

# Kapiti Bird Club Inc. "Chirp & Squawk"

June 2011 Newsletter  
Kapiti Bird Club Inc



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**Next club night: Wednesday 8 June**  
**7.30 pm** Community Centre, Ngahina St  
Paraparaumu

**President's Report** Firstly a warm welcome to the new and returning committee members. We are almost back to full strength which is a good sign for the future of the club. Having more committee members allows us to spread the load for the tasks at hand. Much was discussed including some things members have been talking about recently. We have heard the call regarding guest speakers and will be getting more bird-related subjects covered, along with coercing our own members in short guest slots before the main speaker, starting this month. See below for speaker details. So I hope to see you all there next week. *Regards, Adam.*

**Club Meetings** Please note that the meetings start promptly at 7.30 pm and your timely arrival a few minutes earlier would be appreciated. The committee is also considering changes to the organisation of meetings and any ideas would be welcome.

**Guest Speakers** 7:30-7:45pm Club Business  
7:45-8pm Murray Davey – Pinimix and Pigeon Express – what they are and why we should be using them.  
8-9pm Jo Milne, KCDC – General Civil Defense information with a particular focus on birds and animals.

**July's Meeting** A reminder that July's meeting is our Pot Luck Dinner evening.

**Show Cages** If any club members have show cages that belong to the club please advise one of the committee members.

**Bird Shows** Levin – Sat 4<sup>th</sup> and Sun 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Palmerston North – Sat 18<sup>th</sup> and Sun 19<sup>th</sup> June  
Hutt Valley – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> and Sun 17<sup>th</sup> July

**2012 Exhibition** **Saturday 14 April at the Community Centre**

The committee received notification from the Kapiti Primary School advising us that we were unable to have our exhibition there next year due to other permanent arrangements they have made. June has talked to Pat at the Community Centre and has secured the venue for our 2012 exhibition. More details to follow at a later date.

**Bird Database** The committee thinks a database of types of birds owned by club members would be valuable. Such a database would be private and not available to the public or other club members. The committee often get enquiries about a particular bird type and it would be useful to be able to ask club members who have that bird species if they would be willing to give information or advice. Only one person would be in charge of the database and be the central contact point. All queries received will be directed to that person and they will then contact the member. The new subscription forms will have an area so members can either tick the box advising they do not want to participate in the database and an area to list the bird types they have and are willing to be contacted about.

<b>Noticeboard</b>	A noticeboard will be put up at club meetings with buy/sell/swap cards for members to advertise buy/sell/swaps at the meetings. After the meeting, any adverts will be added to the following month's newsletter (if you so desire).
<b>Subscriptions</b>	Due August - \$15 person, \$20 family, \$5 Junior
<b>Seed Order</b>	The next order is due in July. These are done four monthly.
<b>Pinimix</b>	Pinimix \$16.50 for 2kg will be available at next club night
<b>For Sale</b>	Gloster Canaries for sale Phone June 04 904 2330

## NZ National Bird Show 29-31 July Auckland

Hi All,

I trust that you, your Clubs and your birds are in fine form. This is an update on the National Show 2011. The Schedule has been downloaded onto the NZ Federation Home Page, scroll down to the bottom of the Home Page & you can read/download it from there. Please also draw this to the attention of your Club Members via your next newsletter. Copies will also be posted out to those who regularly show, but if you are aware of anyone who wants a copy that we may not know of, please forward their contact details (with postcode!) & we will send one. If they have an email address, that would be preferable! Entries close Friday 8 July.

Planning for this, the 79<sup>th</sup> National Show has gone well to date. Judges have been booked into top local accommodation, the Awards Dinner has been confirmed at \$40 per head, the Bus Trip on Friday (9.30am-3.00pm) will be \$25 with the Social get-together on the Friday night free with a pay bar (reduced prices as we are running it!) Lots of fun & prizes guaranteed too, as we will have a light-hearted 'quiz' as well at the Social! Booking forms are included with the Schedule. We have worked hard to provide prizes that are fair and reflect the effort that people make in preparing and bringing their birds to the Show and that are of course, reflective of the special nature of a National.

We would like to see as many 'bird people' as possible along, either as exhibitors, helpers or observers etc. Geographically, the Show venue is well south of the Auckland CBD so don't be put off by the thought of Auckland's traffic! For convenience, everything to do with the National is located in south east Auckland (Botany Downs) so the venue is the same for the actual Show, Friday social, AGM and Specialist Body Meetings. The Awards Dinner is only about 10kms away at the Waipuna Hotel & Conference Centre. Accommodation is booking up quickly but if you mention you are here for the National Bird Show, discounts are available in the following motels which are all close to the venue: Academy Motor Inn 0800 107 766; Botany Motor Inn 0800 226 826; Dannemora Motor Inn 0800 428 9784; Pakuranga Motor Lodge 0800 725 872; Waipuna: 0800 924 786.

If you would like to help in any way, please let us know, or mention this when you send in your entry form. Similarly, if you or your members have any queries relating to this year's National, please contact us. On a final note, most of us who have been to Nationals before, will be aware that the Saturday night Dinner/Awards clashes with an All Blacks' test. In most cases, this has caused a problem as people leave to find a tv screen, often causing embarrassment/inconvenience to the host Club who have arranged entertainment as part of the evening. We considered moving the Dinner/Awards to the Friday night, but instead have arranged for the test against the Springboks in Wellington on the Saturday night to be recorded and shown in the Waipuna's impressive cinema at the conclusion of the Dinner/Awards. Entertainment will still continue in the Dining-room, but we felt this was the best way of getting round a potential problem! Best wishes and on behalf of all in the Auckland Metro Bird Club, I hope to see lots of familiar...and new faces....at this year's National.

Dave Nicholson, President, AMBC