

# *Finch Bizz*



*The monthly magazine of the  
**Hawkesbury Finch Club**  
A Branch of the Finch Society  
of Australia Inc.*

**April 2023**

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A branch of The Finch Society of Australia

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Next Meeting 1930hrs March 26th, 2023:

***HAWKESBURY FINCH CLUB A BRANCH OF  
THE FINCH SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC***

**DATES FOR MEETINGS 2023**

**25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023 ANNUAL MEETING  
SUBSCRIPTION DUE**

**22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2023 \* 5 Wed this month**

**26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023**

**24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 \* 5 Wed this month**

**28<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023**

**26<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023**

**23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2023 \_ \* 5 Wed this month**

**27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

**25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

**22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 CHRISTMAS MEETING  
\* 5 Wed this month**

**NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**

**March Minutes:**

FINCH SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC

HAWKESBURY FINCH CLUB

MONTHLY MEETING..... MARCH .....2023  
Meeting held in the Castlereagh Community Hall Castlereagh commencing at approximately 7.30pm  
The Chairperson Mr RO DAVIDSON occupied the Chair, their being 17 members in attendance  
The minutes of the FEBRUARY meeting were read and adopted on a motion moved

by BRIAN BOBBIN and Seconded by PETER BALDRY  
CORRESPONDENCE.....

PBC INVOICE FOR HIRE OF HALL (JAN-FEB)

Moved by PETER BALDRY Seconded by BRIAN BOBBIN  
that the correspondence be received.

NEW MEMBERS..... PHIL HARRIMAN

VISITORS STEVE & ROBYN BOOKE

Moved by BARRY DIXES Seconded by DENIS COOK  
that the new members be accepted

APOLOGIES..... PETER BARRY RANNIE SCHMID RIGBY DROUWER

SCOTT & SUS BAILEY

Moved by ROBYN SCHMID Seconded ROS DAVIDSON  
that the apologies be accepted

ACCOUNTS..... \$72 FOR HIRE OF HALL (JAN & FEB)

Moved by PHIL GREGSON Seconded by ROS DAVIDSON  
that the accounts be accepted

REPORTS..... PHIL REPORTED ON CENTRAL COAST SALES SHOW AT MORISSET

THOSE ATTENDED WERE DISSAPONTED WITH VENUE

ORANGE BIRD SALE WAS GREAT SUCCESS

CARFIELD BIRD SALE ON TEAM MAT

GENERAL BUSINESS.....

THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ON PAYING SPANKERS WHO ARE INVITED TO MEETING TO BE COMPENSATED FURTHER DISCUSSION NEXT MEETING  
FURTHER DISCUSSION ON SPONSORSHIP WITH REVIEW OF CLUBS FINANCE REQUIREMENTS

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON USING DIARRHET SUPPLEMENT TO ENHANCE THE BREEDING OF BIRDS.

BOB CLIFF PRESENTED A BOOK REVIEW OF SOME OF HIS BIRD LIBRARY BOOKS.

RAFFLE \$70  
SUPPER \$33  
MEMBERSHIP \$20

MEETING CLOSED  
9.20pm

March Forsale / Wanted

MARCH 2023  
FOR SALE      WANTED

3x PAIR RED CAP PARROTS  
1x PAIR BLUE PARROTS  
1x GREEN MALE PARROTS  
1x HOV WHITE COCKATOO  
BILL FORGUSON 47586149.

RDS 0401426520  
RED SISKINS - PAIRS  
COB-DONS  
WANG RED+BLACK SCANDIAN  
" " ORANGE BREAST  
4 FLEWOW POMPONS DADA  
REDWING PYTHONS  
RED PARROT FINCHES  
SHARK PAINTHEARS  
1 - STARS RED+YELLOW

Red Siskins  
Painted male  
BOB 47512805.

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EXCHANGE

FROGS GRAY KING QUAKERS COCKS  
JAMES 0404336660

**Good turn up at our March Meeting:**



**Mr Bob Cliff giving a presentation on references books he uses:**

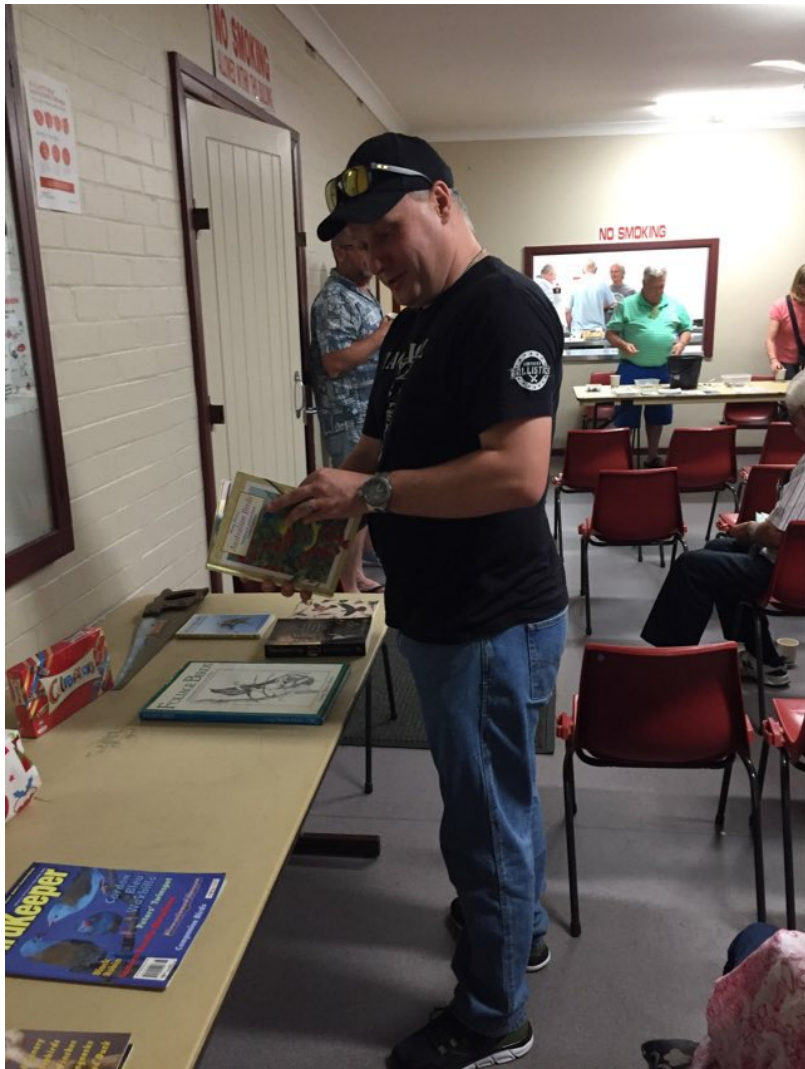


**Bob presented some of the books he uses for reference:**





**Our monthly raffle still popular amongst members and guests:**



## Doxycycline for birds



Doxycycline For Birds a **Broad Spectrum Antibiotic** used to treat Pigeons, Poultry, Pet and Exotic Birds. Treats most Systemic and Bacterial Infections. For the Treatment of Ornithosis, Psittacosis, Chlamydia etc. Can be used on All types of Caged Birds, Pigeons, Poultry. Easily given in drinking water for less stress to your Bird.

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Doxycycline for Birds is given at a rate of 1 tsp. per Gallon of water.

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## Part Two Cut Throat Finch:

# Diet & Feeding

As with all our treasured birds a quality finch seed mix incorporating canary seed, various millets and panicum is the minimum requirements of the cut-throat finch's seed diet. Be aware seed lacks many of the essential vitamins and minerals that our birds require to be healthy and productive. Vitamins and minerals must be compensated for by introducing other foods and tonics. Sprouting and soaked seed increases its nutritional value and is a cheap way to improve your bird's health and virility. Fresh green seed heads should also be offered as often as possible.

Leafy greens should be provided throughout the year. Kale, bok choy, endive and silver beet are easily purchased or grown and are very nutritious and will be readily eaten by most of our finch species. ( I have found that if your finches do not readily accept the greens offered place a canary in the aviary to show them how to eat greens)

Be aware that if Spinach is offered to your birds it should be offered sparingly as it can contribute to calcium deficiency.

Live food is an important requirement to some of our cut throat finches diet and should be provided as required throughout the year – especially during the breeding season. Live food such as mealworms, maggots, termites, and small crickets will be consumed readily and can be purchased from Pet Produce Stores or bread at home. Soft finch food mixes can also be provided for an added nutrient boost, particularly when breeding from your local produce store/ pet shop or made at home.

## Breeding

As with most finches bred in Australia the cut-throat finch breeds best in spring and autumn, As aviculturists we must endeavour and ensure that the breeding hen bird is at least 12 months of age.

In the wild, cut-throat finches often take over the nests from other birds. Because of this, many pairs will be poor nest builders who need a little assistance from humans. A handful of grass shaped into a ring and stuffed inside a nesting receptacle is enough to get them started. (Taken direct from the avian hub on the internet)

Many varieties of nests can be purchased and should be readily accepted by your cut throat finch. However they are reported to prefer a medium-sized cane nest that can be purchased readily. As with a few finch species they may not re-use a nest, so multiple nests and sites should be provided. Breeders have reported that cut-throat finches will tolerate nest inspections, but they should be kept to a minimum and only as necessary.

Cut Throats typically will lay 3-5 eggs in each clutch, and incubation is shared by both parents for approximately 14 days. Fledging takes place at approximately three weeks of age and are usually independent three weeks later. If the birds are being bred again it is advisable that to remove the young birds from the aviary once they become independent

## Sexing

Breeders state cut-throat finches are easy to visually sex once they have reached maturity. Only the males have the distinctive red band across the throat.

## Mutations

Avicultural circles and breeders have reported that cut-throat finch mutations at this point in time are quite rare in . It has been reported that birds with yellow throats—instead of the usual red—pop up occasionally. Even more rare is a white (likely albino) mutation, which presents as a purely white bird with a red throat.

**Hawkesbury Finch Club Club Membership Form:**

Contact [varrajames@bigpond.com.au](mailto:varrajames@bigpond.com.au)

**I wish to become / renewal a member of your Club as a:**

- \* FULL MEMBER
- \* FAMILY MEMBER
- \* PENIONER
- \* JUNIOR MEMBER / STUDENT:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

Phone

MOB

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**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES**

**ADULTS** \$ 20.00

**FAMILY** \$ 25.00

**PENIONER** \$ 15.00

**JUNIOR (Student)** \$ 5.00

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Annual meetings are held on the Fourth Wednesday of the month each year. In January each year subscriptions become due and are payable. Those people who join the Society at the January meeting or after are not required to pay the subscription until the following January.

We ask that you please try to attend our meetings and the various functions we have, to enable you to get to know your fellow members and enjoy your membership to the fullest.

**Ron James Hon. Secretary**

**NOTE: \* Delete which is not applicable**

**Attention, Attention, Attention:**

**Available each and every meeting from Rosslynn Davidson:**

A list of what items I carry to each meeting

**Cyductin plus** 50/100ml jars \$7.50 /\$15.00

**Baycox** 50/100ml jars \$15 /\$30 both use separate or together to treat worms and coccid.

**Coopex powder** used as spray or a paint for crawling insects, ants' cockroaches. \$11.00 packet

**Split plastic coloured bird rings** small /large finch and small parrots \$4.50/\$4.50 \$5.00 a sleeve of 10 rings

Mouse season is quickly approaching I did my bate stations a week ago and found an adult mouse within 2 days.

**Attention, Attention, Attention:**

Now Available from Mr Bob Cliff:

- 1) Fly Boxes,
- 2) Aviary Bird Traps,
- 3) Corn Cutters,
- 4) Window Feeding Stations,
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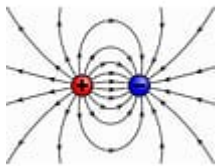
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**21st Annual Bird Expo**   
All kinds of birds **except** poultry and pigeons  
**ENTRY FEE FOR ALL BIRDS \$1.00**  
General Public Admission: \$3.00, children under 12 admitted FREE

 **Sunday 16th April 2023**  
**SHOALHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL**   
Refreshments will be catered by Lions Club  
**Commencing at 10am and finishing at approx. 1pm**  
Birds accepted from 4.00pm until 9.00pm Saturday 15th April

**PLEASE NOTE: All trade tables must be paid for prior to the sale.**  
Please go to SAS Website for entry forms, available from the  
1st February 2023  
Sales Manager: Ray Faulds on 0419 970 691 or 02 4423 4475  
Chief Stewards: John Boyle 0418 429 482,  
Joe Langford 024683 2319

TRADE TABLES can be booked through John Boyle or Joe  
Langford on the above numbers.

Bird sale code of practice will be enforced.  
All bird sellers will comply

 **FINCHES** in wire cages must be covered on 3 sides plus the top.  
Covers will be sold on the sale day.  
Finches without covers will not be accepted

**PROOF** of BIRD CLUB membership must be produced  
before entering bird for sale.  
All sellers must be a member of a CCBFA affiliated club  
and show proof of Membership 





# ANNUAL FAIRFIELD BIRD SALE SUNDAY 7th of MAY 2023

Fairfield Showground Smithfield Rd, Prairiewood NSW

## Public Welcome

Bird Food & Accessories, food & coffee stalls open 9am.

Bird Sale area opens at 10am

Public Entry \$3.00 cash donation per adult - Kids under 15yrs FREE

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Bird sellers benching strictly from 6am until 9am.

**NO POULTRY, DUCKS, PIGEONS OR PHEASANTS**

**\$1 per bird. Birds under \$5 are 50cents each (minimum \$5)**

All sellers MUST be a member of a Bird Club that is affiliated with the  
Canary and Cage Bird Federation

For all Trade bookings please email, for more  
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