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Next Meeting 1930hrs February 22nd, 2023:

***HAWKESBURY FINCH CLUB A BRANCH OF
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DATES FOR MEETINGS 2023

**25th JANUARY 2023 ANNUAL MEETING
SUBSCRIPTION DUE**

22nd FEBRUARY 2023

22nd MARCH 2023 * 5 Wed this month

26th APRIL 2023

24th MAY 2023 * 5 Wed this month

28th JUNE 2023

26th JULY 2023

23rd AUGUST 2023 _ * 5 Wed this month

27th SEPTEMBER 2023

25th OCTOBER 2023

**22nd NOVEMBER 2023 CHRISTMAS MEETING
* 5 Wed this month**

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

January Minutes:

FINCH SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC
HAWKESBURY FINCH CLUB

MONTHLY MEETING..... JANUARY2023
Meeting held in the Castlereagh Community Hall Castlereagh commencing at approximatelypm
The Chairperson Mr. P. FERUSON occupied the Chair, there being 19 members in attendance
The minutes of the OCTOBER 22 meeting were read and adopted on a motion moved
by PETER BERRY and Seconded by ROBYN SCHMID
CORRESPONDENCE..... DCC HIRE OF HALL FOR NEXT 2 YEARS
NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES FROM WEB SITE REGARDING
MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS
Moved by PETER BALDWIN Seconded by BARRY DUKES
that the correspondence be received.
NEW MEMBERS..... BRAO ADAMS HUGH & HUGH McLEAN
Moved by PETER BERRY Seconded by JAMES O'CONNOR
that the new members be accepted
APOLOGIES..... GEORGE ROBARDS, RENNIE SCHMID DENNIS COOK
SCOTT & SUE BAILEY
Moved by PETER BALDWIN Seconded PETER BERRY
that the apologies be accepted
ACCOUNTS..... \$40 MEMBERSHIP CARD HOLDERS
DONATION \$300 FROM MR ELECTRICITY AND \$500 DUKES ESTATE AGENTS
Moved by PHIL LEAGUSON Seconded by PETER BERRY
that the accounts be accepted
REPORTS..... PHIL THANK TWO SPONSORSHIPS OF THE CLUB FOR NEXT
12 MONTH MR ELECTRICITY, JAMES O'CONNOR AND
PAUL DUKES DUKES ESTATE AGENTS
GENERAL BUSINESS..... FURTHER DISCUSSION ON SPONSORSHIP
FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TABLE SHOW FOR MAY AND OCTOBER
PICTURE PRESENTATION JAMES O'CONNOR FEBRUARY MEETING
GEORGE ROBARDS APRIL MEETING.

RAFFLE \$68
SOUPPER \$78

MEETING
CLOSED
9-20PM

Forsale / Wanted

JAN 2023

FOR SALE	WANTED
CORDONS. / PAINTEDS GOURDIANS STARS YELLOW RUMPS PLUMHEADS PYTHULIAS RES 4727677	3 HEN ZEBRA FINCHES 444H 47395486 Hen long tail bed 0490721938
EXCHANGE	
GRAY KING QUALS COCKS 2 OFF EXCHANGE FOR A SMILIS JAMES & JOANETTE	

Forsale / Wanted from our main club FSA:

Hi members

One of our members, Doug, has some Tri-coloured Parrot Finches for sale but the number listed has one digit incorrect – the correct number is 0450 414 976.

Regards

Ivan

Hi All

Please find below an offer of a Free Heat Box from Stuart Shiner

If interested contact Stuart Shiner shiners@optusnet.com.au

Cheers

Ron

Insect box

For quite a while now we have been breeding maggots in a fly box, but I have found that by the time there are maggots big enough to feed out in the dish of wheat bran and milk powder there is days' worth of maggots of various stages of growth. As anyone will tell you, it's best to take the dish out once it's been fly blown and allow the maggots to grow. The problem was if I took the wheat bran out and put it on top of the fly box it would be attacked by pests also, I knew I wouldn't get a constant temperature, so the search was on for an old bar fridge.

I eventually found a bar fridge and after removing the compressor the job started. I removed the original thermostat and fitted a light globe operated by the original door switch and a surface mounted thermostat to control a heat lamp mounted at the bottom. Also, to ensure it doesn't get too humid I fitted a fan at the bottom with a vent at the top also controlled by the thermostat ensuring air flow from the heater in the base up through to the vent.

I set the thermostat to 30 degrees, and it has been working well I've been putting a freshly fly blown dish in every couple of days and my birds are loving the regular supply.

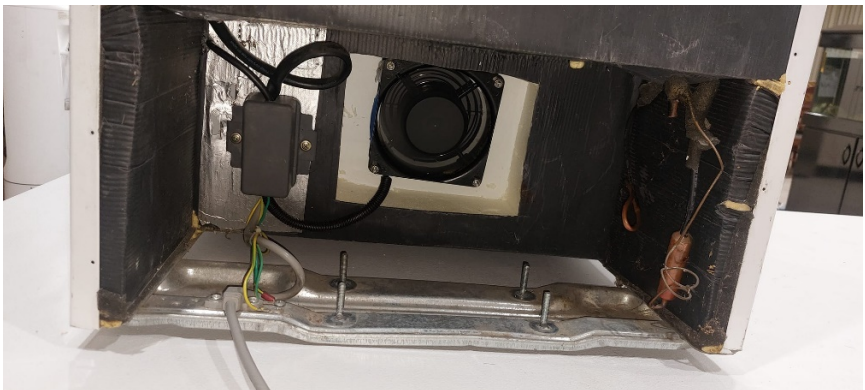
Regards Members,
James and Jeanette

Photo of Insect Box:

First photo is of the finished product looking in the door the air vent can be seen at the top and to the right of it the light that comes on when the door opens together with the temperature thermostat at the bottom the thermostat controlled heat lamp and fan can be seen.



Second photo is looking at the ventilation fan in the bottom where the compressor used to be view from the rear.



Third photo is a view of the vent at the top back wall allowing air flow out



Fourth photo is a view from the front of the ceramic heat lamp and fan controlled by a thermostat



Fifth photo is the thermostat and interior light mounted in the position of the original fridge thermostat and light.



2022 AUSSIE BIRD COUNT RESULTS

[summarised by Peter Berry]

I was among the more than 77,000 Australians who took part in the annual *Birdlife* bird count in October last year. I thought club members would be interested to see the list of most common birds observed during the count. The top 10 observed by number across the country ended up the same as the year before and are as follows:

1. Rainbow lorikeet
2. Noisy miner
3. Magpie
4. Sulphur crested cockatoo (most of them were at my place I reckon!)
5. Galah
6. House sparrow
7. Welcome swallow

8. Silver gull
9. Red wattlebird
10. White ibis

Some of the birds I reported as being frequent visitors to my back yard (king parrots, crimson rosellas, kookaburras, bronze-wing pigeons and cuckoo doves [brown pigeons]) didn't make the cut. Nor did my very occasional visitors - lyrebirds and brush turkeys!

The results differed from State to State eg in NSW the top 3 were rainbow lorikeets, noisy miners and white cockatoos whereas in Tasmania the top 3 were house sparrows, blackbirds and common starlings!

Over 3.9 million birds covering 620 species were counted with 1.2 million counted in NSW. Returns came from far and wide with birds even counted on Norfolk and Christmas Islands. A big surprise despite all the wet weather in the east of the country was the sudden increase in the migratory koels and magpie larks (peewits) counted. Also a surprise was the high presence of New Holland honeyeaters in the count. They came in at number 11.

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TRAPPING FINCHES 1936 STYLE

Finches were once trapped in Australia in numbers we just couldn't imagine these days. As I have mentioned before, I came across a bound copy of 1936 Cage Birds Weekly magazines quite by chance at a book sale some years ago. In the issue of 5 December 1936 there is an article about a Darwin bird trapper, Mr Perez who was sending to Sydney

by ship, 240 dozen finches he had trapped in the Northern Territory within the range of 160 to 400 miles from Darwin. He needed a permit from the Administrator of the Northern Territory and the Chief Secretary of NSW to allow the shipment to take place. All the birds were going to permit holders in Sydney. He trapped them over a 6 month period and kept them in aviaries at home before the shipment took place. Among the nearly 3,000 birds shipped in this 1 delivery were Gouldians, Stars, Pictorellas, Masks, Yellow-rumps, Bloods, Double-Bars and Chestnuts.

Amongst the Gouldians were 3 golden faced specimens which were then extremely rare. Mr Perez said that out of over 7,000 Gouldians he had trapped over the years, only 5 were golden faced which showed their rarity in the wild.

[With trapping at those levels, is it any wonder that the distribution of Gouldians across northern Australia reduced so dramatically over the decades!]

(Peter Berry)

Message from Ivan Cindric:

Hi members

Just a friendly reminder that entries close at midnight, this Wednesday 15 February.

Please note that late entries will not be accepted.

<https://www.rasnsw.com.au/sydney-royal-competitions/competitions/aviary-bird/>


<https://www.rasnsw.com.au/globalassets/document-library/rasnsw/competitions/cage-bird/2023aviarybirdschedulesfinal.pdf>

We've discovered a slight glitch when attempting to enter birds.

The following is the first page that appears. As you can see, several lovebird classes with corresponding class numbers (A0001-A0003) are listed. But if you look at the schedule below, the class numbers are listed as A1-A3.

There is a search field in the 'Class Number' column that should allow you to simply type in a class number and then hit the search icon next to it to bring up your class. But you have to ensure that you type in a four digit number not just one or two digits as listed in the schedule.

Using the finch classes below as an example, if you were planning to enter a Star cock (Class F6) you would need to type F0006 in the search engine to bring it up. Likewise, if you were entering a Pictorella (Class F12) you must type in F0012.

Select	Number of Entries	Class Number	Class Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="text"/> 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	A0001	AFRICAN LOVEBIRDS - PEACHFACE Normal Green - Open
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	A0002	AFRICAN LOVEBIRDS - PEACHFACE Jade Green - Open
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	A0003	AFRICAN LOVEBIRDS - PEACHFACE Olive Green - Open

PEACHFACE

	OPEN	YOUNG
Normal Green	A1	A60
Jade Green	A2	A61
Olive Green	A3	A62

AUSTRALIAN FINCHES

	COCK	HEN	OPEN
Star	F6	F7	N/A
Embla or Blood	F8	F9	N/A
AV Longtail	N/A	N/A	F10
Masked, Diggles or Blackthroat	N/A	N/A	F11
Pictorella, Chestnut or Yellow Rump	N/A	N/A	F12

I hope the above makes sense but let me know if you need any assistance. Or you can contact the RAS Domestic Animals Coordinator on 9704-1007 (during business hours).

I look forward to seeing you at the Easter Show....good luck!

Regards

Ivan 0428 656 653

A Bird of Interest:

Eurasian Hoopoe (Upupa epops)

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~ Photo by 🙌 Shlomo Waldmann

~ The Eurasian hoopoe is the most widespread species of the genus Upupa. It is a distinctive cinnamon coloured bird with black and white wings, a tall erectile crest, a broad white band across a black tail, and a long narrow downcurved bill. Its call is a soft "oop-oop-oop". It is native to Europe, Asia and the northern half of Africa.



An Interesting Article I Found:

[Aussie Finches For Aussie Breeders](#)

[Adam Finch FitzGerald](#)

More baby Chaffinch out today!! This nest was in a high, difficult spot to inspect so had no idea how many eggs/chicks it contained.

(Note: nests are irregularly inspected & when they are, only when the hen is off the nest. Being open cup nesters, it's generally easy to peek in from afar & get an idea of what's happening in the nest. Most nests are usually within 1m - 1.2m from the ground, but this particular nest bucks that usual trend & is about 1.9m above the ground!) Anyways, I found one chick fledged this morning, followed by a second shortly

thereafter Both leg-rung & feather's nicked for DNA. I was just in the aviary topping up the cricket tub & I saw a chick without a leg-rung! A quick search & realised it was a third chick!!! Very happy!!

The mother of these chicks is an older bird (5-6yrs old) whom I got from my late friend, David Holmes last year. I feel pretty chuffed I've managed to get six new birds from her this season, six birds that are vital to this species hopeful ongoing survival in Australian aviaries!



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[Aussie Finches For Aussie Breeders](#)
[Jim Oatley](#)

Painted Finches near Alice Springs yesterday morning. I had a bit of a fail over 2 mornings , yesterday lots of birds but a few people around so they didn't come to drink where I was , today , no people , no birds and windy . I really only managed a few long shots.



Interesting Photos:
[Aussie Finches For Aussie Breeders](#)
[Cheryl Denholm](#)



MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL APPLICATION
Secretary,

Mr Ron James:

Hawkesbury Finch Club
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

E-Mail

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,
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Saturday 4th March 2023
10am - 12pm

ORANGE BIRD EXPO

Orange PCYC 2-10 Seymour St Orange, NSW

Entry Admission: \$2

**Birds may be benched March 3rd from 2pm-8pm OR
from 7am - 9.30am March 4th**



Pre-booked tables available via our website

**For all other enquiries, please contact the
Orange Bird Society on Facebook or via our
website**

Full Details and Bookings at:
www.orangebirdsale.com

**Conditions: No Pigeons or Poultry will be
accepted. The sale will be run according to the
NSW Bird Sale voluntary code of practice.
Please Comply with the NSW National Parks
and Wildlife service conditions**



Autumn Bird Sale

Sunday 12 March 2023

St Judes Primary School, Holder, ACT

Benching starts from 8:00

Bird Sales start at 10:00

Both buyers and sellers of Parrots, Finches, Budgies, Cockatiels, Canaries, Doves and Quail are welcome. No pigeons or poultry please.

Sellers – entry \$1 per bird to a max of \$20.

Buyers – entry gold coin per person.

Sale Conditions - the Canberra Finch Club is following the majority of the CCBFA's NSW BIRD SALES AND AUCTIONS CODE OF PRACTICE (STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES) with the main exception that all buyers and sellers cages must be covered on the top, base and three sides.



For more information see -www.canberrafinchclub.org.au