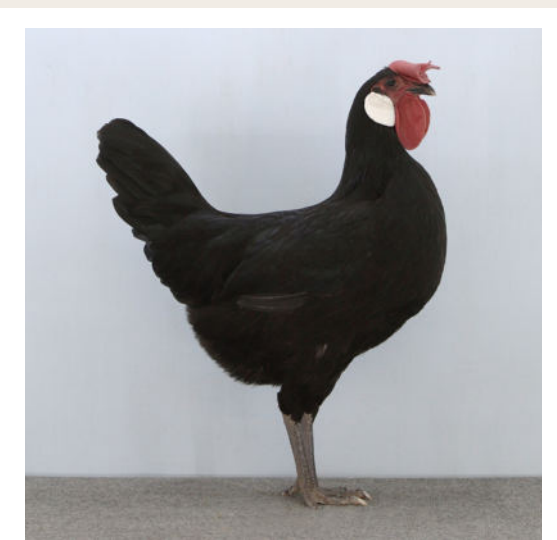




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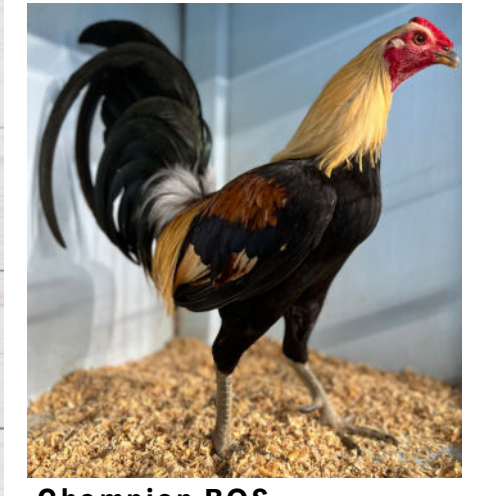
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Young Bird Show & Annual Show



Judge Stuart Fraser
Annual Show 2023



Champion Breeding Pair
Greg Clarke
Annual Show



Champion BOS
John Gibson
North Coast National

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS SHED

Dear Members,

Welcome to Lismore Poultry Club newsletter. Our club continues to generate interest from poultry breeders from all over Australia, in fact we had visitors from West Australia at our annual show in 2023 as well from many other areas and from all reports they were impressed with what they saw, not only the birds but the presentation of the pavilion and the friendly welcome they received. The efforts of our club workers and with some outside help we were able to bounce back after the devastating floods of 2022. This is testament to the many people who worked together to make this possible at both our shows and the two auctions, a big Thank You.

There is so much work that happens behind the scenes in preparation of these events that is not noticed on the day. The Young Bird Show had good entries from both local and Queensland. The Annual Show was well supported with strong entries and close competition, the judges were surprised with the quality of exhibits after what the area had been through.

The North Coast National was well supported with large crowds viewing the entries. The club, for the first time conducted a Junior Judging Competition to select two competitors to compete at the Sydney Royal in 2024. We held two auctions in 2023 with large crowds attending and pay record prices for some lots.

We held our 2023 Christmas party at the showground with support from Casino poultry club and the Far North Coast All Game Club being involved. Members of other clubs also attended which made for a very enjoyable day at this party. Lismore Poultry Club presented Eric and Ellen Rosolen conferred Life Membership of our club.

Sadly during 2023 we had the passing of past President and life member Ray Newton. Our 2024 Annual Show will be a memorial show for Ray, plus we lost a long-time exhibitor Howard Burnham, both valued supporters of our community.

A special thanks Richmond River High School students for excellent assistance at the North Coast National show and the corrective Services for their post clean-up.

To our sponsors large and small, thank you, but I must make special mention of Norco Stock Feeds for their support for both the annual show and North Coast National supplying vouchers for the major awards plus a bag of feed for every exhibitor.

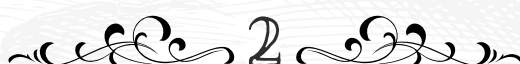
In closing we like to thank the members for their dedication of many years attending meetings working bees, stewarding, taking photos at our show's & auctions etc, as well as our face book and the website. A big thank you it is, as with your help that we can keep our club going.

Sincerely,

John Gibson
Club President



Greg Clarke





Greg Clarke

SECRETARYS REPORT

Dear Lismore Poultry Club Members,

As we embark on the New Year, we fondly remember our friend Geoff Potts and pay tribute to the legacies of Ray Newton and Howard Burnham, stalwarts of our shows.

In 2023, our events thrived - the Young Bird Show, Annual Show, and auctions garnered community support, making it a memorable year. Looking forward to 2024, the National Poultry Show's cancellation allows the opportunity to host our Annual Show on the long weekend in June.

Additionally, our Young Bird Show is scheduled for 27th April, 2024. With these events on the horizon, the task at hand is to organise judges, as securing their services becomes increasingly challenging. Your assistance and commitment to making these events a success is highly valued, and we appreciate your support.

We've had a number of new members join our Club this year and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of them. We look forward to the enthusiasm that these new members give, both to our club, and to our community.

The North Coast National A & I Show held this year was an outstanding success. Of particular note was the inaugural Junior Judging section, featuring eight juniors displaying their skills. Congratulations to Bryson Lee and Jake Fowler who were successful in gaining the opportunity to go to Sydney for the State Championships in 2024.

Grateful for your trust & ongoing support, I continue on as Secretary after the recent AGM.

Finally, I wish you warm wishes for a belated Merry Christmas, and hope you have a successful breeding & raring season, and look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Yours Sincerely,
Eric Rosolen

Eric Rosolen
Club Secretary



SHOW MANAGERS REPORT



Dear Readers,

Another year has come and gone and its time for an overview of the year 2023. The Young Bird Show 2023 had 340 entries which was amazing for that time of the year. Champion Bird of Show was won by Laurie Wheaton with a very good large black Minorca Pullet.

Our Annual Show held in June we saw 560 birds entered with a good range of large and bantams and an especially large line-up of some impressive Large and Bantam Orpingtons, there was also a good line-up of Large and Bantam Wyandotte's in a great range of colours with the Champion Bird of Show coming from Soft feather Large which was a black Minorca Pullet owned by Laurie Wheaton, well done to Laurie for taking out two Champion Bird of Shows at Lismore.

I'd like to thank Ross Bussian from Norco for great sponsorship in every exhibitor receiving a bag of feed plus a \$1,000.00 worth of vouchers for the major awards.

North Coast National - Once again I'd like to thank Norco for giving a bag of feed to every exhibitor with 330 entries which was good to see for that time of year. Champion Bird of Show went to John Gibson, Reserve Bird of Show going to John Kendall.

A big thank you must go to Brian Bennett from Tasmania for judging our show.

Also, this year, for the first time, I took on the task of running a Junior Judging competition, with the help of Terry and Sue Serone who are Junior Judging coordinators of Northern area. Also, along with the help of Kate Golding, Julie Jackson and Lyn Heath. We had 9 entrants from Lismore, Tenterfield and Maclean. The Winner was Bryson Lee and runner up was Jake Fowler. As the judge, I'd like to thank my three under judges - John Kendall for Soft Feather, Ross Robinson for Hard Feather and Eric Rosolen for Waterfowl.

I'd also like to thank everyone for their help throughout the year.

Yours Sincerely,

Jeff Thompson

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas spending time with your loved ones.

The Lismore Poultry Club had a crazy busy year in 2023, there was no flooding (YAY) so the club was able to hold all its normal annual Shows and Auctions. We've had some record number turn outs and seen some fantastic fowls on display throughout the year.

I have enjoyed learning from the judges and being involved with all the events and I seriously enjoyed creating this years newsletter. We've got lots of great photos and re-caps of the events that took place this year.

I hope you enjoy reading through it!

Yours Sincerely,

Shanae Pirlo



RAY NEWTON - HONOURING THE LEGACY OF A POULTRY ICON



Ray Newton, an esteemed figure within the Lismore Poultry Club, sadly passed away on 25/6/2023 , and is remembered for his dedication and profound expertise, leaving an indelible mark on the poultry community. His journey into the world of breeding and showing poultry began at the tender age of 8, achieving notable success with his "Rhode Island Reds" at the Nimbin Show in 1938. Ten years later in 1948, Ray won his first show at Lismore with Minorca's. Ray often reminisced about his early days, recalling how he would stay with his aunt & uncle in South Lismore, showbirds in tow, and would transport them next day by horse and cart to the show.

Over his six-decade involvement with the club, starting in 1960, Ray actively participated in various events, generously sharing his wealth of knowledge with fellow enthusiasts. His expertise in breeding, exhibiting

Ray Newton - continued

and judging various breeds, notably Pekin and Langshan Bantams, earned him widespread recognition as a master breeder and judge. Remarkably, Ray's incredible showing career spanned 80 years, culminating in his final show at the Brisbane Ekka in 2018, where he earned the esteemed title of Reserve Champion of Show with his Black Pekin rooster.

Ray's influence extended beyond Lismore as he judged at prestigious shows across the country, from Rockhampton in Queensland to the Royal Brisbane and Royal Sydney Shows, Melbourne, Adelaide, and beyond.

Instrumental in organizing the Lismore Poultry Club's Centenary Show in 2001, Ray, alongside his devoted wife Glenda, also produced the "Centenary Year Book 1901-2001," a comprehensive record of the club's rich history. Their dedication was further demonstrated in 2006 with the Testimonial Poultry Show & Dinner, highlighting their commitment to preserving the heritage of the poultry community.

Ray served as President of the Lismore Poultry Club from 1980-1989 and 1993-1996. His dedication to service to both the Lismore Poultry Club & North Coast National was duly recognised with life memberships to both organizations, a testament to his exceptional service and leadership.

Beyond his contributions to the poultry world, Ray was a devoted family man, cherished by his wife Glenda and their three children. Outside of his poultry pursuits, Ray worked diligently as a laborer in his younger years for a flood mitigation company and later as a truck and machinery driver for Lismore City Council, retiring from the latter after 22 years of service.

Ray's passing in June 2023 has left a void within the Lismore Poultry Club and the broader poultry community. Nevertheless, his memory endures through the lasting friendships he forged, the wisdom he freely shared, and the values he instilled in generations of poultry lovers.



Ray Newton - continued

In honour of Ray's enduring legacy, the Lismore Poultry Club will commemorate his life and contributions at its 123rd Annual Show on 8th June 2024, named the "Ray Newton Memorial Show," with a special focus on Pekin Bantams. This tribute celebrates Ray's achievements and pays homage to his invaluable mentorship and guidance over the years.

Ray Newton's profound impact on the poultry community will be fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His contributions to the club and his impact on poultry breeding and judging will be remembered with reverence and gratitude for many years to come.



Ray Newton's 2018 Winnings at the Brisbane Ekka

ANNUAL SHOW

The Lismore Poultry Club Annual Show which was held in conjunction with The Northern Orpington Feature Show, was held on 10th June, 2023. Our show coincided with the long weekend, and drew an impressive crowd. This year's event showcased a diverse array of both large & bantam fowl, with a total of 560 entries. Notably, the Orpington Club contributed to the competition, enriching the show with some impressive entries.

Among the highlights were a commendable variety of large and bantam Wyandottes. It was evident that exhibitors had dedicated significant effort to present their birds at their finest.

In particular, the Champion Bird of Show title was awarded to Laurie Wheaton for his exceptional Black Minorca Pullet. Laurie's accomplishment was doubly remarkable as he also clinched another Champion Bird of Show at our Young Bird Show back in April this year. Furthermore, other deserving exhibitors worthy of mention - Adrian Presbury's White Muscovy Drake earning the title of Champion Waterfowl of Show, and Riley Ianna's Australian Langshan Blue Cockerel secured the title of Champion Junior Bird of Show.

As attendees wandered amidst the pavilion, it was evident that the passion for poultry breeding and exhibition ran deep within the community.

In addition to celebrating acknowledgements of achievements by exhibitors, the show provides a platform for knowledge exchange and camaraderie amongst poultry enthusiasts. These events foster a place where participants are able to exchange tips, insights, and stories, that enrich the experiences for both seasoned breeders and newcomers alike.

Beyond the thrill of competition, events such as these hold a vital role in preserving and promoting the diverse array of poultry breeds.

As we reflect on the success of last year's show, we extend our gratitude to all participants, volunteers, and organisers who contributed to its success. Their collective efforts have ensured that the Lismore Poultry Club Annual Show continues to thrive & inspire future generations of the fancy.

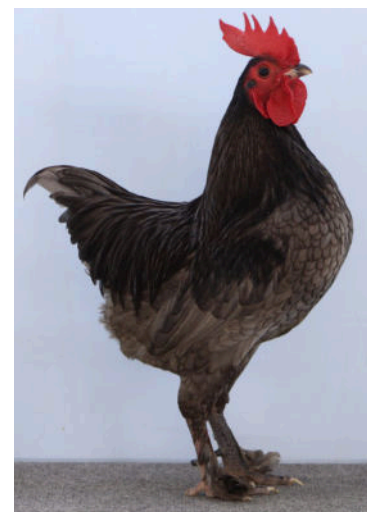
Show photos can be found in the Gallery section on our website: www.lismorepoultryclub.com.au



Champion Bird of Show
Minora Pullet
Laurie Wheaton



Champion Waterfowl of Show
White Muscovy Drake
Adrian Presbury



Champion Junior BOS
Aust. Langshan Blue Ckl
Riley Ianna



Results from the Lismore Poultry Club

Annual Show - 10/6/2023

Grand Champion Bird of Show	Minorca Pullet	Laurie Wheaton
Champion Male of Show	Aust. Pit Game Plain Face Cockerel	Brian Castle
Champion Female of Show	Minorca Pullet	Laurie Wheaton
Champion Breeding Pair of Show	Partridge Wyandotte Bantam	Greg Clarke
Champion Waterfowl of Show	White Muscovy Drake	Adrian Presbury
Reserve Champion Waterfowl	Indian Runner Trout Drake	Kelly Dollimore
Champion Softfeather Large	Minorca Pullet	Laurie Wheaton
Reserve Softfeather Large	Plymouth Rock D B Ckl	Ian Campbell
Champion Softfeather Bantam	Pekin Black Cockerel	H & D McKenzie
Reserve Softfeather Bantam	Australian Langshan Black Pullet	Warren Schelbach
Champion Hardfeather Large	OE Game Partridge DL Pullet	John Gibson
Reserve Hardfeather Large	OE Game Black Red DL Cockerel	John Gibson
Champion Hardfeather Bantam	Aust. Pit Game Plain Face Cockerel	Brian Castle
Reserve Hardfeather Bantam	OE Game Partridge DL Pullet	Ross Robinson
Champion Softfeather Large Heavy	Plymouth Rock D B Ckl	Ian Campbell
Champion Softfeather Large Light	Minorca Pullet	Laurie Wheaton
Champion Hardfeather Large OEG	OE Game Partridge DL Pullet	John Gibson
Champion Hardfeather Large other than OEG	Australian Pit Game Heavy Pullet	Sam Pillar
Champion Softfeather Bantam Heavy	Australian Langshan Black Pullet	Warren Schelbach
Champion Softfeather Bantam Light	Leghorn Black Cockerel	H & D McKenzie
Champion Softfeather True Bantam	Pekin Black Cockerel	H & D McKenzie
Champion Hardfeather Bantam OEG	OE Game Partridge DL Pullet	Ross Robinson
Champion Hardfeather Bantam Other than OEG	Australian Pit Game Plain Face Cockerel	Brian Castle

Results from the Lismore Poultry Club

Annual Show - 10/6/2023

Champion Waterfowl Breeding Pair	Muscovy Blue & White	Ellen Rosolen
Champion Softfeather Large Breeding Pair	Leghorn White	Ellen Rosolen
Champion Hardfeather Large Breeding Pair	OE Game Black Red DL	John Gibson
Champion Softfeather Bantam Breeding Pair	Partridge Wyandotte Bantam	Greg Clarke
Champion Hardfeather Bantam Breeding Pair	Australian Pit Game Plain Face	Brian Castle
Champion Junior Bird of Show	Australian Langshan Blue Cockerel	Riley Ianna
Reserve Junior Bird of Show	OEG Crele Cockerel	Riley Ianna
Champion Softfeather Wyandotte Feature	Wyandotte White Pullet	John Gibson
Reserve Softfeather Wyandotte Feature	Wyandotte White Cockerel	B & J McLachlan
Best Cock Large or Bantam Wyandotte	Wyandotte White Cock	John Gibson
Best Hen Large or Bantam Wyandotte Feature	Wyandotte Silver Pencilled	Greg Clarke
Best Cockerel Large or Bantam Wyandotte Feature	Wyandotte White Cockerel	B & J McLachlan
Best Pullet Large or Bantam Wyandotte Feature	Wyandotte White Pullet	John Gibson
Champion Hardfeather Feature	OE Game Partridge DL Pullet	John Gibson
Reserve Hardfeather Feature	OE Game Black Red DL Cockerel	John Gibson
Best Cock Large Old English Game	OE Game Black Red DL Cock	John Gibson
Best Hen Large Old English Game	OE Game Partridge DL Hen	John Gibson
Best Cockerel Large Old English Game	OE Game Black Red DL Cockerel	John Gibson
Best Pullet Large Old English Game	OE Game Partridge DL Pullet	John Gibson
Champion Egg Exhibit		Greg Clarke



YOUNG BIRD SHOW

On the 22nd of April the Lismore Poultry Club held its annual Young Bird Show, the first official show since being wiped out by the February floods back in 2022. There was a wonderful turn out on the day with 334 total entries, 186 Softfeather, 134 Hardfeather, 11 Juniors and 3 Waterfowl.

Judging commenced from 8:30am, they had their work cut out for them as there was a stunning display of fowl to choose from. Once the judges had made their choices it was soon followed by presentations and some photos of the lucky winners. All in all it was a lovely day had by all and it was good to see support from the locals walking up and down the aisles with their friends and families admiring some lovely fowl.

As far as results are concerned the Bird Of Show was a Black Minorca Pullet bred by Laurie Wheaton and Champion Waterfowl of Show was an Indian Runner Duck bred by M & M Bower.

The club would like to say a special thank you to Ellen for running our Raffle and Jeff Thompson for organising yet another fantastic event. We would also like to thank the committee members who assisted in the smooth running of the day (John Kendall, Joe Martin, Lindsay Bryen, Greg Clarke, Shenae Pirlo, Julie Rae-Jackson) and last but not least the lovely ladies at Cafe Ventura who supplied some seriously delicious coffees and baked goods on the day.

We hope to see you all again at next years Young Bird Show for another fantastic event.

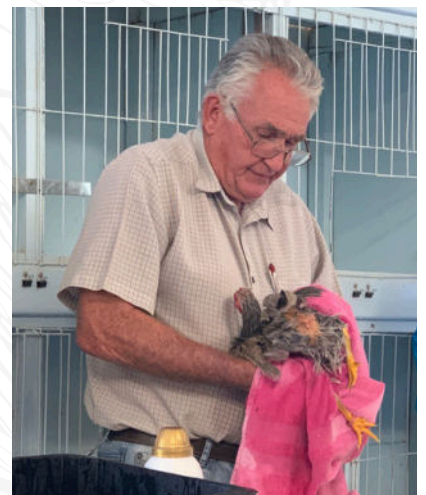


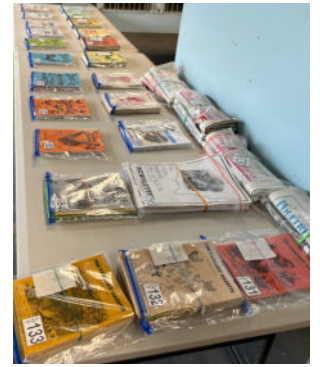


CHOOK CHAT

On the 15th of April the Lismore Poultry Club held an informative workshop, more affectionately known as a "Chook Chat" where new members and existing breeders gathered in the Poultry Pavillion as John Gibson the club president gave us all the run down on how to correctly wash and blow dry a chook in preparation for entering them in a show.

Attendees learned many a new trick and were given the run down on what kinds of tools and products should be in their show kit, such as a Toothbrush for scrubbing legs, nail file or nail clippers for trimming beaks and toe nails, cod liver oil for rubbing on their legs/face and wattles and a microfibre cloth for rubbing along the feathers to remove any random debris and to help stray feathers fall back into place.





MAY AUCTION

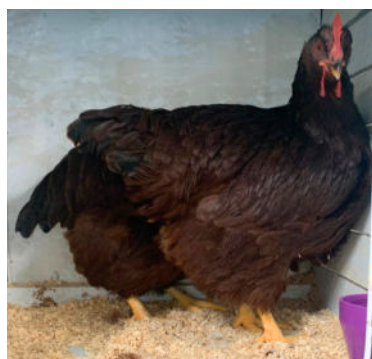
A great day was had by all that attended the auction on Saturday 13th 2023.

Lots were a tad lower than the previous year, however there was a good & diverse variety amongst the Lots. Overall, there were a total of 133 Lots, with only a few passed in which were made of males within each lot.

The vintage poultry magazines from Ray & Glenda Newton's collection were enthusiastically snapped up, thanks Glenda. The top price of \$600 was paid for an outstanding trio of Rhode Island Reds entered by Wendy & John Phelps. Very nice birds indeed. RIR seemed to be the flavour of the day as a keen couple drove all the way from Kilcoy to bid for some RIR and another gentleman drove from Kyogle who was adamant he was taking a couple of pens of RIR's home, no matter the cost.

A Big Thank you to all the vendors, without whom we wouldn't have an auction. Vendors go to much effort to catch & prepare birds in readiness for penning in the pavillion & I'd like to extend a special thank you to them all.

Crowd numbers were around 150. Our auctioneer did a great job as usual, thanks Kevin. Congratulations to our committee and all our workers, it was a great team effort. A special mention goes out to Janelle, Lyn, Ellen, Kelly and Shanae who were our door greeters and behind the scenes office ladies, without them the day wouldn't have run as smoothly as it did and lastly a big thank you to Greg for organising the Auction.





AUGUST AUCTION

Our Auction held on Saturday the 26th of August could only be described as a complete success - beautiful weather, huge crowd of people, great selection of birds, books and sundry items were on offer on the day.

A record crowd of almost 200 people were in attendance, and we had 117 registered bidders. There were a total of 124 lots consisting of 274 birds, poultry books & sundry items. Not a single lot was passed in!

There were vintage poultry magazines from Len Bryant's collection which were eagerly snapped up, and I'd like to give an honourable thank you on behalf of the club to Lenny (Len Bryant) for the donations and his past support.

The top price of \$800.00 was paid for Lot 117, a trio of Dark Barred Plymouth Rocks entered by Ian Campbell. The average price per lot was \$142.11.

Thank you to all the vendors, without whom we wouldn't have an auction, and a special thanks to the Sawyers family from Kempsey and Ross Gibson from Coffs Harbour who made a huge effort to travel to Lismore.

A big Thank You to Kevin Cocciola, our Auctioneer, who once again did a magnificent job & entertained the crowd with his witty conversations & rhetoric. And lastly, gratitude and congratulations to our committee and all of our volunteer workers.





MEMBERSHIP

A big warm welcome to all the new members who joined the Lismore Poultry Club in 2023, we hope you enjoy what the club has to offer and look forward to seeing you out and about at the Shows and Auctions throughout 2024.

A friendly reminder to all our current members, please be aware that your Membership is now due. **Membership runs from 1st January - 31st December.** Monthly meetings are held at the Lismore Showgrounds on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm, all are welcome to attend.

Membership fee \$10.00 per year and includes, you, your spouse/partner and any junior children.

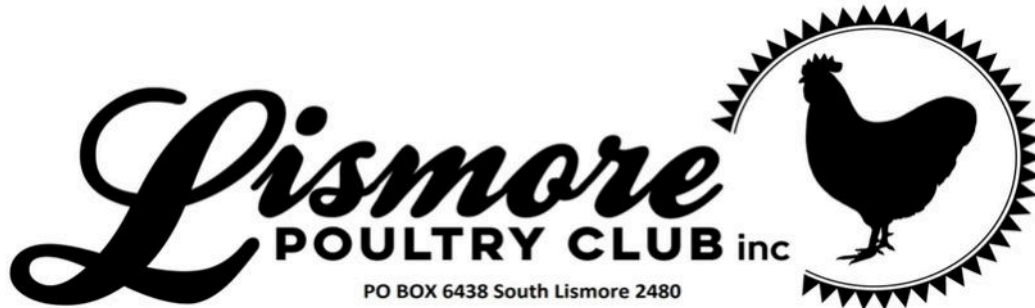
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Branch: Lismore NSW
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Acc. No: 00580 404
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Reference: *Your Full Name*

Please email confirmation of payment and reference to the club Secretary Eric Rosolen at secretary@lismorepoultryclub.com.au

If you are a non-member and are interested in joining the Lismore Poultry Club, please fill out the membership form. The form is attached to this newsletter and is available from our website.

<https://lismorepoultryclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/LPC-Membership-Form.pdf>



NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Full Name(s)

Address

City/Post Code

Email

Phone/Mobile

Breeds Kept

Comments

I consent to receiving correspondence from the club via email (Please Tick) **YES** **NO**

I consent to the club using photos of myself & my birds (Please Tick) **YES** **NO**

I consent to the club providing my phone/email on request (Please Tick) **YES** **NO**

Membership Fee is \$10 per person or family. Membership is for a calendar year. (1 Jan to 31 Dec). Members of a family membership must show under the same name and are entitled to just one vote at club meetings. Membership includes discounted show entry fees, newsletter and a listing on the Lismore Poultry Club's website breeders list.

Email completed form to secretary@lismorepoultryclub.com.au OR post to PO Box 6438 South Lismore 2480

Bank Details: WESTPAC Lismore BSB 032539 Account 580404 Reference: YOUR FULL NAME

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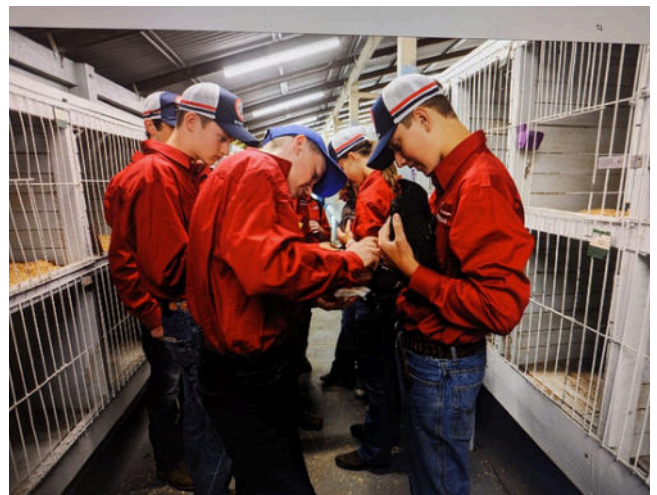
NORTH COAST NATIONAL JUNIOR JUDGING COMPETITION

The Junior Judging Competition at North Coast National 2023 was a feathered spectacle, with nine talented juniors showcasing their bird-judging brilliance! After careful evaluation by our amazing (qualified) judges—Ross Robinson, John Kendall, and Eric Rosolen—the winners emerged.

Bryson Lee soared to victory, demonstrating an exceptional understanding of avian excellence! Applause also goes to our fabulous runners-up: Jake Fowler (2nd Place), Casey Harttersley (3rd Place), and Tom Clarke (4th Place).

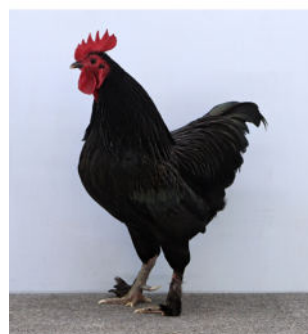
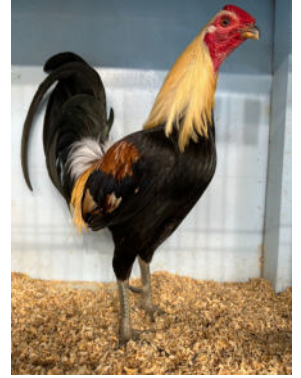
A special appreciation goes out to our overseeing judge, Jeff Thompson, for guiding this competition with expertise! At the competition's end, Jeff delved into the intricacies, explaining where each bird should have been placed and why. His insightful talk on handling and judging not only elevated the competition but also provided our young talents with invaluable lessons, & offered a deeper understanding of the judging process. To all our participants, your contributions made this event truly special!

Mark your calendars for October 2024 to witness more excitement and talent at the upcoming North Coast National event.



NORTH COAST NATIONAL 2023

19-21 October - Lismore Showgrounds



AWARD	NAME	BREED/VARIETY
Champion Bird of Show	John Gibson	OEG Duck Wing Cock
Reserve Champion Bird of Show	John Kendall	White Wyandotte Bantam Cock
Champion Soft Feather Large	John Gibson	White Wyandotte Large Cockerel
Reserve Soft Feather Large	Ian Campbell	Plymouth Rock DB Cock
Champion Hard Feather Large	John Gibson	OEG Duck Wing Cock
Reserve Champion Hard Feather Large	Joe Martin	OEG Black/Red DL Cock
Champion Hard Feather Bantam	Ross Robinson	OEG Pile Cock
Reserve Champion Hard Feather Bantam	Ross Robinson	OEG Black/Red Cock
Champion Soft Feather Bantam	John Kendall	White Wyandotte Cock
Reserve Champion Soft Feather Bantam	Bob Fowler	White Leghorn Pullet
Champion Waterfowl	Brown Holding	Call AOC Duck
Reserve Champion Waterfowl	E & E Rosolen	Blue & White Muscovy Drake
Champion Soft Feather Large Pair	E & E Rosolen	Leghorn White
Champion Hard Feather Large Pair	John Gibson	OEG Black/Red
Champion Waterfowl Pair	E & E Rosolen	Muscovy Black/White
Champion Hard Feather Bantam Pair	Brown Holding	OEG Grey or Birchen
Champion Soft Feather Bantam pair	Bob Fowler	Duckwing Leghorns
Reserve Champion Junior	Sarah Rhijaan	Faverolle Salmon Hen
Champion Hamburg	E & E Rosolen	Blue Hen

PEKIN BANTAM

FEATURE BREED

by Steve Dubber



Pekin Black Cockerel Bred by Hec & Dean McKenzie

The Pekin is considered a True Bantam and is a Softfeather, Heavy Breed. It has great popularity in Australia, where breeders achieved a high standard of excellence, as well as a diverse array of colours. The history of Pekins is disputed, although without doubt, their origin is China and the imperial society of Peking (now known as Beijing). Some accounts suggest that they were 'acquired' by French and British soldiers around 1860, while others claim that birds were on consignment from China around 1835, and initially referred to as "Shanghais," and presented to Queen Victoria. These are the intriguing origins of the breed we now know as Pekins.

Pekin males are your typical 'cocky' bantam rooster! Their broad, well-rounded shape is emphasized by a low breast or 'front' and a well-developed 'cushion' tail. Their short, thick legs and abundant foot feather are coupled with a forward tilt stance that completes the 'round ball' appearance of this cheeky and extraverted jewel of softfeather bantams.

Female Pekins share many of the same features as the male, allowing for sexual differences, and their 'cushion' feathers are spread to form an appearance not unlike a Chrysanthemum in full bloom. Again, a rounded low appearance with forward tilt is desirable. They make great mothers and are renowned for their tendency to go broody and protect their broods fiercely. They lay a moderate numbers of numbers of eggs but could not be classed as productive egg layers.

Exhibiting Pekins demands meticulous grooming due to the abundance of feather, while year-round care, especially for foot feathers, is crucial for maintaining perfection in plumage and cleanliness. On the North Coast we are fortunate to have had, and still have, some exceptional breeders and exhibitors of Pekins, the late Ray Newton and Ray Connor are two legends that recently passed, as well as the McKenzie Family of Bangalow that are national authorities on Pekins.



Pekin Black Pullet Bred by Hec & Dean McKenzie

Breeding Pekins is a rewarding experience but with the abundance of feathering comes challenges. Removal or trimming of vent feathers may be required to 'optimise' fertility, otherwise many breeders use artificial insemination. The choice is yours and breeders and exhibitors are always keen to assist those interested in this bundle of Charisma wrapped in feathers.

Pekin Bantams are prized, not only for their ornamental appeal, but also for their docile nature, making them ideal companions for families, particularly those with young children, when handled regularly.



📷 Steve Dubber

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS



GREG CLARKE: LOCAL BREEDER TAKES ON THE QUEENSLANDERS

Greg Clarke made a mark in the poultry exhibition circuit in 2023, showcasing fine talent and dedication to the craft. As an active and valued member of the Lismore Poultry Club, his contributions have been significant, not only in terms of his own achievements but also in his support and involvement in club activities, including the organisation and running of two successful auctions in 2023.

In 2023, Greg secured the titles of Champion Breeding Pair of Show with his Partridge Wyandotte Bantams and Reserve Bantam Wyandotte with his Silver Pencilled Pullet at the Lismore Poultry Club Annual Show. He then went on to achieve even greater success at the Queensland State Wyandotte Show in Gatton, where his Bantam Silver Pencilled Pullet won the prestigious award of Bird of Show. Additionally, Greg's accomplishments at the Gatton Show extended across various categories, including Champion Bantam, Champion Bantam AOC Laced, Champion Bantam Partridge, and Champion Bantam Partridge or Pencilled.



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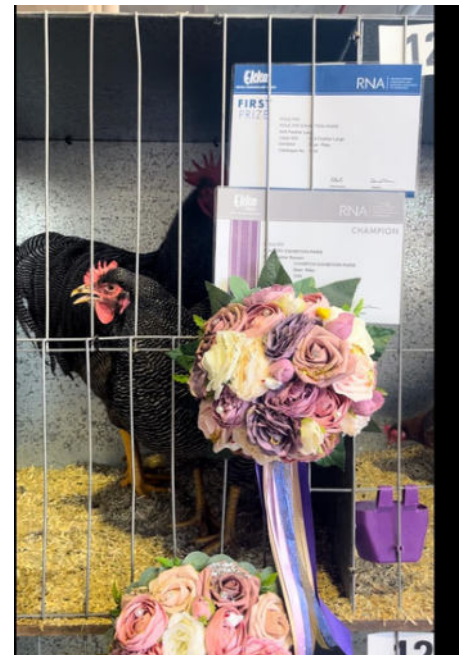
Male Bird Of Show -Lismore Annual Show - North Coast National
Brian Castle holding his Aus. Pit Game Plain Face Cockerel next to John Gibson



Champion Large Orpington Pullet - Northern Orpington Feature Show - Lismore)
Maree Crowe



Left - EKKA 2023 Champion Large Softfeather Cockerel by Ian Campbell



Right - EKKA 2023 Champion Softfeather Large Breeding Pairs by Sean Riley



Blue Orpington Cockerels Achievements for 2023
Jeff Thompson



EGGSCCELLENCE - EXPLORING THE FINE ART OF EGG JUDGING

In this article, we delve into the intricacies of egg judging, shedding light on what truly makes an egg stand out in the competition.

The Australian Poultry Standard serves as our guide, outlining key points for judging, including size, uniformity, texture, and colour. Each egg is scrutinized not only for its external appearance but also for the quality of its yolk and albumen.

From the ideal egg shape, where length surpasses width, to size, though not the sole determining factor, and the often-forgotten importance of weight, all of which play a crucial role in the judging of eggs.

The Standard mentions a range of weights, with variability between large & bantam fowls, turkeys, ducks and geese. For example, bantam eggs are judged to the same standard as that of large fowl,

however adhere to the weight limit, ideally not to exceed 42.5g. Uniformity is paramount, with each egg expected to mirror its counterparts in shape, size, and shell characteristics.

Texture speaks volumes, with smooth, clean shells preferred over blemished or rough ones. Colours vary from traditional brown to exotic shades like blue and olive, each requiring an even distribution for maximum appeal. There are generally separate categories based on the colour of the eggs exhibited.



Above: Jeff Thompson, a member of our Poultry Club, is preparing to wield his discerning eye as the Judge over the egg competition at the 2024 Brisbane Ekka.

However, the true test lies within. The Judge will crack open an egg, and sometimes two, in each exhibit, examining its internal quality. From the bright golden hue of the yolk to the translucent sheen & rise of the albumen, every detail matters. Any deviation, such as meat spots or blood, could spell disaster for an otherwise perfect specimen. Ultimately, it is the combination of external appearance and internal quality that determines the champion eggs in the competition.

Jeff Thompson, a member of our club will be the Judge of the Egg Competition at the upcoming 2024 Brisbane Ekka Show & was the inspiration for this article.

Entering an egg competition has broad appeal, welcoming breeders of all experience levels, so why not make inquiries with your local club and consider putting an entry in.



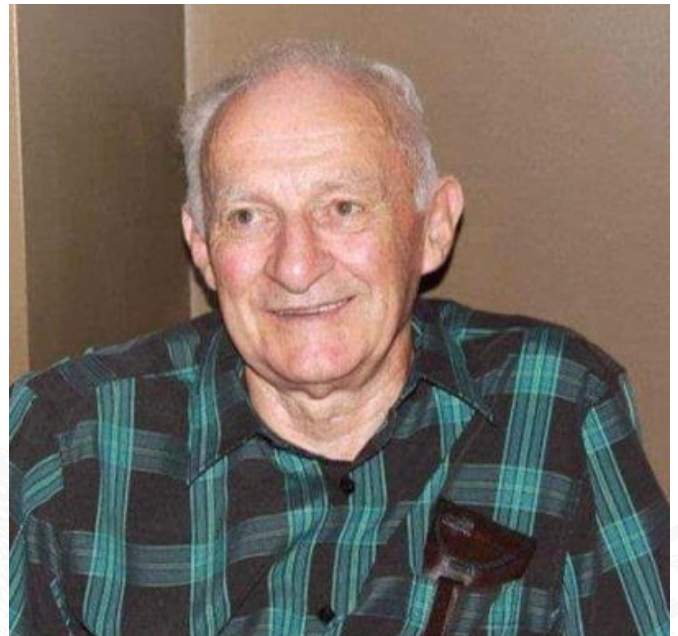
CONDOLENSCES

Howard Burnham

It is with sad hearts that we bid farewell to a member of our poultry community, Howard Burnham who passed away on 7th September 2023, at the age of 86.

Raised on a dairy farm in Nashua, Howard's love of poultry began from an early age.

From the age of 10 years old, Howard, long with his twin



brother Bevan, embarked on their journey in poultry breeding by saving up and buying a couple of Buff Pekins from a local breeder. Their father was not involved in poultry so they had to rely on information soaked up from members of the poultry community who were always happy to provide guidance. As time went on, Howard garnered notoriety for his expertise in breeding Buff Pekins and later with breeding Spangle OEG Bantams.

After years of breeding and showing fowls, Howard built up his knowledge of poultry and both he and Bevan ventured into poultry judging. Howard was widely respected, both as an esteemed poultry judge, and as a skilled breeder of poultry. When he moved into town and had to give up the breeding, the connection with the poultry community was kept alive by being involved in judging. He would often travel locally and interstate for judging, both at large and small poultry shows, enjoying each experience of meeting new people, seeing old friends and viewing some great fowls. He was always happy to talk about chooks & remembered fondly by many as a great fellow who was always ready for a chat.

Howard Burnham - continued

Howard's passion for sports remained a constant throughout his life. He showcased his athletic prowess in various endeavors, from cricket, where he was a notable player for the Clunes District Cricket Association, to football in Mullumbimby, where his exceptional skills led to a rapid promotion from A Reserve to A Grade within a mere week of trying out. Additionally, Howard was an avid tennis player, engaging in the sport for many years at Alstonville and Lismore, both in tournaments and district competitions. His commitment to hard work was exemplified in his involvement when a proposal was put forward to construct tennis courts at Wollongbar, where he dedicated countless hours to assist in the construction efforts.

One of the proudest moments in Howard's life occurred in 1956 when he was given the opportunity to participate in a historic event—the Olympic Torch relay. His section of the relay took place at Springvale Hill at Nashua, a notoriously steep ascent heading towards Clunes. Holding the Olympic torch aloft & running at pace was challenging and undoubtedly a monumental feat. He then passed the torch to his brother Bevan to continue the journey along the ridgeline. This marked a precious moment by Howard for his whole life.

His ever present bond with his brother Bevan remained throughout his whole life, albeit when they were travelling somewhere to judge, or when they were just standing around the backyard checking out the fowls. The childhood memories of his children are filled with weekends of being packed into the backseat of the car, surrounded by boxed chooks en route to poultry shows, and spending their days in poultry pavilions as their father showcased his birds, or officiated as a judge.

He was a devoted family man cherished by his loved ones, friends, and neighbours alike. Howard's absence will be deeply felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

EVENT CALENDAR 2024

Date	Event	Location
27th April	Young Bird Show	Lismore Show Grounds
11th May	Pure Breeds Auction	Lismore Show Grounds
8th June	Annual Show	Lismore Show Grounds
24th August	Pure Breeds Auction	Lismore Show Grounds
17th - 19th October	North Coast National	Lismore Show Grounds

JUDGES 2024



Mitch Towle
📷 Lyn Heath



Dennis Dowdle
📷 Susan Mollenhauer



Mal McDougall
📷 South Burnett online

YOUNG BIRD SHOW SATURDAY - 27/04/2024

- Mitch Towle - Softfeather & Waterfowl
- Tim Tydd - Hardfeather & Juniors

ANNUAL SHOW SATURDAY - 8/06/2024

- Dennis Dowdle - All Softfeather Bantams
- Col McCall - All Hardfeather
- Mal McDougall - Large Softfeather & Waterfowl
- Juniors Judge (TBA)

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS



2024 Northern Rivers Agricultural Shows with Poultry

13 April	Bonalbo
16-17 April	Macleay
19-20 April	Grafton
21-22 September	Nimbin
27-28 September	Kyogle
11-12 October	Casino
17-19 October	Lismore
25-26 October	Alstonville
1-2 November	Murwillumbah
8-10 November	Mullumbimby
15-16 November	Bangalow

2024 Northern Rivers Poultry Club Events

21 April	Bangalow Annual Auction
4 May	Casino Annual Show
25 May	Bangalow Annual Show
19 May	Grafton Annual Show
9 June	Macleay Annual Show
22 June	Grafton Annual Auction
6 July	Lismore Far North Coast All Game Club Show
27 July	Northern Rivers Game Club Show
4 August	Alstonville Annual Auction

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I THINK I'M A...

Psychiatrist: What seems to be the problem?

Patient: I think I'm a chicken.

Psychiatrist: How long has this been going on?

Patient: Ever since I came out of my shell.

YOUR DUCK IS DEAD

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest.

After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away."

The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?" "Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet..

"How can you be so sure?" she protested.. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman..

The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$1,500!" she cried, "\$1,500 just to tell me my duck is dead!"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$1,500."

THREE LEGGED CHICKEN

A man was driving along a freeway when he noticed a chicken running alongside his car. He was amazed to see the chicken keeping up with him, as he was doing 50 mph. He accelerated to 60, and the chicken stayed right next to him. He sped up to 75 mph, and the chicken passed him. The man noticed that the chicken had three legs. So, he followed the chicken down a road and ended up at a farm. He got out of his car and saw that all the chickens had three legs. He asked the farmer, "what's up with these chickens?" The farmer said, "Well, everybody likes chicken legs, so I bred a three-legged bird. I'm going to be a millionaire."

The man asked him how they tasted. The farmer said, "don't know, haven't caught one yet."



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