



FCAQI NEWS

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President's Report

Welcome to the first newsletter with me as president of this new committee. I would personally like to thank all clubs and their delegates for their vote of confidence in us. We all have common goals and that is to do our best to serve all clubs and do whatever is good for the fancy. We have a great mix of old and not so old, experience and enthusiasm and have all hit the ground running.

One thing I really want to stress is the importance of input from all clubs and fanciers from all parts of Queensland. Every fancier and every club, no matter where in this big state, are as important as each other. We really want to hear from you, don't hesitate to ring me, the secretary, send an email or letter, we need your ideas to make FCAQI better and more relevant for everyone.

I hope you have all had a good breeding season and have a show team ready to support our many agricultural, club and feature shows. I know personally I don't have a spare weekend till mid August, eight judging appointments, a few shows to help run and showing at as many as possible, I love this time of year. I am also looking forward to catching up with as many of you as possible in the near future. So please, if you see me or any of our committee anywhere come and share your ideas or concerns with us. We are all involved in this great hobby for the same reasons after all.

Till next time,

Peter Reinke

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"To promote in every way the breeding and exhibition of poultry by whatever means deemed necessary by the Association.

To assist in the improvement and maintenance of the Australian Poultry Standards and to recognise that these are the official standards used in the adjudication of domestic land fowl, waterfowl, guinea fowl, turkeys and eggs at shows within Queensland.

To undertake activities that preserve and promote the history and appreciation of the standard breeding and exhibition of poultry and aviculture and other ornithological pursuits." FCAQI Constitution



Sonja Park with eldest daughter, Sophia

had various breeds from OEG's to Rosecombs and Plymouth Rocks. When we eventually bought a place of our own, he came home from the show one day with some OEG Black Reds and Wheatens and a trio of Edards Pekins. About a year later I discovered my first Silver Pencilled Wyandotte Bantam. That was it for me. Right or wrong, I had to have some. It didn't happen straight away, but eventually I was put in touch with someone and soon after that I was the proud owner of three hens and a rooster. We bought an incubator, bred a few chickens and joined the Maryborough Hervey Bay Poultry Club. Sandra Edards got in touch when it was time to get my entries in for my first show and talked me through, step by step, what I needed to do to have them all ready for the big day.

I could never have predicted what a handful of chooks would lead to in such a short space of time. While my calendar isn't quite as full as many others, I have taken on a fair work load between FCAQI and, most recently, the Secretary position at the Maryborough Hervey Bay Poultry Club. There are big shoes to fill there. I am lucky to have a very encouraging partner as about half of the conversations in our house revolve around the chooks. I'm sure my non-poultry friends think I have lost the plot at times.

What is so fascinating about putting a chicken in a pen and waiting for someone to tell me how good it is, or not? For me it is a hobby I truly enjoy. Whether it is pairing up a particular male with a certain female to try and improve on the last hatch, or watching this years pullets grow and develop. But as much as I love a bit of friendly competition and hearing the judges and fellow exhibitors' feedback, the best part about it are the friends I have made from all types of back grounds and age groups. It is those that have taken me under their wing (pardon the pun) and passed on their knowledge, that I have a particular soft spot for and I always look forward to seeing again. It is because of those people, who encourage you to do better, that I bring my two little girls to the shows with me and hope that they too get involved when they are a little older.

I hope to look back in 20 or so years time and know that I have made a contribution to this great hobby of ours. I certainly plan to be here for the long haul, and if you see me at your next show, please come and say hello.

Sonja Park - Secretary

Unlike most fanciers, I did not grow up around the poultry sheds at the local show grounds. My involvement went as far as feeding and collecting eggs from three Isa Browns and a Kahki Campbell in the backyard. Although my Dad has told me many times that the chook pavilion was always the first place at the local show we had to visit when I was younger, my love for purebred poultry really started because of my partner.

Growing up on a farm, Phil had bred poultry for most of his life and



Sonja Park, preparing birds for Maleny Show

AGM News

Fees & Financials

- **BNW Accountants of Warwick** were nominated to remain the accountants for 2015
- Club affiliation fee to remain at \$70 this year and exhibitor registration fees will also remain the same as in 2014
- Calendar cost to remain at \$20 per Calendar, including postage, with orders to be paid up-front
- Subscription fee for printed and posted FCAQI newsletter will rise from \$10 per annum to \$12 to cover increasing postage costs. Free copies are available on the website. The Museum newsletter subscription will remain the same at \$20 per annum
- Secretary's Honarium to remain at \$1,200.00
- Treasurer's Honarium would remain at \$500.00
- Newsletter Editors' Honarium to remain at \$400.00 be divided between the FCAQI Newsletter Editor and the Museum Newsletter Editor

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting took place at Rosewood on Sunday 15 March 2015.

The election of the new Management Committee and Office Bearers took place and some useful discussion followed. The full minutes are available for download from <http://www.qldpoultry.com/downloads-page> but a brief summary of the major discussions are as follows.

Two General Meetings a Year

Bernie Dryley moved a motion that the FCAQI hold a minimum of two General Meetings a year, including the Annual General Meeting, so that clubs and delegates can have more interaction and input in the general running of our hobby. This was accepted in principle and Ross Summerell then moved an amendment that the FCAQI selects these dates at fair intervals throughout the year

Fair Sharing of Show and Event Dates

Woodford and District Poultry Club, raised the issue of clubs who are changing their show dates, resulting in dates clashing with other clubs, resulting in poor attendance rates as exhibitors are required to choose which event to attend. This was discussed at length and it was decided upon that a letter would be sent to all affiliated club secretaries, asking for due consideration to be given when booking 2016 show dates and as a courtesy, letting the FCAQI know about their intended show dates with plenty of notice, so that the FCAQI could then advise whether another club had also scheduled an event on this date.



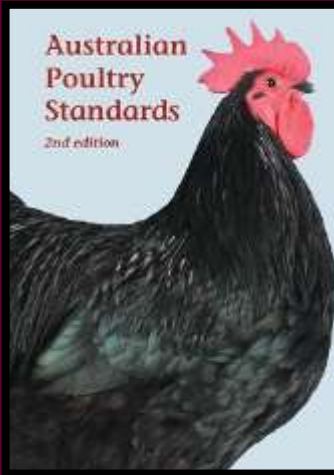
Exhibitor Registration Renewals

Dalby Feather Club raised the issue of why the FCAQI allows for Exhibitors to obtain an Exhibitor Registration directly through the FCAQI, rather than through a club. The club felt the following issues are raised if this continues:

- How does the club know that the Exhibitor has received their tag?
- How does another Club holding an event know that an Exhibitor has paid affiliation to a club?
- How does a new Exhibitor, who contacts FCAQI direct become affiliated with a club?

Irene Zahn, Secretary of Dalby Feather Club, raised concerns that by allowing Exhibitors to obtain a registration number directly through FCAQI rather than a club, was causing clubs to lose out on potential new members and therefore membership fees. Peter Reinke argued that some Exhibitors do not wish to be part of a club and that no club holding an event would turn away an exhibitor and their exhibitor's fee. It was agreed that the Management Committee would consider all comments that were raised and would decide on a workable solution. All clubs will be notified in due course. In the meantime, clubs could check on registered members by contacting the FACQI Secretary.

Annual General Meeting (Cont)



The Association is in the process of renewing the lease with the Caboolture Historical Society venue in at a cost of \$297.

The Museum needs the support of members so their work can continue.

Please sign up for the Museum Newsletter.

The FCAQI will continue to sponsor Encouragement Awards to all financial clubs that hold a show during 2015



Judging of New Imported Breeds

Ross Summerell tabled a motion with reference to his connections with the Rare Poultry Breeders Association. The motion was that the FCAQI recommend to all of their affiliated clubs that the fowls mentioned in Rare Poultry Breeders' Associations' letter, that is for Crevecoeur, Dutch Bantam, Old English Pheasant Fowl, Redcap and Scots Grey to be accepted in Open Classes and/or AOV Classes, and that the clubs should notify their judges of their presence, if any. These fowls are to be judged under the current British Poultry Standards until officially sanctioned by the Australian Poultry Standards Committee.

Owen Glover commented as State Representative for the APS2 that that there is a process in place that should be followed for admission of new breeds into the Standard and that this should be considered in this situation. It was understood that this process was being followed.

David Simons moved for an amendment to replace names of breeds with the words "and any other future breeds", so that the motion states:

The FCAQI recommend to all of their affiliated clubs that the fowls mentioned in the Rare Poultry Breeders' Association's letter and any other future breeds, be accepted in Open Classes and/or AOV Classes, and that the clubs should notify their judges of their presence, if any. **Convicted Poultry Thieves**

Ross Summerell suggested that any convicted poultry thieves should be banned from all FCAQI associated clubs across the board. Irene Zahn pointed out that poultry clubs are not in a position to punish someone after they have already been punished for their crime. It was also brought up how any club could prove someone was convicted without it being hearsay. Most clubs have a condition of entering their show that entry could be refused at the discretion of event holders. Peter Reinke also pointed out that the banning of registered members was already covered by the FCAQI Constitution by Clause 5 e) and Clause 9 (1) c)

General Meeting Times

A discussion took place regarding the Annual General Meeting time. It was moved that future General Meetings be held at a more reasonable time, for those who need to travel longer distances.

Leg Bands

Steve Higgins asked what was happening in regards to the leg banding scheme and if there had been any progress updates. Peter Reinke read out FCAQI's statement that was released regarding this, and re-confirmed the FCAQI's neutral stance on this topic and recommended people contact NAPIS for further information.

FCAQI Role

Adam Jannusch said he felt that more needs to be done to make clubs aware of the role of the FCAQI. It was suggested that perhaps a sign could be produced for clubs to put up at the entrance to their shows to state they are an FCAQI affiliated club.

2015 Royal Queensland Show

Poultry, Pigeon and Bird Competition—Entries Open

The 2015 Royal Queensland Show's Poultry, Pigeon and Birds Competition is now open for entries. There are some important changes for the competition this year. The 2015 Royal Queensland Show will be held Friday 7 August – Sunday 16 August.

New location for Poultry, Pigeons and Birds Competition

As part of the RNA's ongoing Brisbane Showgrounds Regeneration Project, the 2015 Poultry, Pigeons & Birds Competition will be relocated to the combined Dairy and Poultry Pavilion. The Egg Competition will not be included this year but will return in the future.



Layout

The exhibits will be housed across three areas including the combined Dairy and Poultry Pavilion and will be split by sections—Poultry, Pigeons and Birds (refer to map) Poultry will be in the Poultry Bays 1 & 2 in the Dairy & Poultry Pavilion. Birds and Pigeons and some Poultry exhibits will be in Poultry Pavilion. Waterfowl will be in Poultry Marquee. We will have signage linking the three areas to ensure maximum exposure to guests

New Judging Day

Judging will be held on Thursday, 6 August from 8:30am (one day prior to the start of the Royal Queensland Show). Exhibitors are able to access grounds to watch their exhibits being judged. The closest pedestrian access to the grounds is via gate 5A.

Penning in

Penning in of exhibits will be held on Wednesday, 5 August from 7am-8pm. There will only be one penning day due to the extent of animal movements in this area and to ensure the safety of the exhibitors and all crew. There will be food and beverage vendors open during this time.



Penning out

Collection of exhibits will be conducted on Monday, 17 August from 7am-5pm. For those with extenuating circumstances that are unable to pen out on this day, the following times can be provided: Friday 14 August 6pm–8pm, Saturday 15 August 5am-7am and Sunday 16 August 6pm-8pm. An application must be made in writing by 17 July, 2015 to the Poultry Committee for review if an alternate penning out time is required. All requests must be made to poultryenquiries@royalqueenslandshow.com.au

Vehicle access permits

All exhibitor vehicles that will be coming onto grounds to pen in and pen out with their exhibits must have a vehicle access permit. Please apply for your permit here <http://www.ekka.com.au/siteaccess.aspx>

Close of entry date

Friday, 19 June 2015. Enter online or mail entries in. To find out more information and to enter the competition please go to: <http://www.royalqueenslandshow.com.au/competition-categories/poultry,-pigeons-and-birds>. Further queries can be made to Kelly Barnett—Competitions Department Competitions Department (Ph: (07) 3253 3900 email: entries@royalqueenslandshow.com.au)



FCAQI Election 2015



Management Committee

- President: Peter Reinke
- Senior Vice President: Owen Glover
- Junior Vice President: Terry Politch
- Secretary: Sonja Park
- Treasurer: Cathy Reinke



Office Bearers 2015

- Assistant Secretary: Cathy Newton
- Judges Registrar: Peter Reinke
- Publicity Officer: Cathy Newton
- Newsletter Editor Museum: Dejonn Simons
- Newsletter Editor FCAQI: Cathy Newton
- Calendar Coordinator: Owen Glover
- Webmaster: Cathy Newton
- Patrons: Bob Whitehouse; Henry Palaszczuk
- Online Judges & Stewards Course Team: Cathy Newton (Chair), David Simons; Owen Glover; Peter Reinke
- Museum Curatorial Team: Bob Whitehouse (Chair); David Simons; Dejonn Simons



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"When you speak of Queensland Poultry, and Rosewood in particular, the name Clive Claus quickly comes to mind. He is a man who deserves utmost respect. He enjoys life, lives it at a fast pace and is an achiever at the highest level in whatever he undertakes."

Owen Glover



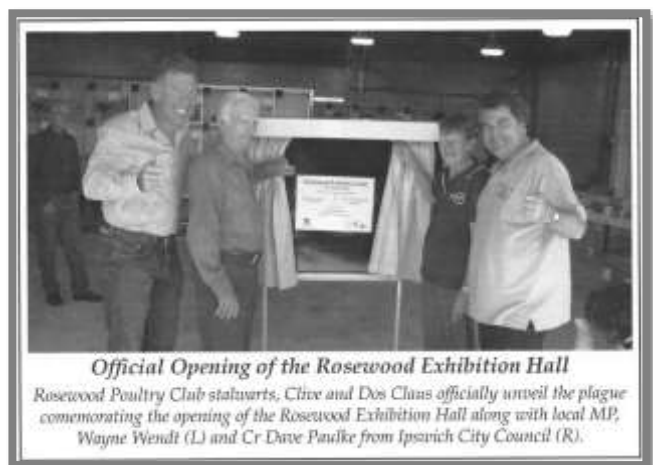
Clive Claus - Outgoing Patron

Clive Claus and his wife Dos have been living in Rosewood for the past sixty years. Clive has been an avid breeder and support of poultry, pigeons and waterfowl and he and his wife Dos have contributed enormously to the Rosewood Poultry Club over the last six decades. He has held the roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer and Dos has been Secretary/Treasurer until recently when they handed over those roles to Peter and Cathy Reinke.

Of German ancestry, born in Marburg in 1927 and raised in the local area, Clive has spent his entire life with horses, poultry, pigeons and cage birds. He worked in a grocery store after leaving school but moved on to spend thirty-four years as an underground coalminer. He married Dos in 1955 and together they have three children Sharon, John and Russell.

Over the years Clive has proven himself to be a master breeder with an ability to mate the right birds together to produce quality exhibition birds that have attained top awards and stock that is keenly sought throughout Australia.

This year at our recent Annual General Meeting, Clive stepped down from the position of Patron as part of his retirement from the heavy workload he has undertaken in poultry for his entire life. He leaves the role with our very best wishes and our sincere appreciation for his support and patronage during his time with us.



Show Results

Member Club Shows

(Affiliated Club Shows)

4 April Monto Show

- * Champion Bird of Show: BR Bantam - G Prior
- * Reserve Champion: Large Australorp Pullet Henry Surtees,
- * Hardfeather Large: Ch Male, Res Ch Male, Ch Female & Res Ch Female—N Keitley
- * Softfeather Large: Ch Male, Res Ch Male, & Ch Female—H Surtees; Reserve Champion Female: R Dunn.
- * Hardfeather Bantam: Ch Male—G Prior; Res Male—M & J McDougall; Ch Female & Res Female—K & S Kleidon; Ch Large Pair and Ch Bantam Pair —M & J McDougall
- * Softfeather Bantam: Ch Male—B & K Gleich; Res Male: M Agnew; Ch Female—N Nelson; Res Female—E & P Bowles; Ch Large Pair—H Surtees; Ch Bantam Pair—M Agnew

6 May Maleny Annual Show

- * Grand Champion Bird of Show: N Donalds (Bantam Light Sussex)
- * Reserve Chamion Bird of Show: Mandy Bennett (Standard Coronation Sussex)
- * Champion Softfeather Large: Darren & Michelle Dangerfield (Standard Gold Duckwing OEG)
- * Champion Hardfeather Bantam: K & M Clifford (Wheaten OEG)
- * FCAQI Encouragement Awards: Carol Ann Morris; Asmus Family

26 April Lawnton Rare Breeds & Varieties Show

- * Grand Champion Rare Breed – Kylie Lloyd (large Andalusian pullet)
- * Reserve Champion Rare Breed – Grame Hopf (bantam Blue Red Australian Game cockerel)
- * Grand Champion Rare Variety – Mandy Bennett (large Coronation Sussex cockerel)
- * Reserve Champion Rare Variety – Hopf & Stanford (large Muff Pit Game pullet)



- * Champion Rare Breed Softfeather Large – Kylie Lloyd (Andalusian pullet)
- * Reserve Rare Breed Softfeather Large – GT&S Croads (Blue Croad Langshan cock)
- * Champion Rare Breed Softfeather Bantam – David & Dejonn Simons (White Frizzle hen)
- * Reserve Rare Breed Softfeather Bantam – David & Dejonn Simons (Andalusian pullet)
- * Champion Rare Breed Hardfeather – Grame Hopf (Blue Red Australian Game cockerel)
- * Reserve Rare Breed Hardfeather – Allen & Jane Galloway (Pile Malay Game hen)
- * Champion Rare Breed Waterfowl – Matthew Denman (Rouen drake)
- * Reserve Rare Breed Waterfowl – Jane Cockerton (White Australian Call drake)



- * Champion Rare Variety Softfeather Large – Mandy Bennett (Coronation Sussex cockerel)
- * Reserve Rare Variety Softfeather Large – David Sloan (Blue Australorp pullet)
- * Champion Rare Variety Softfeather Bantam – Gary Tavener (Blue Leghorn pullet)
- * Reserve Rare Variety Softfeather Bantam – Gary Tavener (Blue Australorp cockerel)



Show Results

- * Champion Rare Variety Hardfeather – Hopf & Stanford (Muff Pit Game pullet)
- * Reserve Rare Variety Hardfeather – Matthews Sessions (Black OEG pullet)
- * Champion Rare Variety Waterfowl – Jane Cockerton (White Billed Mallard drake)
- * Reserve Rare Variety Waterfowl – Sean Nordling & Dave Green (Blue & White Muscovy duck)
- * Champion Turkey or Guinea Fowl – Daley Family (Bourbon Red male)
- * Champion Laced Fowl that is the Best of its Type – Kylie Lloyd (large Andalusian pullet)
- * Champion Henfeather OEG – J Gilpin & R Jones (cockerel)
- * Champion Hardfeather Large Overall – Hopf & Stanford (large Muff Pit pullet)
- * Champion Hardfeather Bantam Overall – Grame Hopf (bantam Blue Red Australian Game cockerel)
- * Champion Crested Breed – David & Dejon Simons (Tufted Roman gander)
- * Champion Guinea Fowl – B&J Hutchinson (Pied male)
- * Champion Turkey – Daley Family (Bourbon Red male)
- * People's Choice Award – Mandy Bennett (large Coronation Sussex cockerel)

17 May North Pine Show & Expo

- * Grand Champion Bird of Show: Sellin Family (Black Pekin Bantam)
- * Reserve Champion Bird of Show: Adam Grady (Bantam Pit Game Cockerel)
- * Grand Champion Waterfowl of Show—D&D Simons (Muscovy Drake)
- * Reserve Grand Champion Waterfowl of Show—D&D Simons (Saxony)
- * RI Feature—Grand Champion Rhode Island of Show—Geoff Robinson, RC Red Bantam Cock
- * RI Feature—Reserve Grand Champion Rhode Island of Show—Warren Cox (Large Red SC Pullet)



- * Junior Grand Champion Fowl—Summer Forest (Langshan Bantam)
- * Junior Grand Champion Waterfowl—Simon Velge (Saxony Bantam Drake)

Agricultural Shows

(Show Societies are not affiliated members but in accordance with the objectives in our Constitution, we are delighted publish results from Agricultural Show if there is space.)

19-21 March—Toowoomba Royal

- * Grand Champion Bird Of Show: Shaunn Jannusch (Black Langshan Bantam)
- * Reserve Champion Bird of Show: Charlie Zwoerner (Show Pen Homer)
- * Champion Large Softfeather: Mark Dyball (Silkie)
- * Champion Large Hardfeather: Michael English (Indian)
- * Champion Bantam Softfeather: Shaunn Jannusch (Langshan)
- * Champion Hardfeather Bantam: Clive Northey (Pit)
- * Champion Waterfowl: Wayne Patterson (White Mallard)
- * Champion Pigeon: Charlie Zwoerner (Show Pen Homer)



The Samantha McConnell-Green Perpetual Trophy for Champion Natural Bantam went to Mystic Park Poultry. (Pekin)



FOWL POX

Fowl Pox (dry) also called – avian pox, cutaneous pox, sore head.

Cathy Newton

This time of year we may be unfortunate enough to see cases of fowl pox. In Australia it is seasonal and strikes in late summer, especially in warm and wet areas that get a lot of mosquitoes and biting insects. Many avian species are affected by pox. In terms of backyard poultry, pigeons, quail, turkey, and chickens are affected. There are ten recognised species of Avipoxvirus, but the one of concern to chickens is the Fowlpox virus. It appears to be incapable of infecting mammals so this disease cannot spread to the humans who are caring for the birds. This disease is primarily spread through biting insects. Chickens with more exposed skin tend to get the disease quicker and chicks are more vulnerable to infection than mature adults.

Symptoms

The earliest indication of a pox infection is the birds going a little quiet and acting depressed. Sometimes you may notice respiratory symptoms, and perhaps loss of appetite. A few days later you may notice the first sign of pox lesions. The sores begin looking like a blister or a pimple which fill with fluid and then pus. Then they burst and a crust or scab forms over it. The scabs are usually dark and obvious and often this is the time when owners become aware of the disease and a diagnosis is made. In some severe cases, birds can develop lesions over their back, breast or other skin areas. The disease outbreaks that are limited to these symptoms are generally described as 'dry pox' (cutaneous form). Although there may be some losses, this is a disease



Pox lesions on Marans cockerel

that most birds will survive.

In some cases, the birds will also develop severe respiratory symptoms with lesions in the airway. This can happen when airborne virus is inhaled or spread to the respiratory system by other means. This diphtheritic form is a lot more severe and causes higher mortality rates. Lesions develop in the mouth, nose and throat as cheesy masses that interfere with eating and breathing. Among backyard breeders this diphtheritic form is generally described as 'wet pox'. This form of the disease tends to be limited to mature birds.

Incubation

Fowl pox runs for three to five weeks in affected birds. It can be transmitted through skin wounds such as insect bites, dubbing, fighting, or other injuries. It can also spread by means of feathers and scabs from infected birds. The disease can spread slowly from bird to bird, but usually spreads quickly when lots of mosquitoes are present. The lesions will start as small hard nodules that look like a pale blister. They can be less obvious at this stage. Over a few days they increase in size and scab over. The scabs fall off after a couple of weeks, sometimes leaving a small scar. Larger lesions can take longer. Pox lesions around the



Pox lesions on body

Fowl Pox (Cont)

eye can result in closure of the eye. Lesions around the eyes or nostrils can allow for the development of the diphtheritic form of the disease and in severe cases pneumonia may develop.

Treatment

There are no effective treatments for fowl pox infections. This viral disease must run its course. Topical treatments for external lesions such as Betadine or Aloe Vera are reported to be helpful by backyard poultry keepers. Some of these may help dry up the lesions and prevent bacterial infection. An infected flock can also be supported by attention to good diet, clean water containers and protection from inclement weather. A flock that is well cared for and not crowded is better able to fight off any disease.

In cases where there are pox lesions closing the eyes, bathing in warm saline can soften the sores so the eyes can open. Birds need to see to feed. Lesions around and in the mouth can also be softened and carefully removed with a cotton tip in order to make sure they can still feed and drink. In cases where secondary respiratory infections have developed, or the diphtheritic form of the disease is suspected, vet prescribed antibiotics may be necessary to help the birds.

Generally birds naturally recover in 2 to 4 weeks and are immune to a large degree, although there are cases of re-infection after mild cases of disease. Some recovered birds become carriers of the disease and may shed the virus in times of stress.

It is wise to thoroughly clean out housing after an outbreak to remove all infective scabs. Reduce the chance of further outbreaks by controlling the mosquito population.



Vaccination

Fowl pox was one of the first diseases of poultry for which vaccines were developed. It is possible for the exhibition breeder to vaccinate for pox at home. It is applied in the wing by a 'needle stab' or 'stick' method. A second vaccination is usually recommended. The development of a small pox lesions developing about 6-8 days after vaccination is an indication of an effective 'take'. Only healthy chicks should be vaccinated.

Vaccines may be purchased from Treidlia Biovet (<http://www.treidlia.com.au/>) and transported in an esky. Local avian veterinary clinics or rural stores may also be able to supply vaccine for breeders. Another option for acquiring vaccination is local hatcheries. Some of them will vaccinate birds for backyarders at a small cost at the same time as doing their own, so it may be worthwhile contacting them to enquire about this possibility.

References: Jordan, F. (2008) *Poultry Diseases* 6th ed. Elsevier Limited. Philadelphia;
http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/27_2739.htm

Volunteers Wanted!

Last year the CEO of Farm Fantastic asked me if I would be interested in having an information stall on Poultry at their show.

I instantly thought that I'd ask FCAQI and a couple of local poultry clubs if they were interested and they all agreed that it would be great to let the public know about us.

The information stall was called "**FCAQI and Local Poultry Clubs**" and it was held in August last year.



The stall was 6 metres square and I filled it with show cages and an assortment of poultry that was lent to me from the various clubs. We were positioned in a section on the left hand side in the QSEC section; this area was called Backyard Farming. We were with other stalls such as Qld organics, Worm farming, Adapt a Bee Hive and the Burpengary School with their recycling container program of growing plants.

The idea of the stall was to educate the public about joining a club, being with likeminded people, and to show that this type of a hobby was a terrific way of introducing children to a cheap hobby that gave them the skills and knowledge of animal husbandry. I also had information on the local council's restrictions on poultry. The show went for 3 days, and it rained all day Friday and Saturday, finally Sunday was a great day. I was inundated with interest from the public and passed the information about FCAQI onto them. This was not a club recruitment campaign but an informational stall on showing poultry.

I am writing this advertisement to ask for assistance in helping me with the stall. The show is on the 24th, 25th and 26th of July and it will be held at the Caboolture showgrounds. The stall is positioned in the wood chopping area with other stalls on gardening and animal husbandry. I don't sell anything at this stall. I need like-minded people to help man the booth; in return you will receive free entry into the show. You just need to be able to answer questions from the public, smile and appreciate that being in a poultry club is a fantastic way children and adults can learn about their chosen breed of poultry. I am a volunteer and I actually take time off my job to do this, so any help would be greatly appreciated.

I am looking forward to hearing from you!

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