



# *The Orpington Club of Australia* (Inc.)

## **‘The Orpington Outlook’**

April 2015 Autumn Edition



## *The Orpington Club of Australia* **25th National Show**



**Saturday 13th of June 2015**

**Dubbo Showgrounds NSW**

**(corner of Fitzroy & Wingewarra Streets, Dubbo, NSW)**

**Judges:**

**Mr Dale Ashton (NSW)-All Large Orpingtons**

**Mr Ken Bergin (NSW) – All Bantam Orpingtons**

**Entries close : Friday June 5th**



- ◇ All Entries to Show Secretary: Suzanne Knight, PO Box 7049 Watson ACT 2602 or via email [Suzanne.knight@anu.edu.au](mailto:Suzanne.knight@anu.edu.au).
- ◇ Entries will be accepted **ONLY** from Members of The Orpington Club of Australia.
- ◇ New Members will be accepted by enclosing the \$20 Membership Fee with their entries.
- ◇ Cheques and money orders should be made payable to the Orpington Club of Australia or via Direct deposit.
- ◇ Show schedule & membership form can be downloaded from [www.orpingtonaustralia.com](http://www.orpingtonaustralia.com)

**Established in 1985 the Orpington Club of Australia is  
dedicated to promote and protect this stately breed.  
'We do best what we do together'**

## From the Presidents Shed.

Hello members,

It's not too far from the National Orpington show now, the time will fly.

Anticipation is building in my poultry yards with some of the pullets considering taking up smoking to calm their nerves. I have convinced them this is a bad plan!



Seriously though, I really look forward to our National, seeing old friends and making new ones. Indeed, one of the main strengths of our club is the very people who comprise it, and you would need to go far to find a more friendly, helpful group of people.

I have also been exceptionally pleased with the previous two Outlooks in so far as the contributions made by members, particularly new ones. Martine's contribution highlighted the joy she got from seeing her first chicks hatch. Well Martine, that happiness will never leave you as I still get a terrific buzz from seeing chicks hatch each year, it's just a marvel of nature.

Another aspect of her article gave me pause for thought too, and that was the dubious value of some of the advice available on the Net. This of course is now the media of choice, the immediacy of the various sites and real time answers to questions holds great appeal for many. If you are on one of these forums or chat sites (I think that's what they are called) do the club a favour and make it clear that for the absolute best advice, you could do no better than join our club. The depth of poultry knowledge our club as a whole contains is probably unmatched by very few others, with a number of members being legends of the poultry fancy in their own right. To this end (and at the suggestion of club legend Dallas Smith), I would like to establish the option in the Outlook for a question and answer segment, whereby the question posed and subsequent answer is printed for the benefit of all.

Please feel free to contact me on:

[simonbeven@yahoo.com.au](mailto:simonbeven@yahoo.com.au) and or PH: 48 367-393 (after 7pm please). I will endeavour to ensure the answer you get is satisfactory, drawing on the aforementioned pool of knowledge held by club members (I sure don't know it all!) The response you get may not be as swift as a chat room but it will be correct. Can I make a plea for members to utilise this (especially new members) as I recall some of the mistakes I made earlier in my poultry keeping (with no doubt more to come), could have so easily been avoided had I had access to something like this.

Anyway, I look forward to seeing as many as possible of you at Dubbo, and if previous Nationals are anything to go by you will need to bring your "A" game as well, because the competition will be fierce!

Best wishes to all,

*Simon Beven*

Proud President of the Best Club in the World.

# Round the Traps from the Secretary.

This is my favourite part of the Orpington year. It's the time of anticipation as the days get ticked off the calendar and we get closer to the National Orpington Show. Yes it's about getting the birds ready to show, planning the journey, booking the hotel, etc etc. But it's also about knowing that you will meet up with fellow Orpington enthusiasts and enjoy the camaraderie of our one big weekend a year! It really is something special to experience. Which is why we are hoping as many of you as possible will make the effort to get to Dubbo NSW on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 and celebrate the Clubs 25<sup>th</sup> National Show! Having spoken to Bob Stanley – Orpington Club Life member and Dubbo PC President- the local crew are looking forward to hosting a grand show.



This April 2015 edition of the Orpington Outlook includes all the things you need for the National Show. There is of course the 2015 National Orpington Show Schedule and the Entry Form which you can send- with the appropriate remittance to our wonderful Show secretary Suzanne by email or snail mail. Entries close on FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015!!!!

As this is a members only show and our membership year now closes off on the 30<sup>th</sup> April many of you will need to rejoin to be eligible. Again the \$20 annual membership fee can be paid at the time of entry with your entries and should be sent through to Suzanne. There are also details of an innovation pilot classification which recognizes that Orpingtons can come in many colours!

There is the AGM notice – normal business this year with no changes to the Club Constitution although we will need to discuss the Clubs support and involvement of the 2016 National Poultry Show which has now been confirmed for the Queen's Birthday weekend June 2016 hosted by Sydney RAS.

Included again is the list of Accommodation options for those planning to stay over in Dubbo. Which is probably pretty sensible if you are planning to join the traditional Post show Club meal. This year venue is Sporties Restaurant on Erskine Street which is walking distance to most motels. The set price is \$23 per head which is for an all you can eat smorgasboard of Asian and western style cuisine. That's not my description alone but the venue websites <http://www.sportiesdubbo.com.au/index.html>. Seats for dinner need to be booked and paid for with show entries so that we can make sure we have the right space allocated to us at the Venue!

I would also urge members to contribute to and take advantage of the Presidents Q&A section. Oh how I wish it was around in my early days!!!

Cheers for now

Martin D

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# Fancy showing off something Weird and Wonderful at the National Show?

By Vicki J and Martin D

Many of us find the occasional unusual, but beautifully coloured, bird (or two) pop up in the flock each year that really doesn't fit any of the standard show colours, or even 'developmental' colours. This can be the result of a project mating eg crossing a Blue Orpington with a White to get a better White. Or crossing a Cuckoo with a Black to get a better Cuckoo. Or crossing a Buff with a Blue to (eventually) get a better Buff! Often these birds are kept as curios or as future project birds or even for eating (they taste the same as a standard sometime s better because of the hybrid vigour!!) However they can never be shown as while they might have come from standard coloured birds, they aren't. They are not eligible for the developmental colour classes either because there is no such recognised colour as a blue eyed buff/black white legged Orpington!!! However often they are a really nice Orpington shape and are sometimes quite a stunning colour. To show you what we mean here are a few photos of this year's (Bitza/Heinz) like off coloured birds that would fit into the Weird and Wonderful



category!

*Three examples of late 2014 hatched growers that have come from standard White Orpington parents. Will resemble an Orpington in everything but a standard or even developmental colour!!! However they can be entered in the W&W Classes at the 2015 National Show'*

So after some discussion we have managed to persuade the Clubs brains trust to let us try and experiment something we hope might encourage members to show their Orpingtons in both Large and Bantam that meet the criteria of being 'Weird and Wonderful'. Why Weird and Wonderful? Well when we were chatting about some birds that had hatched last year there was the first thought 'well that's Weird -that shouldn't have happened' which then led to a 'How Wonderful I wonder how they will grow out?'



So in the 2015 National Club Show schedule you will now see Weird and Wonderful Classes for Male and Female Standard and Bantam Birds. These classes are for these 'Bitza/ Heinz' birds that don't fit into any colour category whether standard or developmental.

### **First and Foremost they need to look and feel like an Orpington!**

So **the primary judging** of these classes will be applying the Orpington standard for type, shape, head, neck, plumage, legs and feet and finally handling/weight. A judge will be appointed by the Club to adjudicate on these classes. The winner will be the bird that most fits the above criteria and its prize will be the perpetual "**W&W Colours Cup**" which has been specially made for and kindly donated by Aussie Orpingtons.

**The second part of the judging will be by popular vote.** Every person who comes into the National Show shed before 1.00pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June will be given two coloured dots. They will then be able to place those dots on the pen front of up to two birds entered in one of the four WW Colour class. The bird with the most dots placed its pen front by the close of this judging will earn the title Most Popular Weird and Wonderful Coloured Orpington of Show and a bag of chook food for its owner!!

This class is aimed at providing a bit of fun and a few extra entries/dollars for the Club. Exhibitors in this class still need to be a Club member the entry fee is still the same and such birds are not eligible for any other award. We are not advocating that you breed from this bird either – although that's your decision-or even give it way/sell it as an Orpington- because in truth it's not.

It's sure to raise some (vigorous) debate as to how the Club addresses the growing issue of non-standard Orpingtons appearing here there and everywhere. One never knows that by surfacing this Orpington in other colours issue it may well preserve and protect the heritage of the Breed as we know it? But for now it's a bit of fun so don't hold back. If you have a bird that is weird and wonderful in your shed don't hide it -show it!

Vicki J and Martin D

<b>Shows supported by the Orpington Club of Australia in 2015</b>		<b>Location</b>
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Royal Sydney Easter Show	Sydney NSW
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup> National Orpington Show	Dubbo NSW
July 10-11	Royal Melbourne Poultry Show	Melbourne VIC
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Rosewood PC Annual Show	Rosewood QLD
August 7-16th	EKKA Show	Brisbane QLD
August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lithgow & District PC- Orpington Feature Breed	Lithgow NSW
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tasmanian Rare Breeds Show	Hobart TAS
September 4-13th	Royal Adelaide Show	Adelaide SA
Nov	The Buff Orpington Club (UK)	UK
Dec	The Orpington Club of GB	UK



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Thanks to Bob Stanley and Peter Sheridan of the Dubbo Club for providing a list of accommodation recommended on the basis of easy access & distance to the Dubbo Showground, which is the venue for our 25<sup>th</sup> National Show on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>.

1. **Camping in Showground** – there is enough facilities for “as many who wish to camp” (no need to book ahead). Facilities include:
  - Power to all sites
  - Amenities blocks
  - Cost - \$20 per night per site/van
  - Payment to be made with show entries

	Name	Address	Contact	Stars
1	Best Western Blue Diamond Motor Inn	113-115 Wingewarra St	(02) 6882 0666	3.5
2	Dubbo RSL Club Motel	Cnr Brisbane & Wingewarra St	(02) 6884 9099	4
3	Quest Dubbo Serviced Apartments	22 Bultje St	(02) 5809 8600	4.5
4	Dubbo Palms Motel	35-39 Cobra St	(02) 6881 8155	3.5
5	Aberdeen Motor Inn	25 Cobra St (opp. McDonalds)	(02) 6884 2554	?
6	No. 95 Accommodation	95 Cobra St	(02) 6882 7888	4
7	Comfort Inn Dubbo City	57 Cobra St	(02) 6882 7033	?
8	Econo Lodge Fountain View Motel	113-115 Cobra St	(02) 6882 0026	?
9	Australian Heritage Motor Inn	Cnr. Cobra & Brisbane st	(02) 6884 1188	4
10	Comfort Inn Blue Lagoon	79-85 Cobra St	(02) 6882 4444	3.5
11	Cascades Motor Inn	147 Mitchell Highway (Cobra St.)	(02) 6882 3888	3.5
12	Blue Gum Motor Inn	109 Cobra St Cnr Cobra & Gipps St	(02) 6882 0900	3.5
13	Matilda Motor Inn	231 Darling St	(02) 6882 3944	3
14	Country Apartments	230 Brisbane St	(02) 6885 1141	4
15	Country Leisure Motor Inn	86 Cobra St	(02) 6882 3988	?
16	Golden West Motor Inn	87 Cobra St	(02) 6882 2822	?
17	Dubbo Mid state Caravan Pk	21 Bourke St	(02) 6882 1155	3.5
18	Green Gables Motel	134 Bourke St	(02) 6882 5588	4



# The Orpington Club of Australia (Inc)

**Secretary–Martin Doulton**

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## **2015 Annual General Meeting**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015 Dubbo Poultry Pavilion**

**Commencing at conclusion of Judging and following the SGM**

- 1. Welcome, Apologies and Attendance**
- 2. Minutes from 2014 AGM held at Canberra -Queanbeyan on June 21st 2014**
- 3. Matters Arising from previous AGM**

### **Reports**

- a. Presidents Report
- b. Secretary's Report
- c. Financial Report

### **4. Election of Officers**

- a. President
- b. Vice Presidents (2)
- c. Secretary/Treasurer
- d. Public Officer
- e. Show Secretary
- f. Southern Committee
- g. Northern Committee
- h. State Representatives

### **5. Any Other Business**

- a. Setting of Annual membership Fees for 2016-17.
- b. 2016 National Show Venue

### **6. Meeting Close.**

Presentation of Club Trophies and Report from Judges



## *The Orpington Club of Australia* **Office Bearers 2014-15**

**President:** Simon Beven

**Vice President:**  
Denis Stannard,

**Patrons –** Will Burdett (UK)

**Secretary Treasurer:** Martin  
'Wananga' Doulton

**Webmaster-** Jenny Stewart:

**Foreign Correspondent-** Rob  
Callinan

### **Life members:**

Jim Blatch (Dec), Charlie Bishop (Dec), Rob Lavender (Dec), Rob Callinan, Dallas Smith,  
Judy Witney, Robert Stanley

### **Southern Committee:**

Judy Witney, Sonya Ford, Jenny Stewart, Sue Venator

### **Northern Committee:**

Dallas Smith, Rob Callinan, Denis Stannard, Simon Beven

### **2015 National Orpington Show Organisers:**

Jayne Stannard & Suzanne Knight

**State Representatives-** TBC

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**A big welcome to our newest Members who have joined since the beginning of February 2015 ( and are current til the 30 April 2016)**

From **Queensland**- Jordan Mckeon, Cynthia Andrews

From **Tasmania** – John Wadsley, Brendan Ward

From **Victoria**- Angela Antoniou, Sharon Caddy & Celeste Ely

**As of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015 All Memberships are now Due! There is an easy way to pay Your MEMBERSHIPS**

**The Orpington Club of Australia membership year now goes from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> the following year. New Memberships received between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015 automatically expire in the following year (to 30 April 2016)**

**\$20 for adults and \$10 for juniors get you at least 4 newsletters a year but more so the ability to connect with passionate fellow Orpington Breeders.**

**Download a form from [www.orpingtonaustralia.com](http://www.orpingtonaustralia.com) and either send your remittance to the Club Secretary Martin Doulton at;**

**965 Macclesfield Road, Yellingbo VIC 3139**

**Or pay by Direct deposit into the Clubs account BSB 062 549 Ac No 0090 1366 Ac Name Orpington Club of Australia then send Martin an email with updated membership details, date and deposit details [secretary@orpingtonaustralia.com](mailto:secretary@orpingtonaustralia.com)**

*The Orpington Club of Australia (Inc.)*  
**THE 25<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL ORPINGTON SHOW (2015).**

At Dubbo Showgrounds NSW ( cnr of Fitzroy and Wingewarra Sts)

Proudly assisted by Dubbo Poultry Club

**Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**JUDGES- Mr Dale Ashton (NSW)-All Large classes.  
Mr Ken Bergin (NSW) – All Bantams classes**

**ENTRIES CLOSE & MUST BE RECEIVED BY Friday June 5th**

Entries , accompanied by the appropriate entry and membership fees, should be sent by;

- mail to Suzanne Knight PO Box 7049 Watson ACT 2602 or
- via email [Suzanne.knight@anu.edu.au](mailto:Suzanne.knight@anu.edu.au). Cheques and money orders should be made payable to the Orpington Club of Australia or via Direct deposit (please check with Show secretary for club account details).

Entries will be accepted **ONLY** from Members of The Orpington Club of Australia. New Members will be accepted by enclosing the \$20 Membership Fee with their entries.

**ENTRY FEE- \$ 2.00 per bird per class for up to 12 entries**

**Extra entries ( beyond 12)- \$1.00 per bird**

**SHOW REGULATIONS.**

1. This Show will be conducted under the Rules of The Orpington Club of Australia and the Model Rules of The E.P.A of NSW. Copies of these rules may be perused at the Show Secretary's Desk.
2. Entries will be accepted only from Members of The Orpington Club of Australia. New Members may pay their subs. along with their Entry Fees.
3. Judging will be carried out in accordance with the Standards appearing in "*The Australian Poultry Standards 2nd edition*", AND those adopted by The Orpington Club of Australia.
4. The Judge's decision will be final in all matters regarding merit, and eligibility.
5. Judging will be "open", but onlookers are asked to maintain a respectful distance from the Judges and Stewards. An associate Judge may be appointed to handle certain classes if deemed necessary after entries have closed.
6. Perpetual Trophies are retained by the winners until the next National Orpington Show when they are to be returned for further competition.
7. Penning of Birds may take place from 5 p.m till 7p.m. on Friday June 12th ( pavilion closes at 7pm) and from 7 a.m till 8.30 a.m. on Saturday. Judging commences at 9.00 a.m sharp. Please note on your entry form if you intend penning on Friday night before 7pm.
8. Unpenning of Birds may take place immediately following the Awards Presentation. No exhibit may be removed without supervision from the Show Manager or their delegate .This will be rigidly enforced!!!!
9. NOTE! Single birds from Breeding Pairs, and varieties other than Black, Blue, Buff, White, Cuckoo or Splash are NOT eligible for the Best In Show Award.
10. Where four (4) or more entries are received for a non- classified (AORC) variety, a separate class/ classes will be provided for that variety. Please ensure that variety details are completed on the entry form.
11. Entries for the W&W Colours Classes (057 Large Male. 058 Large Female, 059 Bantam male, 060 Bantam Female) are only eligible if they are not a Standard or recognised APS colour. Judging process will be explained via the Orpington Outlook and on show day

**The pavilion will be open on Sunday morning for removal of birds, upon arrangement with the DPC and the Show Manager.**

### **LIST OF SPECIAL AWARDS.**

**Champion Orpington In Show- The Will Burdett Trophy, The Jim Blatch Shield and The Club Cup- The above are Perpetual Trophies and will be held by the winning exhibitor until the next National Orpington Show)**

**Champion Orpington of Show– Club Sash**

**Reserve Champion Orpington of Show– Club Sash**

**Best of Colour in Show-Large or Bantam- including Pioneers” Trophies to be won outright.**

**Champion Black In Show- The Jim Blatch “Pioneers Trophy”**

**Champion Blue In Show - The Rob Lavender “Pioneers Trophy”**

**Champion Buff In Show - The Charlie Bishop “ Pioneers Trophy”**

**Champion Cuckoo in Show- Donated by Tas Doornsbusch**

**Champion White in Show- Donated by Waninga Orpingtons**

**Champion Splash in Show- Donated by Denis and Jayne Stannard**

**Champion AORC in show from Development Classes (025-028) and (053-056)- Perpetual Trophy donated by The Cuckoo Breeder– Winner to retain this Trophy until next National Orpington Show.**

**Champion W&W Colour in Show from W&W Classes (057-060)- Perpetual Trophy donated by Vicki Jerrett- winner to retain this trophy until the next National Orpington Show**

**Commemorative Medals from Landsklubben Denmark for Best Exhibitor in both Large and Bantam**

**\$100 for Champion Large Buff- Simon Beven**

**Special certificates from UK Orpington Club and Buff Orpington Club**

**The White Rose Trophy for Best Large White in Show- donated by the Gibson Family Trust.**

### **IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE**

#### **Large Fowl Specials-**

**Best of Variety in each of Black, Buff, Blue, White, Cuckoo, Splash and A.O.R.C - \$40 Cash + Rosette**

**Res. Champ of Var. in each of Black, Buff, Blue, White, Cuckoo, Splash and A.O.R.C - \$10 Cash + Rosette**

**Champion Large Breeding Pair– Certificate**

#### **Bantam Specials-**

**Best of Variety in each of Black, Buff, Blue , White, Cuckoo, Splash and A.O.R.C- \$40 Cash + Rosette**

**Res. Champ of Variety in each of Black, Buff, Blue, White, Cuckoo, Splash and A.O.R.C- \$10 Cash + Rosette**

**Champion Bantam Breeding Pair- Certificate**

**NOTE! The initials “A.O.R.C. ” refers to “ Any Other Recognised Colour. Specials for this category are restricted to classes 025-028, (Large Fowl) and classes 053-56 (Bantams)  
Additional donated awards will be allocated as received.**

**\*\*\*\*SCHEDULE- The 25<sup>th</sup> National Orpington Show (2015)\*\*\*\***

<b>SCHEDULE OF CLASSES.</b>					
<b><u>LARGE FOWL</u></b>	<b>Cock</b>	<b>Hen</b>	<b>Ckl</b>	<b>Pullet</b>	<b>Breeding Pr.</b>
Black	001	002	003	004	A
Buff	005	006	007	008	B
Blue	009	010	011	012	C
White	013	014	015	016	D
Cuckoo	017	018	019	020	E
Splash	021	022	023	024	F
A.O.R.C	025	026	027	028	G
W&W Colours	057	058	057	058	
<b><u>BANTAMS</u></b>					
Black	029	030	031	032	H
Buff	033	034	035	036	I
Blue	037	038	039	040	J
White	041	042	043	044	K
Cuckoo	045	046	047	048	L
Splash	049	050	051-	052	M
A.O.R.C.	053	054	055	056	N
W&W Colours	059	060	059	060	

<p><b><u>Please Check your class Numbers carefully and complete ALL details on the Entry Form</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Attached to this Newsletter</u></b></p>
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**NOTE!-** Special classes will be provided should there be more than four(4) or more entries of any specific AORC variety

**BIRDS FOR SALE-** As usual there will be a good number of birds for sale. "For Sale" notices may be picked up from the Show Secretary and may be displayed upon the completion of judging of the respective variety. Transactions are to be handled completely between the vendor and purchaser.

**Birds sold under Private Treaty (excepting Variety Champions) may be handed to purchasers by the vendor before unpenning BUT strictly under the supervision of the Show Manager.**

