

The Orpington Club of Australia (Inc.)

‘The Orpington Outlook’ Winter 2020



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'We do best what we do together'

From the Presidents Shed

Fellow Orpington breeders I hope the winter has treated you kindly, this is something not to be taken for granted in the year of Covid-19. Speaking to our secretary Martin yesterday who has been in lock down for many months, and I asked him how he was? His reply was "the sun is out and the Orpington chickens are hatching, so what could be better than that". Normally Martin would be jet setting around running the world of sport and the chooks would be dependent on the generosity of Mrs Doulton. Needless to say in these darker days there are some good things that come from bad times. Enjoy your chickens Martin, and of course Mrs Doulton's company...

The Covid-19 egg project is about to commence, a massive undertaking from a small section of the membership, but in advance thank you to those participating for supporting the project. There will be time for specific thankyou once we have completed the task, but one thing that I would ask is that everyone receiving eggs be patient.

For a club administrative perspective we have had a few changes. Firstly Dennis Stannard, who after thirteen years as Vice President, has decided to step down for 2020 and concentrate on a few other things. Dennis, and his wife Jayne, made a massive contribution to the club whether it be as National Show Manager or in Show admin support but generally as all round advocates for the Breed. Thankyou Dennis and Jayne.

I would also like to thank Karen Bussian for her stint as Qld state representative. Karen has decided to devote more time to family activities which includes becoming a Granny but will continue to do a capable job of managing the Website which she built. Thankyou Karen and good luck with the booties.

On the State Representative front we have three new state representatives, Vicki Owen in Qld, Tim Tydd in NSW and Jodie Harris from Tasmania. Thank you all for standing up and taking on responsibilities for your states. I would ask all members to get behind your state reps with activities they try to implement.

From a club revenue point of view the Covid-19 project has delivered a lift in membership and of course running expenses have been reduced. We have a new book (new edition) planned for next year so plans are continuing for maintain and growing club revenue.

Anyway I hope you enjoy this newsletter. Kate puts a huge amount of work into this and for this I thank her. Martins administration of the Club is the envy of every other Poultry Club President, we are lucky to have you Martin, thank you.

Enjoy your spring hatching.

Ross Gibson
President Orpington Club of Australia

From the Secretary's desk

Like everything and everyone the COVID 19 pandemic has impacted on the Poultry fancy in 2020. Our National Orpington Show along with most of our State Feature shows have been cancelled as we all work together to flatten the curve aka the spread of the virus.

The main part of my contribution to this Newsletter is to focus on the light at the other end of this tunnel we are all in – which isn't the train by the way. Like many others I have been working from home (WFH) for over five months with at least two more scheduled here in Greater Melbourne. The good thing about this situation is that I am able to wander down to my fowl pens whenever I feel a little blue or overwhelmed. Just watching my growers scratch around the orchard oblivious to the health and now economic crisis affecting the world creates a calm that I feel most grateful for.

WFH also gives me more time to think Orpingtons. Along with your executive and state reps we are taking this time to address the current environment and plan for the future.

In the short term we have postponed the 2020 AGM to the 2021 National Orpington Show - which is going back to Dubbo NSW in June 2021- and also extended the membership of all current 2019-20 financial and junior members until 30th April 2021. The website www.theorpingtonclubofaustralia.net.au - has also been updated and you will now find an FAQ on arrange of topics, an archive area for all (29) Online Club newsletters produced since spring 2011 as well as a section of faults to look out for and a countdown clock to the 2021 National Orpington Show.

All the 2020 State Features bar one – at the time of writing this report- have been cancelled due to COVID 19. I know Cliff (WA Rep) is hopeful that Royal Perth (September 26-Oct3) will actually go ahead.

With more people having more time at home our Facebook site has been going off with more members, more posts and more likes than ever. After some discussion the Club now has a bit of more of an idea about the role of social media and we are now looking at leading the debate rather than waiting for content. Steve Parker has kindly agreed to set up a regular education post helping newbies in particular understand what a good Orpington looks like and how to tell what is one plus also what a fault such a split wing, wry tails, bent toes look like and why it is undesirable to breed with birds with these problems.

Finally hats off to our President Ross for his initiative in helping bring a bit of joy to the world with the free fertile eggs Clubs offer that was posted via Facebook. The responses have been most positive and gratifying and which will lead to better quality Orpingtons around the land. Which has got to be good for the breed.

For now though stay safe, follow the self- isolation directives, clean your hands more often and above all enjoy your Orpingtons.

Martin D

Secretary The Orpington Club of Australia.

From the Editor

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Outlook. With the show calendar pretty much cancelled and leaving members with some spare time to read... we have decided to make this edition full of lots of helpful tips for our new members – tips on feeding, incubating and caring for your birds.

Much thanks to the contributors: Helen Cooper, Trevor Dent, Ron Walsh, Sonya Ford, and particularly Ross Gibson and Martin Doulton, who contribute a lot. We wouldn't be able to do a newsletter without your help.

Hoping you all stay safe & well.

If you would like to see any topics or articles in future Outlooks, I'm always happy to receive items for the newsletter. Drop me a line at gouldingjensen@gmail.com or send to the Secretary.



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Rowan Vallance & Steve Parker –
Awarded Bird in Show with a large black
cockerel at the Softfeather Poultry Club
Annual Show 2020 in Maitland NSW



The Softfeather Poultry Club Annual Show, Maitland NSW - 26th July 2020

Judge Large - Phil Tisdell

Judge Bantam - Andrew Stevenson

Bird in Show	Large Black Cockerel – Parker & Vallance	Reserve Champion Bird in Show	Large Black Pullet - Rowan Vallance
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Large Section Results

Champion Large	Black Cockerel – Parker & Vallance	Res Champion Large	Large Black Pullet - Rowan Vallance
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Champion Black	Ckl - Parker & Vallance	Res Champion Black	Large Black Pullet - Rowan Vallance
Champion Buff	Plt - Kevin Whitton	Res Champion Buff	
Champion Blue	Ckl - Steve Parker	Res Champion Blue	
Champion AORC	Ckl – Kevin Whitton	Res Champion AORC	

Class	# entries	First	Second	Third
Black Ck	2	Kevin Whitton	Mahmoud Elahi	
Black Hen	1	Kevin Whitton		
Black Cockerel	10	Parker & Vallance (CH)	Parker & Vallance	Parker & Vallance
Black Pullet	13	Rowan Vallance	Parker & Vallance	Parker & Vallance

	# entries	First	Second	Third
Buff Ck	2	Kevin Whitton	Amy Kervin	
Buff Hen	2	Amy Kervin	Jacob Price	
Buff Cockerel	2	DJ's Poultry & Livestock	A & M Gavenlock	
Buff Pullet	4	Kevin Whitton (CH)	A & M Gavenlock	A & M Gavenlock

	# entries	First	Second	Third
Blue Cock	2	Steve Parker	Amy Kervin	
Blue Cockerel	2	Steve Parker (CH)	Mahmoud Elahi	
Blue Pullet	4	Mahmoud Elahi	Kevin Whitton	

	# entries	First	Second	Third
AORC Cockerel	2	Kevin Whitton (CH)	Kevin Whitton	
AORC Pullet	1	Kevin Whitton		

Bantam Section Results

Champion Bantam	Black Hen - Steve Parker	Reserve Champion Bantam	
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Champion Black	Hen - Steve Parker	Res Champion Black	
Champion Buff	Ckl - A & M Gavenlock	Res Champion Buff	
Champion Blue	Hen - Lyn Livingston		
Champion White	Ckl - Bill Goldman	Res Champion White	
Champion AORC	Hen - Lyn Livingston	Res Champion AORC	

	# entries	First	Second	Third
Black Cock	1	Lyn Livingston		
Black Hen	1	Steve Parker (CH)		
Black Cockerel	2	Steve Parker		
Black Pullet	4	D.J.Smith	D.J.Smith	

	# entries	First	Second	Third
Buff Cockerel	2	A & M Gavenlock (CH)	A & M Gavenlock	
Buff Pullet	2	A & M Gavenlock	A & M Gavenlock	

	# entries	First	Second	Third
Blue Hen	1	Lyn Livingston (CH)		

	# entries	First	Second	Third
White Cockerel	1	Bill Goldman (CH)		
White Pullet	1	Bill Goldman		

	# entries	First	Second	Third
AORC Hen	4	Lyn Livingston (CH)	D.J.Smith	D.J.Smith

Judge's comments for Bantams – from Andrew Stevenson

I would like to thank the Softfeather Poultry for the invitation to judge the Heavy Bantams at their annual show. Congratulations to the show committee for putting on what was a very successful and enjoyable day, particularly given the restrictions in place.

In the Bantam Orpington section I was presented with a small but high quality group of birds that were well prepared and presented. In the Blacks I was impressed with the feather quality and type present in both the males and females on display. The winner for this section was a very classy hen who showed a profusion of feather without unnecessary fluff. She carried a distinct Orpington outline, a wide, beetle green feather and when handled was firm and well fleshed. In fact it was a highlight of all the Orpington Bantams on display that they handled well and carried the weight expected for their size and breed and weren't just 'all feather' so to speak. Two very handy Black males were also exhibited and two pullets that weren't quite up to the type and condition of the hen on the day.

The runner-up on the day was a solitary Blue Hen. She matched the Black hen for type and condition however was ultimately let down by some uneven shading of ground colour and carrying a slightly looser underline. Nonetheless she was an eye-catching hen and fine example of the variety.

In the Buff section two pullets and two cockerels were exhibited. Best of variety went to a very handy cockerel. There wasn't much between all four of the exhibits but in the end the winning male possessed a more even ground colour than his female counterparts and was a little deeper in body, stronger in tail structure than the second placed male. I would've liked to have seen the width at the breast of the Buffs carry through better to the tail as they pinched away a little compared to the winning Black. The cleanliness of ground colour was excellent, as was the under colour.

A nice pair of White Orpington Bantams were present on the day with Cockerel coming out on top. Both birds were well presented and in good condition. Both had lovely soft feather quality and possessed a good amount of feather without being too loose underneath. I would've liked to have seen both birds broader in the breast through to the tail and also a bit more depth in the breast wouldn't have gone astray.

The AOC class comprised of two Black Mottled Hens and two Chocolate Hens. All four females were fine examples of these varieties. The Mottles were solid birds with good type, excellent feather quality and met the colour requirements for this variety. They both lacked a roundness to the body in some sections, particularly when viewed from front on. The Chocolate Hens both displayed quite nice outlines however were prone to being too loose in the feather around the thighs. Both Hens were an even and attractive Chocolate all over with one of these Hens going on to be best AOC followed by the two Mottled Hens. With a growing number of breeders I can see no reason why both these varieties won't be challenging the more established colours for major honours in years to come.

The Black Orpington Hen went on to be named Champion Heavy Softfeather Bantam and Reserve Bantam of Show.

Well done to all the Orpington exhibitors in what turned out to be a very successful day for the breed.

Andrew Stevenson

Incubation Tips

From Helen Cooper

Most people's initiation into incubation starts off small. A few mixed breed eggs and a cheap incubator off eBay is generally the start of either an addiction, or a total failure.

I was one of many who started out with one of the eBay yellow lids of death incubators, followed closely by another, then another. I had epic fail rates. It was so disheartening. So I did some research, joined some incubation groups on Facebook (should have went there from the start) and really thought about what I wanted to achieve.

I breed Large Black Orpington, Silkies and Sussex and although I don't show, I want to have quality, healthy birds that I am happy to sell with my name behind.

After much research I decided on 2 Greatlander Offspring. 1 Auto turn and the other manual for the purpose of solely hatching in. I was tossing up between RCOM (another fantastic brand) but I could get 2 incubators for the price of 1.

Now remember at the start when I said it could either be addictive or a failure? I have now outgrown my 2 little 'Offsprings' and have a cabinet incubator that holds 352 eggs!

To start off the incubation process you need to make sure your incubator is running at the correct temperature between 37.5 and 38.5. Most people use a calibrated external thermometer for this. Humidity isn't important in chicken eggs for the first 18 days, I have always dry incubated and have never had any problems from it.

Selecting eggs, you want clean, non-misshapen eggs.

If your using an upright incubator where the eggs are sitting up, make sure you have them sitting pointy end down, this is very important so the chick forms around the air-sack. If you have a manual turn or an incubator that lays its eggs on the side, I suggest marking one side with an X. This is so you can manually turn them and know what you have turned or you can see the incubator has moved them for you. Turning is an important part of the process.

I tend to "Candle"(iPhone torch) the eggs on day 5, tossing out anything that is not developing, started to develop and died, or has cracks in the shell.

I check again when I put them into "**Lockdown**".

So just onto Lockdown, that's generally the stage where if somethings going to go wrong it will.

To prepare for Lockdown on day 18, I start by getting everything I need close to me so I don't accidentally knock or drop some very fragile little bum nuts. I use non-slip matting (draw liners from the cheap shops) in the bottom of my incubator, take out the eggs very carefully, the turning tray and then fill your water chambers with warm water, THIS gets the condensation going which keeps the humidity up. You want the humidity sitting around the 75% mark, I have hatched with it a lot higher, but 75% is a good point. Place the eggs carefully in the incubator on their side. Now this is MY opinion on POSTED eggs. I hatch my posted eggs upright (fat end up) in an egg carton. Due to most posted eggs having saddled air-sacks, I have had a lot more success this way.

Check your temperature and humidity and LEAVE THEM!!! (but do check the temp and humidity daily) It is very hard to not want to meddle. It's like putting a whole bag of lollies in front of a child and saying "you can look but not touch".

If the humidity drops quickly lift the lid and pop a bit more warm water in, careful not to pour it over the eggs.

So by now you're up to day 21. The magic number. Hopefully you have a pip or 2, maybe even a few chicks? If you have no action, don't panic! Babies aren't always born on their due date. Some chicks, especially a bigger breed take a little longer to hatch. **LEAVE THEM!!** I can't stress this enough. Chicks can survive 3 days in the incubator.

Assisting a chick to hatch too early is pretty much certain death. If a chick has attempted to hatch and has become dried out, by all means help it. If it was at the unzipping stage it will have absorbed all its yolk sac and blood and is ready to hatch.

Now hopefully all your chicks are dry and ready for their brooder. Fresh food and water, a nice warm place but also enough room to escape the heat for a bit.

Make sure you clean your incubator up immediately. Disinfect and dry so it's all ready for the next batch.

And also, enjoy your chicks! I do waste a lot of hours just watching my chicks and chickens.



Ten Tips that may help you hatch and brood your chicks successfully

Martin Doulton

When I was first starting out with Orpingtons I lost more chicks than I would care to think about by doing exactly what I am suggesting in this article you do and don't do.

With the Club Fertile eggs project now in full swing and many breeders with incubators readied and /or in action we need to remember that's not the end of the chicken caring process. It's in fact only the start. Many a hatch and their subsequent growth has been negatively impacted by what you then do with the newly hatched chicks.

Here are a few tips and observations -learned from the school of hard knocks- on raising newly hatched chicks through to growers that may help and ensure that all the effort put into hatching our precious fertile eggs is not wasted through making avoidable mistakes.

Tip #1 - Check the things you need actually still work!

Incubator- one that works and has been tested since last season

Hatcher- sometimes it easier to clean up the mess of hatching in a separate unit to the incubator. If that's the case apply the same principle as above

Brooder- the unit/place where you will be brooding the hatched chicks for up to the first six weeks of their life.

- If you are using a heating unit (Lamp and/or Warmer) does it work?
- Have you got a backup/ spare?
- Have you tested both?
- Is the brooder secure – from rodents, pets and prying little fingers?
- Is it draft free?
- Can you access it simply and with little fuss?
- Can the chicks get stuck in a corner away from the light and die?
- Is the brooder escape proof from day 1+ to Day 36+ = think 'Chicken Run' here?

Brooders can made of anything – old glass aquariums, apple bins, recycled chests of drawers, plastic tubs- whatever works for you works!

Essential other Equipment for your brooder is you will also need **Food** – I use a proprietary chick crumble-, and a **Feeder**, **Water**- I use 500ml pet **Drinker** as have found chicks can drown in open bowls, **a suitable floor medium**- I use washed sand from Bunnings which is easy to clean out and have found to be better than shavings.

Stage 1 Pre- Incubation

Hopefully you have looked after your breeding groups and /or eggs as the precious resources that they are. A good resource guide can be found at <https://www.aussiechooksupplies.com.au/buying-fertile-eggs/>

Stage 2 Incubation.

Day 1-15. Your eggs have been collected, are clean, safely stored and, if posted, are still relatively intact. Post-delivery and with a day or so of resting up – during which you have booted up your incubator- you should follow all instructions, set the eggs and hope all is going as it should e.g. temperature is right and hasn't fluctuated too much, humidity is steady, daily turning is on track, etc.

Tip #2 - Make sure you have the right date. I use the free Hatchabatch App developed by Bellsouth to track my settings of eggs and ensure I know when they are due and at what stage of development the eggs are (which is much better than my fading memory and/or an oft lost scrap of paper!)

Day 16- Do you candle the eggs? On at least on one occasion during the incubation period you should candle the eggs to see how many you might have hatch. I do this at day 16 as I admit to being quite bad at it. There is a good article/tutorial on candling and what to look for on the Bellsouth website <https://www.bellsouth.com.au/index.php/faqs/incubation/>. If you haven't done it before have a go but learn from the experience rather than remove eggs that are possibly fertile. Remember posted eggs will have lower fertility than hand delivered eggs so perhaps a 50% fertility rate might turn out not to be too bad.

Day 19- Assuming you are using an artificial incubator, as against a broody hen, at this point you stop turning the eggs and either set the incubator up to hatch mode or transfer the eggs to a hatcher. Follow your incubator instructions on how to set up for the hatch. Ideally you will have trialled the incubator and hatching process with a previous batch but if not follow the instructions.

Day 21- If the suns, moons and stars are aligning you should have some eggs chipping with the wonderful signs of new life today. Resist the temptation to keep opening up the incubator to check on the hatching eggs progress- or lack of it! Let mother nature take its course- you can really stuff up the hatching process if you interfere! If a chick can't get out I know it's hard but it might not be ready and if you help it its likely not to survive anyway. If all the eggs were put into the incubator at the same time then they should hatch within 24 hours – chicks survive quite well in the incubator or hatcher for that period of time. Remember too that fertility rate might not equate to hatching rate!

Tip #3 - Clean it NOW! Thoroughly clean your incubator as soon as the hatch is finished. Don't put it away or use it again if it is still dirty.

Stage 3 Hatching and Growing

Day +1. Make sure your brooder has been set up a couple of days before the hatch is due and is the right space for the number of potential chicks you are expecting. I use old wooden apple bins with a ceramic globe and 30cm metal brooder shade for heat= globes are 100w-150w depending on hatch numbers. Other use eco-glow heating plates which can be adjusted for height as the chicks grow. Each bin is cleaned out and disinfected after each brood is raised.

Tip #4 - When brooding if possible keep the very young Orpingtons, especially bantams, separate from older birds because they are soft and are easily knocked about by the stronger chicks.

Tip #5 - Key thing is giving chicks and growers enough space to feed and move. My rule of thumb is to try and raise no more than a maximum of 25 chicks together.

At the beginning of a breeding season when fertility in Orpingtons can be quite low you might only hatch a few per batch. In that case it may be ok to brood a couple of hatches separated by a week together if you have the space in the brooder to do so. Ideally though brood only the same hatch together.

Check your chicks for defects and if vaccinating do it now and/or in accordance with the veterinary & manufacturer instructions.

Tip #6 - Don't forget to turn the heat source on in the brooder -and check it is on- before you move the chicks over.

Very young Orpington chickens must not be left for long periods without a heater as they have little capacity to keep themselves warm and will promptly die. So for the first two weeks of each brood check the heater last thing at night and perhaps throw a feed bag over the brooder during winter. If using globes for a heat source check you have a spare just in case the globe in use breaks.

Tip #7 - *to get new chicks moving perhaps add the smallest chick from the previous hatch to educate the new chicks to feeding and drinking. If not available then dip several of the new chick's beaks into the water, and spread food at the edge of the heater.*

In the event of a power blackout and aside from having a spare generator knocking about the place - which we do - a good source of heat is hot water in a PET soft drink bottle placed on the floor of the brooder when the chicks are very young.

I feed the chicks a medicated proprietary crumble which has produced good results. For the first week or so I add mashed up boiled egg in a shallow tray which I find really helps to get them going.

Day 7+. Congratulations if the chicks have lived this long and have no defects from hatching such as bent toes & slipped hips – which are terminal defects-then you are doing well particularly. I now start adding some chaff on the litter to scratch around in. I feed this proprietary ration until they are about 6-8 weeks.

Tip #8 - Check for clogged bums. *Remove the manure that can paste over the vent as it will clog up the gut system causing the death of the chick. Check their toes for manure knobs too as if left too long the toe nails will be garrotted off.*

Day 36 +. After gradually reducing the heat as they feather up now is the time for a bigger pen and subject to weather conditions no additional heat source.

Make sure the space works for your growers. Too many birds in a pen leads to the litter becoming a damp compacted mess and unable to absorb droppings. sheet.

Tip #9 - Watch out for bullying. *When putting 6-8 week old chicks into large pens and there are already some older birds in the pen the older birds could kill the younger ones.*

Finally here is... Tip #10 - If in doubt Google it!

Happy Incubating, Hatching and Brooding may your chicks grow into really great Orpingtons!

Martin D

Feeding Tips

Its 50% in the Breeding and 50% in the Feeding.

Many an Orpington has been hatched from good parent stock only for its potential not to be realised through poor feeding. So with many new members now hatching eggs as part of the Clubs Fertile Eggs Initiative we asked a number of leading breeders what they feed their Orpingtons to help them fulfil their genetic potential.

Large Orpingtons eat a lot. They are big bird and big birds need lots of food. But it needs to be the right food at the various stages of growth. Many a chick/grower/juvenile bird has been ruined by poor feed and an inconsistent feeding regime. And yes there is such a thing as overfeeding and too much protein. Forced feeding can be worse than under feeding!

Other factors that will limit growth is breeding from pullets, over-crowding, small day pens, poor roosting conditions, infestations (rats, mice lice, worms to name but a few) as well as rapid changes to feed products. This feed regimes described below are for information purposes only.

Each breeder has their own preferences regarding feed and regimes. Some feed once a day, some allow birds to feed ad lib what you feed and how you do it has to suit you and your birds. There is no hard and fast rule and it can take years to marry up your birds with the feed and regime you are implementing. By asking around you can then formulate your own opinion as to what you would prefer to feed your birds.

#1 Kate Goulding - *I feed in the mornings. I make up a mixture of Lucerne chaff, Jenco layer mash, layer pellets, Kewpie breeder ration and Happy Hens poultry vitamins from Planet Poultry. I also like to let the birds run out on grass as much as possible. From October on they go on a bit of a diet for summer, the layer mash is reduced to reduce the amount of corn and less feed is put out overall. The humidity can really take its toll on the birds on the far North Coast of NSW.*

#2 Trevor Dent - *I feed a wet, hot mash every morning. My father told me many years ago to feed them what they can eat in 10 minutes as a guide. Seems to work for me.*

#3 Sonya Ford - *I use a cat litter tray, feed in the morning and use a grain mix, handful Lucerne chaff mix in 10litre bucket. Average for 6 hens 1 full dipper. If there is some left in the container in the morning don't give as much and if they are demolished give a little more. They only get fed once a day and look well. Let out for a pick every second or third day*

#4 Ron Walsh - *Laucke Showbird Breeder available 24/7. A cup of scratch late in the day. As much fresh greens as I can give them*

#5 Waninga Orpingtons - *Newly hatched chicks get a start with mashed up boiled eggs supplementing the standard chick crumbs. I hatch up to a maximum of 20 chicks at a time so they get plenty of space in the brooder which is a converted apple bin. At about 5-7 weeks they start going onto pullet crumble (ad lib) and then a high protein mash fed warm with chaff most mornings. I get them into fresh grass runs as soon as I can and by 12 weeks start separating Ckls into smaller groups to reduce competition. At 16 weeks I have generally picked out the Ckls for the show team and they start getting single penned and onto their show conditioning feed which involved ad lib Golden Yolk Layer pellets from the auto feeder and a once a day special mash. On a year-round basis Pullets and Adult breeding stock have access to layer pellets all day from auto feeders plus plenty of green feed. I try not to change birds from pen to pen too often either.*

In conclusion you can see that every breeder has their own preferences regarding feed and regimes. Some feed once a day, some allow birds to feed ad lib what you feed and how you do it has to suit you and your birds.

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Are You Prepared for the Summer Ahead?

R.W. Gibson

Last year I was introduced to Facebook and some of the poultry sites and forums, and I was aghast at the losses that people incurred during last summer's heatwaves. I believe many of these losses were the result of a lack of planning and implementation of management strategies to combat the prevailing heatwave conditions. I would therefore like to pen a few points which may prove useful in combating the challenges facing us this summer.

I would suggest that some good preventative management can stop a lot of heartache and grief later in the season.

What are Most Poultry Deaths Caused From?

- Fowls Grossly overstocked, i.e. too many fowls in the one pen.
- Tin Sheds which provide little if Relief from temperature extremes
- Fowls Too Fat
- Water Not Clean
- Lack of Cool Water
- Fowls which have been breed which just can't shed excessive body heat.
- Stock run Inappropriately
- Stock left to their Own Devices

Most Poultry Deaths in Summer Are Preventable. When it comes to heat management of poultry one of the best stock hands I know is a lady by the name of Tracey Bird Gardiner. She breeds possibly the best large Silver laced Wyandottes in the country in a town called Narromine in Central Western NSW. The average temperature for January February for 2017 was over 40 degrees with a high of 46.1. The challenges she faces every year to get her large soft feather fowls through the summer I would argue make the rest of our challenges small scale. The point here with some preventative steps we can reduce our summer losses.

Housing and Stocking Rates

Fowls Over Stocked

I like to run my hens in groups of no more than 15, ensuring they have at least 3m² per bird. Currently or breed is going backwards because too many older hens are not getting through the summer to make the breeding season next year. Your old hens are the foundation of your stud, look after them as you would the Crown Jewels. They should get the premier pens in the yard.

Housing of male birds I believe is where most people get into trouble. This partly comes from often having too many breeds or colours. You cannot expect cockerels to live in a cockerel box through summer. The same box, pen or cage may be ok for 9 months of the year but through the summer they are just a death trap. Adult cock birds need to the same amount of space at least 3m².

Tin Sheds and In Appropriate Housing

Several years ago when I was away mustering I had to spend a week in January camping in a tin shed. The worst week of my life. The shed would be comparable to most poultry sheds I have seen. From this time on I have taken a few with poultry housing that if it is not good enough for me to be comfortable in then the fowls probably won't be comfortable either. Uncomfortable fowls lead to stressed fowls which contributes to higher mortalities.

The other thing that I think leads to problems in the summer is concrete floors. They look neat and tidy but they prevent fowls from being able to have a really good dust bath. Which is so important to allow the fowl to actually drop its body temperature.

So, what can we do?

Insulation is a must, either installed in the shed when you build it, or through insulation paint which you can buy which has sun repelling properties. I know painting the outside of her sheds with one of these paints has been a critical management tool Tracey Bird Gardiner has employed.

Ensure the outside runs are covered with a heavy grade shade cloth or better still shaded by trees and shrubs. Plants such as sugar cane and Potato vine can provide perfect foliage to take the edge off the summer heat. This outside coverage is critical as the reflection of radiant heat from the ground in the afternoon which can be nearly as hot as the heat from the sun.

Ensure there is enough shaded worked up soil for all fowls in the pen to lay in cool moist earth. In Heat wave conditions, I believe half an hour wetting these areas in the evening or morning can help save more birds than anything else. It costs little, doesn't take much water but it provides the birds with some genuine relief. Some people use misters, but too many times have I seen systems like this fail, with power outages, water shortages and the like. It is amazing how automated systems pack it in when the chips are down, particularly poorly designed ones. I am not a fan of misters.

Fowls Too Fat.

Yes, hens particularly older fowls like many of us Australians are too fat. And I think with many newer Orpington keepers your fowls are in fact pets not livestock. The point here is cut out the treats like cheese and corn, put your hens on a good layer pellet ad. lib. in November and you should have no need to worry. Give the Xmas scraps to the growers and all should be well.

Water Quality

One of the hardest challenges is to keep water cool and clean. All I can suggest here is to make sure waters are cleaned every couple of days, they are kept in the shade and keep water in larger volume containers, to help keep it cooler. This is where I don't like automatic water systems, in heat wave situations. Unless the piping has been properly laid under the ground often the water delivered to the fowls can be warm by the time they get it. So, if you have automatic waters which 10 months of the year are brilliant, it may help to throw some home-made drum waters in the yards.

Stock Management

Anything which can stress the fowl can contribute to weakening the fowl and making it less able to cope with heat stress. We need to keep this in mind when running our stock.

Segregation

Older hens, they don't need sex through the summer, give them a spell from the boys in the hot months. They will be much happier.

Don't let light breed chickens run with heavy breed chickens, they have a totally different outlook on life and the heavy breeds will benefit particularly from running by themselves.

Run chickens in their respective age groups. Just like boarding school the Year 7 kids do it tough in the playground.

Most of us Orpington breeders seem to have bantam Orpingtons along with our bigger fowls, the same applies here, run them separately.

Parasite Management

In late November make sure your fowls have been drenched for internal and external parasites.

Plan Your Holidays

Unfortunately, you can't have everything in life and basically going away for 2 weeks in heat wave conditions every summer and running poultry just don't go hand in hand. If you love your surf board more than the fowls, get rid of the fowls. You can't expect anyone else to look after the birds the way they need to be in these sorts of conditions. Speaking from experience we lost more fowls (6) in four days over Christmas last year than we did for the rest of the summer, when I for the sake of family harmony went to the coast for four days, over Christmas.

Conclusion

You may think much of what I have write is a little undoable, but unfortunately with our summers getting hotter we need to change with the times. Many of the disaster stories last year could have been averted and many good older fowls could still have been with us, if preventative measures had been put in place. There is one question that I will leave you with.

“How many fowls can I house and segregate in the hottest two months of the year satisfactorily?”

If the number is 30, then this is the stocking rate you should then run for the rest of the year. The easiest way to manage stocking rate is to reduce the number of breeders or colours you run. A real problem with modern day poultry keeps, but that is a debate for another day.

Looking Back -

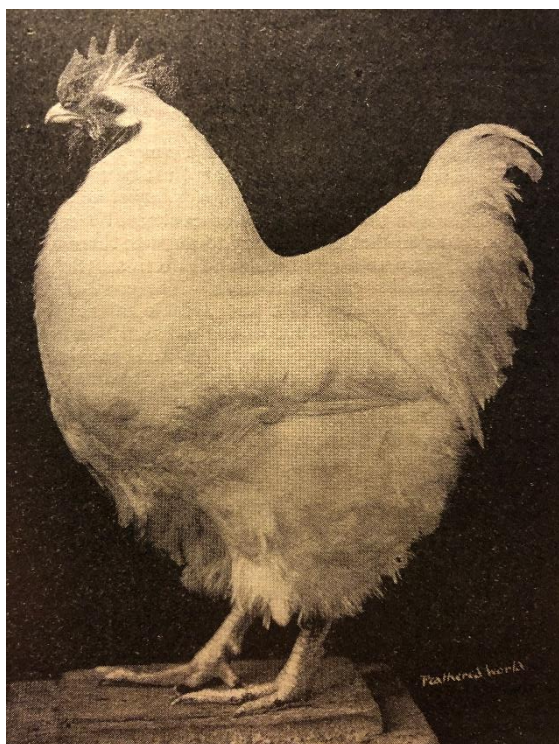
White Orpingtons

Extracted from Feather World 1914

To those who prefer a White fowl, and who have the time and energy for washing and shading, the White Orpington is an excellent variety for the amateur to take up. They are splendid layers and splendid table fowls. Good classification is provided at most Shows and the winners are in many hands, no one particular breeder being paramount. Unfortunately a great deal of damage has been done to the variety by a number of letters written to the Press dealing with the subject of bleaching, which has been the means of causing a number who would possibly have taken them up fighting shy of them, fearing that there must be a good deal of truth in a lot that was written. In the writer's opinion this bleaching is practically non-existent, and the chief prize winners of the year have been shown in a perfectly natural condition. White Orpingtons should be shaded from the age of about four months, but in shutting them up it is essential that they are not kept too closely confined but allowed well ventilated and airy covered runs, fresh air being necessary to dry the sap out of the young feather.

In mating for Exhibitors breeding, the male should be as typical as possible, with good short white legs, neat comb, sound lobes and a red eye, whilst the females should possess the same qualities as far as possible, but even if one has to lose a little type in the females they must have plenty of size and depth of body. It is necessary with Whites to get them out fairly early as they take rather longer in feathering up than the Blacks, and even at the Dairy Show in October a number of cockerels shown were far from ready.

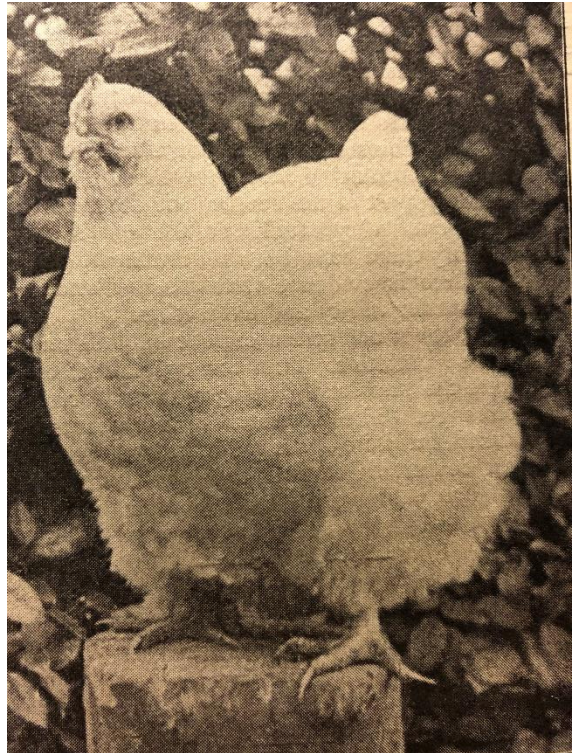
The chief difficult with the Whites lays in the washing of them and the subsequent drying out. The first step is to thoroughly wash and scrub their feet and shanks, cleaning out the dirt from under the scales. Then follows the immersion in the three baths of water as described in all text books for the washing of White fowls. It is in the drying that the greatest care with White Orpingtons has to be taken as, with exceptions they become very creamy when washed. The best method of drying, when it is possible to use it, is the sun, but unfortunately it has a happy knack of not being in evidence during the winter months when most of the showing takes place. Failing this the birds must be dried quickly before a warm fire, or, better still, in one of the patent drying and fluffing boxes that are on the market, care being taken that in the one used provision is made for a current of warm fresh air to be continually circulating round the bird.



White Cockerel Bred and Exhibited by Mr W.M Bell 3rd Dairy White Orpington Club Show (55 entries)

During the early part of the season the demand for the White Orpington slackened off very much and there was almost a slump in them, but recently there have been a number of good sales made with them, and there is evidence that the demand for them will again be steady both for utility and exhibition.

White Orpington Pullet Property of Mr T Longbottom Cup and Trophy for Best White Orpington at Club Show, York 1913



In conclusion, too much stress cannot be laid on the part that type plays in these varieties. Aim for type first, especially with the Blacks, where the standard gives 30 points for type as against 10 points for plumage. The difference in the points for Whites is not quite so marked, but here again we have type counting 30 points as against 20 for colour. Get your type fixed in your strain and you can then make your selection for your breeding stock for colour.

Orpington Club of Australia


Club Executive and State Rep Profile

Name	Ross Gibson
Role in the Club & Contact details	President Gibsonfamilyfarm.gff@gmail.com 0447 971 836
What Orpingtons do you Keep?	Large- Black
What is Your most memorable 'Orpington' moment?	Taking Rose my daughter to the her first National at Queanbeyan. 10 hour drive with Rose - she was 3 years old. The pullets scoured on the trip. Put the fowls in the show cages and because it was so cold I couldn't do them up for judging as had to get Rose out of the weather. Over dosed Rose with pain killers so Sonya Ford saved the day here thank goodness. Then Rose at the Club Dinner sat with Dallas Smith and had desert. Won't forget that weekend in a hurry...

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Orpington Club of Australia

Club Executive and State Rep Profile

Name	Martin Doulton
Role in the Club & Contact details	Secretary/Treasurer Email secretary@orpingtonaustralia.com Tel. (H) 03 5964 8224
What Orpingtons do you Keep?	Large- Black/Blue/White/Cuckoo/Splash Bantam- Black/Blue/Splash
What is Your most memorable 'Orpington' moment?	Actually I have two. First one is the moment when I first saw a Large Orpington -it was a black at the Royal Melbourne Show in 2004- and even more momentous was that my wife said we should get some! Little did she know what she had let herself in for! Second one was my first poultry show – the 2008 National Poultry Show in Canberra. Yes we won Ch Large White with a home bred pullet but it was the wonderful camaraderie of the Orpingtonians that really struck me!
Picture	 A photograph of Martin Doulton, a man wearing a white lab coat and a yellow cap, sitting in a metal cage at a poultry show. He is holding a large white Orpington rooster. The background shows other cages and people in the show hall.

Orpington Club of Australia

Club Executive and State Rep Profile

Name	Sonya Ford
Role in the Club & Contact details	Victorian Representative sonyaf@wideband.net.au 0408230311
What Orpingtons do you Keep?	Large- Black/Blue/Splash/Buff Bantam- Black/Blue/Splash/Buff/Chocolate
What is Your most memorable 'Orpington' moment?	Have had a couple. First one was in 2009 at the Victorian Rare and New Breeds Show getting Champion Bird of Show. First major win with a home bred Orpington. Orpingtons were on the Rare Breed list then. The friendships that have developed with the breeding and showing of my Orpington's over the years. Priceless!!

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Orpington Club of Australia

Club Executive and State Rep Profile

Name	Kate Goulding
Role in the Club & Contact details	Assistant Secretary & Outlook Editor katgo@mullum.com.au or gouldingjensen@gmail.com 0428 221 077
What Orpingtons do you Keep?	Large- Black/Blue/White (just...)/Cuckoo
What is Your most memorable 'Orpington' moment?	Discovering Orps! They are a bit addictive these wonderful gentle giants. They never fail to make anyone smile when they see them pick themselves up and waddle off like 1800's ladies picking up their long skirts! Then of course learning about the "Orpington family", who I have found to be a great bunch of people!

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Orpington Club of Australia Club Executive and State Rep Profile

Name	Karen Bussian
Role in the Club & Contact details	Website Administrator karen.bussian@bigpond.com
What Orpingtons do you Keep?	Large- Black/Blue/Buff/White/ Splash/AORC/Development Bantam- Black/Blue/Buff /Cuckoo/Splash/AORC/Development
What is Your most memorable 'Orpington' moment?	Meeting and learning from some true doyens of the Orpington breed like Clive (& Dos) Claus, Bruce Hodgson, Ross Kerle & Dallas Smith to name a few over the last twelve years. One of my most memorable moment is: 2017 Champion Orpington , Champion Soft feather & Reserve Grand Champion Fowl – Royal Queensland Show
Picture	  <p>Reserve Grand Champion fowl at the EKKA, Qld 2017. Bred & Owned by Karen Bussian.</p>


Orpington Club of Australia Club Executive and State Rep Profile

Name	Vicki Owen
Role in the Club & Contact details	Queensland Representative Email: vicki@houseofskirt.com.au Phone: 0438 899 138
What Orpingtons do you Keep?	Large- Black/Blue/Buff/White/Splash/White Rose Comb
What is Your most memorable 'Orpington' moment?	29 th April 2018 MBRPC Rare Breed & Rare Variety Show - Grand Champion Rare Breed & Champion Soft feather Large Rare Breed - Black Orpington exhibited by Me, my first home grown winner.
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Orpington Club of Australia Club Executive and State Rep Profile


Name	Cliff Weichelt
Role in the Club & Contact details	Western Australian State Representative caweichelt@gmail.com 0425636183
What Orpingtons do you Keep?	Large- Black/Blue/Buff/White/ Splash Bantam- Black/Blue/Buff/White/Splash
What is Your most memorable 'Orpington' moment?	Many fond memories spending most weekends with my Grandfather with our Orpington flock, but the greatest moment was winning my first Bird of Show at a major event; The Perth Royal Show.
Picture	 A photograph of a man with short brown hair, wearing a black t-shirt and olive green cargo pants, smiling and holding a large, fluffy brown Orpington chicken. He is standing outdoors in a grassy area with a wooden fence and some trees in the background.

Orpington Club of Australia Club Executive and State Rep Profile

Name	Jodi Harris
Role in the Club & Contact details	Tasmania State Representative cuesandclicks@gmail.com
What Orpingtons do you Keep?	Large- Buff, White, Black and Blue Bantam- Buff, Lavender
What is Your most memorable 'Orpington' moment?	Driving 8 hours return to get my first trio of Buffs!
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Orpington Club of Australia Club Executive and State Rep Profile

Name	Steve Parker
Role in the Club & Contact details	Facebook moderator 0417 663 627 sparker@teepeegrazing.com
What Orpingtons do you Keep?	Large- Black/Blue/Cuckoo/Splash Bantam- Black/Blue/Splash
What is Your most memorable 'Orpington' moment?	National Orp Show every year!

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2020 National Orpington Club Elected Office Bearers and Direct Appointees

Role	Name
Patron	Dallas Smith
President	Ross Gibson
Vice President 1	<i>Vacant</i>
Vice President 2	Angus Barlow
Secretary /Treasurer	Martin Doulton
Assistant Secretary	Kate Goulding
<i>National Show Secretary 2021</i>	Suzanne Knight
Public Officer (NSW)	Kate Goulding
EPA NSW Delegate	Kate Goulding
<i>WA State Rep</i>	Cliff Weichelt
<i>SA State Rep</i>	Trevor Dent
<i>Vic State Rep</i>	Sonya Ford
<i>TAS State Rep</i>	Jodie Harris
<i>NSW State Rep</i>	Tim Tydd
<i>QLD State Rep</i>	Vicki Owen
Junior Development Rep	Julie-Ann Mills
Facebook Moderator	Steve Parker
Website Administrator	Karen Bussian
APS3 Standards Group	Club Executive plus Dallas Smith
Executive Bank Signatories	Ross Gibson, Martin Doulton, Kate Goulding

Presidents AGM Report 2020

A very difficult year has just passed for all in Poultry with the Covid-19 outbreak. Highlight of the year has been the continued demand for high quality Orpingtons. This has been dwarfed by the demand for utility Orpingtons. Whether it is Covid-19 driven or a cultural factor the demand for back yard chicken is reaching unprecedented levels. The only concern here is that the quality supplied as utility Orpingtons is maintained at a reasonable quality level. The role of the Club here is to attempt to maintain this quality of Orpington (Protect Preserve and Promote), whilst also providing ongoing management assistance to these backyarders.

In an effort to do this the Facebook activities continues to be our main method of education, thank you to the admin group who diligently run this. The other activity planned here is the Covid-19 Egg project. Hopefully this will get some people started with Orpingtons and encourage membership, whilst providing a little joy in these tougher times.

Long serving Vice President Dennis Stannard has retired after 13 years of service and I would like to thank him for his service.

Karen Bussian has also resigned as Qld State Representative and has capably been replaced by Vicki Owen. Karen will continue to manage the website, a resource of the club we could not do without. Thankyou Karen.

I would formally like to thank my capable Club Executive who I believe are doing a great job of guiding our Club in the right direction. I would also like to thank Dallas Smith for his ongoing stewardship of the club. From my own perspective whenever I need advice Dallas is always there thankyou Dallas.

Ross Gibson
President Orpington Club of Australia

The Orpington Club of Australia 2020 – Secretary's Report

Due to being overseas for most of the 2019 show season including the National my eighth report as your Secretary is tinged with a more than a little envy to those who managed to make the Club shows and the state- based features.

Like many other members and breed supporters though I did manage to get my Orpington show fix through the pictures and reports on the Clubs face book page as well as the photos on our new website.

There is no doubt in my mind that 2019-20 was another great year it's been for the Orpington breed here in Australia with the highlights being;

1. The feature on Orpingtons which spread over two editions in the #1 poultry magazine in Australia – Australian Poultry. Super articles that shed light on the current state of the Orpington breed and story behind the development of the ideal Orpington pictures. Our thanks go to Megg Miller AP publisher, poultry legend and long-time member of the Club who recognised the innovation of this picture design process and thought it warranted sharing the story with the rest of the poultry world.
2. A second Premier Auction at the National Club Show which again lifted Club finances and ensured that some of the best bloodlines in Australia was distributed to new and old breeder alike.
3. The Club having enough money in the bank to be able to waive existing 2019-20 renewal fees for the 2020-21 financial year due the interruption in normality that the COVID 19 pandemic has brought to us all.
4. A new Club website www.theorpingtonclubofaustralia.net.au was set up and published. Many thanks to Karen and Ross Bussian for its development and ongoing maintenance.

Membership.

With our membership year starting on May 1 2019 and going through to 30 April 2020 and with the decision to no longer offer a Newsletter subscription only it would be fair to say that a data clean of the membership data records was due. The Membership Report shows the data in details but in summary;

So our true membership numbers for 2019-20 were 75 Members. Of those 64 Financial members (persons 18+), 7 junior members and 4 Life Members totalling 75 members for that period. Of that 75 18 (or 24%) have been stalwarts of the Club for ten years or more which is remarkable richness of Club history and breed knowledge. While it might appear our membership levels are decreasing we also need to note that around 50% of our members have only been in the Club for four years or less and we always have around 10-20% that stay in membership for two years or less.

The even better news is that we now have 7 active juniors in the Club – down from 10 last year but that's because 3 turned 16+.. How good is that and its awesome to have Rose, Millie, Jacob, Duncan, Campbell, Caitlin M & Caitlin W. Congratulations to the juniors (and their parents)!

In terms of coverage NSW &ACT (33 down from 43) and Victoria (23 down from 35) make up the bulk of the 75 Members.

Facebook.

The Club FB page continues to be a great source of connection between all levels of Orpingtonian both here and internationally. Going from 571 FB friends in April 2016 we had 1371 FB friends in May 2018, by May 25th 2019 to over 1700+ FB friends and as I write this report (20th June 2020) we are at 2552.

On average every 28 days the group generates over 4.4k of views of its content. The Club can't under estimate the impact this page has on the breed and the way we manage the page and its posts e.g. content, topics, behaviours etc is now an instant reflection of the Culture of the club and the breed.

With the input of a new FB Admin Steve Parker the Club has now gone from being a follower on its own FB page to being one where we can edit, lead and direct the content & debate in such a way to make our social media presence a better reflection of the Club the Breed and its Culture.

Colours.

From the membership data some things never change in what our members keep. Or do they? Black, Blues and Splash are again the largest numbers by far in both Large and Bantam.

If we take the Rare Breed index White and Cuckoo bantams are at critical levels. In large birds Whites and Cuckoos have plummeted in the past 24 months to the rare status again although it is interesting to see the recent resurgence in interest in large Whites from the Club FB.

2018 saw the reduced impact of the imported Choc Bantams with 6 members (from 10 in 2019) now making them the 5th most popular bantam colour bred.

Remember this survey is only indicative of the Birds kept by the Clubs members. How good would it be if we could capture all the birds owned by our Australian based FB friends? Just an FYI it's a YES; We are still working on that!

Members Services

Technology has changed the way we link with members. Three editions of the Orpington Outlook were published during the year of which again only 2 members required printed copies. It was only as recent as 2012 each edition was printed and sent by mail to the 82 members (that's a lot of paper, writing of addresses and stamps saved!)

Last year I reflected the Clubs website needed some serious attention. It got it and our website is much more of a reference point than a news feed with a number of FAQ, an archive of Outlooks from 2011 to present day and Photo Galleries galore.

Those members on email also received soft copies of the Newsletters and information from our Sister Clubs in the United Orpington Club, Landsklubben of Denmark, New Zealand Orpington Club, The United Orpington Club (USA), the South African Orpington Club, the Buff Orpington Club UK and the UK Orpington Club. I have taken on board the very enjoyable task of keeping Blue Callinan's awesome International Orpington connections going.

The book- 'Orpingtons -the Past, the Present the Future' by Dallas Smith is down to the last 20 copies.

And Finally the Club is only as strong as its members and those who work for it and we continue to have a solid core

It has been a real pleasure to have worked with some awesome people aka friends who have committed to ensuring the Orpington breed is not just protected and preserved but promoted to the full. A big thank you to all our 2019-20 State reps in Sonya, Megan, Cliff, Trevor & Karen who have all ensured the presence of the Club at local level, Megg Miller whose guidance/support/belief on the Standards matter and Feature articles has been invaluable and Suzanne our national show sec par excellence We are fortunate to have some poultry knowledge through the wise sage of our patron Dallas Smith as well as the guidance of our Vice Presidents Denis and Angus.

Finally to two key people of the Club Executive. Aside from being Bank account signatories Ross G who as President is never one to shirk his responsibilities particularly when it comes to preserving protecting and protecting this stately breed and to Kate G, who took on the Public officer role, EPA NSW role, Assistant Secretary and Outlook editor. In this unprecedented period of uncertainty that the COVID 19 pandemic has forced upon us all it has been such a delight to share the past years journey with.

Lastly -as I like to remind everyone when I get the chance -the camaraderie when Orpingtonian's get together to is quite special. While we haven't been able to do that in 2020 with the cancellation of our National Show I would encourage as many of you as possible to share the great friendliness and respect that we have for each other and come experience the vibe at the 2021 National Orpington Show to be held in Dubbo NSW on 26th June 2021.

As a Club and as a Club member we each have a duty to Preserve, Protect and Promote this Stately of Heritage Breeds by ensuring that the Orpington as a breed is not devalued or derailed by false advertising, fads or diluted quality which is why our 3 Ps breed plan is so important to work too.

This is not a challenge solely confined to Australia and our excellent links with the UK, USA, RSA, NZ and Europe will no doubt help us to best address these common issues globally.

Cheers for Now

Martin D

Hon Secretary the Orpington Club of Australia

Orpington Club of Australia – Membership Report covering 1 May 2019-30 April 2020

Table A- Membership Report

Membership Category	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Full Members	75	81	88	81	115	113	102	109	82	45
Online only *	0	30	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number	75	111	122	81	115	113	102	109	82	45
% Change from previous year (Full member category only)	-7.41%	-8.8%	+8.6%	-29.4%	+1.7%	+10.7%	-6.5%	+32%	+82%	NA
2019-2020 members who were members in.....	75	60	48	39	39	31	27	24	20	18

TABLE B – Membership by State and Territory

Membership by State and Territory	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA/NT	TAS	WA	ACT
2019-20	33	23	7	3	4	5	NA *
2018-19	40	35	14	6	3	8	3
2017-18 Full +Online +Total	32+11= 43	31+14= 45	11+2= 13	3+2= 5	4+4= 8	5+1= 6	2+0= 2
2016-17	33	26	11	3	3	5	1
2015-16	40	40	13	3	4	9	2
2014-15	33	42	11	5	6	10	2
2013-14	34	32	10	9	3	7	2
2012-13	45	29	11	13	4	7	1

*ACT number combined with NSW total in 2019-20

TABLE C-Colours kept by Size 2013-2020

Large	Black	Blue	Buff	White	Cuckoo	Splash	Other
<i>Large 2020</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Large 2019</i>	58	49	43	11	13	25	7
Large 2018	64	52	48	20	16	32	8
Large 2017	48	40	37	17	14	20	7
Large 2016	54	51	47	20	12	27	10
Large 2015	59	54	51	24	13	27	8
Large 2014	56	50	47	18	14	26	11
Large 2013	62	45	49	17	13	19	3
Bantam	Black	Blue	Buff	White	Cuckoo	Splash	Other
<i>Bantam 2020</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Bantam 2019</i>	36	28	6	2	6	13	10
Bantam 2018	33	23	9	6	3	11	8
Bantam 2017	12	7	7	2	4	3	4
Bantam 2016	13	8	8	2	3	4	3
Bantam 2015	14	9	11	2	3	5	2
Bantam 2014	11	11	12	3	2	4	3
Bantam 2013	10	10	10	3	1	3	1

The Orpington Club of Australia
Financial Report covering the Operating Year
1st May 2019- 30th April 2020.
Summary-Profit and Loss Statement

INCOME	2019-20 \$	2018-19 \$	2019-20 Note
Subscriptions	920	1,582	2020 membership down by 7.41% to 75
Auction Income	9140	10,182	30/38 birds sold 78% clearance rate (2018=100% clearance)
Donations	950	1549.75	Regular donors provided birds in auction.
Show Entries (Nat and Feature Shows)	1177	886	Includes NNSW Feature show, raffle and miscellaneous income
Merchandise/Books	1641.56	724.7	30 books sold (20 to South Africa) inc book price plus Postage charges.
TOTAL Income	13,828.56	14,924.45	
EXPENDITURE			
PPS (Postage/Photocopying and Stationery)	115.30	152	Book postage to South Africa not included
National Show expenses	1798.42	2211.55	Less costs associated with 2019 National
Admin & Legal Items	120	622	EPA NSW membership and insurance @60. NSW Incorporation Annual fee @60.
General Show support	186.75	2534.91	Only 2019 NNSW feature expenses inc use of printed certs instead of rosettes
Merchandise Costs of Goods	0	969.48	No goods purchased in 2019.
Auction Expenses	6608	6241	Club made a \$2532 surplus from 2019 Premier Bird auction.
TOTAL Expenditure	8828.47	12,730.39	
Net Operating Result (NOR)	+5000.09	+2191.51	NOR= Net cash at bank and petty cash payments

Bank Balance -Current Account at Commonwealth Bank	2019-20 \$	2018-19 \$	Variance \$	Notes
Bank Balance @1 May	5726.55	2723.09	3003.46	
Bank Balance @30 April	10546.64	5726.55	4820.09	
Net Movement + (-)	4820.09	3003.55	1816.54	
Petty Cash				
Petty Cash as at 01 May	200	663.00	(463)	
Petty Cash as at 30 April	20	200.00	(180)	
Petty Cash Movement + (-)	(180)	(463.00)	283	
Merchandise Valuation				
Books Capital Value @\$45	450	1800	1350	30 of 40 copies sold in 2019-20- (10 remain)

1. All results subject to Audit
2. Prepared by Martin Doulton Hon Sec /Treasurer 20 June 2020



The Orpington Club of Australia (Inc 988361)

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Secretary – Martin Doulton
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2020-2021 Membership year

APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms.).....
 Postal Address:
 Town: Post Code: Phone:
 Email Address:

I Enclose:

Adult Financial Membership (1st May to 30th April)	\$20 p.a	\$.....
Junior (<16 years) Membership	\$10	\$.....
Donation (please nominate your preference)		\$.....
TOTAL		\$.....

I keep the following Varieties:

LARGE		BANTAMS.	
BLACK		BLACK	
BUFF		BUFF	
BLUE		BLUE	
WHITE		WHITE	
CUCKOO		CUCKOO	
ANY OTHER VARIETY		ANY OTHER VARIETY	

STRIKE OUT WHICHEVER DOES NOT APPLY (/)

I OCCASIONALLY HAVE STOCK FOR SALE **YES/NO**

I GIVE PERMISSION TO HAVE MY CONTACT DETAILS PROVIDED. **YES/NO**

Please make remittance by money Order or Cheque payable to:
The Orpington Club of Australia
 Direct deposit also available in Club Account BSB 062 549 Ac No 0090 1366