



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

‘The Orpington Outlook’



## **Champion Orpington in Show.**

Bantam Black cockerel owned by C. Hardman

National Orpington Show - Dubbo

**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*

G'day All,

Some of you may have meet me but many of you in the new virtual world will not have so a small introduction is pertinent at this point in time.

I am better known with my exploits with standard black leghorns over the last 30 odd years. But my involvement with Black Orpingtons came though my Grandmother who had Standard Orpingtons running around the farm at Wingham NSW, back in the 1970's. I was only a small boy back then but most farms had poultry as the egg quota system was still in place and many small mixed farms had egg production as one of their income streams. Anyway after Grandmother passed on, the Orpingtons were just kept and I developed an interest in poultry. I dabbled in Pekin Bantams, but the biggest investment of my young life (14) at that time was \$45 in a trio of Black Leghorns, I still remember them arriving on the train from Sydney. My father never a poultry man, was disgusted I would waste so much money on a hobby. He still maintains today that the black leghorns don't lay enough for what they initially cost, back in 1982. From here I pursued my career with Leghorns, and the Orpingtons mostly stayed at home.



It was not until our daughter Rose turned up under a cabbage one cold morning in 2008 that my father (the non poultryman) said, "Your grandmother would like to have seen those Orpingtons shown under Roses name". I was a little surprised that he would come up with such a scheme, but anyway this reignited the family's commitment to the Orpington breed. So much so that in 2010 mum and Dad (the first poultry show dad ever went too), drove all the way to Moruya to show a small team of Black Orpingtons at the Orpington National under Rose's name. For a 2 year old she did quite well taking out bird of show.

The next year we backed up, but Rose as a 3 year old made the trip with me all the way to Queanbeyan, from Inverell northern NSW (yes a few nappy stops). This was the most memorable show day of my life, here writing this article I can't quite put it into words. But for me it was a day that reinvigorated my faith in fellow man. On a lighter note I am internally grateful to Nurse Ford for saving Rose from an overdose of Panadol .

That day made me realise what the Orpington club has come to represent.

- People who are interested in preserving something good, the Orpington fowl.
- Fierce but friendly sportsmanlike competitiveness.
- A sense of community and belonging with an ability to welcome new comers into the fold.
- A respect for tradition and knowledge gained through experience and the school of hard knocks.
- An organisation where men and women can work, achieve and play as EQUALS.
- A willingness to change with the times EVOLVE...
- A vehicle to have FUN

The sole reason that I have taken on the role of President is that I would like to do everything in my power to help protect and further develop the seven key factors which I believe are the essence of the Orpington Club of Australia.



As such, the first factor that I believe needs to be addressed is preservation. Over the last 12 months the club executive has been attempting to come up with a way to help educate new Orpington breeders as to what makes an Orpington. What has been agreed by the executive is that under the watchful eye of breed doyen Dallas Smith, we commission an artist to paint two pictures of the perfect Orpington Male and female. It is proposed that these pictures will then be used in our standards and also in our social media efforts so that there is no doubt in any one's mind what makes a good Orpington. With the ever increasing influence of social media on peoples education, the club needs to take an active role here so that people can compare randomly posted photos of Orpingtons "that may make claims as to their merits" and then have something that they can compare them against. There is a degree of urgency here as there is a proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Australian Poultry Standards going to print early next year. We will keep all members advised of developments here.

The other operational matter, is to welcome Glen Fowler and Megan Gavenlock to the Club Executive Glen as Victorian representative and Megan as the NSW representative. Both these individuals bring a great deal of youth, good looks and enthusiasm to the team. (Glen you owe me) I would encourage all members to speak up about club matters to any of the club executive, I am happy to discuss with any member any matter pertaining to the Orpington Club.

In signing off it would be remiss of me not to thank our outgoing president Simon Bevan for his dedication and service to the Club in the past years.

Finally, I am humbled and truly grateful for the support shown by all members to myself at this point in time. I just hope I can do the job that you all expect of me.

Happy hatching

*Ross Gibson*



The table of prizes at this years national Show.

## *From the Secretary's desk.*

This edition's report is all about the success that was the 2018 National Orpington Show! Probably one of the best- if not the best- Club Show I have had the pleasure and privilege of attending. This was in no small part to the wonderful crew of Club members, Dubbo Poultry Club members and others- all volunteers- who made sure that everything worked so well. They know who they are – On behalf of the Club and its members; THANK YOU for your mighty effort!



The Club took on quite a big agenda for this show. It stemmed from the discussion that took place at the 2017 National when it was generally agreed that to stay as where we were was going backwards and that we as a Club needed to be a bit bolder with our activities if we were too position the breed where it should be and to do our duty as current custodians of the breed and the Club.

So over the year the Clubs officer and state reps kept that energy going and with our focus on making the National Orpington Show as good as it could be things started to happen. Judges were locked in early, awards and trophies ordered and received, sponsorships organised and publicity generated.

A week out from the close of entries I thought that we had got a few birds for our judges Grahame and Brendan to sweat over. Like everyone else on the Club Exec I was mightily surprised when Suzanne let us know a week out that we had an entry of 424 Birds benched by 22 members of which 194 were bantams- both modern day entry records here in Australia. Definitely made the judges sweat and in Grahame's case lifting the Standards in and out of the pens really was a physical workout! We had exhibitors and members from WA, SA, VIC, QLD, ACT and NSW.

The quality of the birds was really very high with very few if any pen fillers. The pics of winners –as taken by our official photographer Brendan McGeachie- support that fact. Some of the big classes took some working through and every bird that won did so against some stiff competition. Generally most birds still needed to finish off. The eventual Bird in Show a Black Bantam Cockerel of Chris Hardman and the Runner up the Champion Standard Large Blue Pullet of Dennis and Jayne Stannard were standout bird's. Congratulations to both exhibitors for such well-deserved accolades but also to all the exhibitors that made this show such a standout.

However it wasn't just the physical showing of the birds that made the long trek to Dubbo all the more worthwhile.

The camaraderie of the Orpingtonians when gathered en masse is something to savour and the evening socials plus the friendly banter around the pens combined with the more experienced members sharing their knowledge freely encapsulated really how friendly the Club is.

The AGM went very smoothly and very quickly- the unconfirmed minutes of which are included in this edition. Congratulations to Ross Gibson for being elected the Clubs President for 2018-19. His first act was to raise a vote of thanks for outgoing President Simon Beven who was with us in spirit. Ross passion for Orpingtons is unbridled and he is on a mission to make sure that the breed standards are kept and improved- read his President article for more on that.

The Club also welcomed a new Patron in one Dallas Smith. Dallas has done so much – and still does in his various sector roles-for the breed over many years. As the author of two seminal books on the Orpington, as State Rep on the Australian poultry Standards Review Committee and as a long time Club Secretary Dallas is our living legend and what a great honour for the Club to have some one of his stature in this position.

However the highlight for me was the inaugural National Orpington Show auction. When Ross (Gibson) suggested this as an addition to the National Show schedule I had no idea how it would go, how much work it would create and whether anyone would get behind it.

In summary the National Orpington Show auction was an outstanding success. Yes People got behind it. They nominated such a high quality of stock, there were many who bought up big and then the team- Angus, Dennis, Jenny and Megan- who managed and administrated the auction process are to be congratulated. Yes the workload was quite manic at times but many hands made it feel a lot lighter than it could have been

The Auction standard was set early. Only birds entered in the Show could be auctioned and a maximum of 4 birds per exhibitor – with a proviso that where 100% of the auction sale proceeds were donated to the Club didn't count in that 4.

Jenny Stewart put together a super catalogue that any premium livestock sale would have been proud of and its download on social media was massive.

The summary of the Auction can be found in this edition. But to have all 34 birds sell and -thanks to the generosity and high prices paid – the initiative became the biggest single income earner in the Clubs 35 year old history. This event has created a paradigm shift in our thinking about not just what the Club can afford to do but it gives us a confidence of what we should be doing.

The founding fathers of the Club way back in 1985 might not have envisaged what happened here at Dubbo in 2018. However the principles that the Clubs pioneers of Blatch, Bishop and Lavender put in place then still ring true today e.g. that the role of the Club is to Protect ,Preserve and Promote this stately breed and that our culture is based around 'We do Best What we do together'.

Cheers for now

*Martin D*

PS Date for your diaries. The 2019 National Orpington Show is confirmed for 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> June. Thanks to the support of Dubbo Poultry Club in hosting us again.

Question for you all. Can the 2019 National Orpington Show be even bigger and better than 2018?

## *Membership:*

**As of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 All Memberships are now due!**  
**There is an easy way to pay Your MEMBERSHIPS**

The Orpington Club of Australia membership year is 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 2018 automatically expire in the following year (to 30 April 2019)

Membership fees are \$20 for adults and \$10 for juniors which will 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)



## 2018 National Show Gallery



**Champion Orpington in Show  
Champion Bantam Orpington  
Champion Bantam Black Orpington  
Bantam Black Cockerel: C. Hardman**



**Reserve Champion Orpington in Show  
Champion Large Orpington  
Champion Large Blue Orpington  
Large Blue Pullet: D & J Stannard**



**Reserve Champion Bantam  
Orpington  
Bantam Black Cockerel:  
C. Hardman**



**Reserve Champion Large  
Orpington  
Champion Large Black Orpington  
Large Pullet: Miss A. R. Gibson**





**Reserve Champion Large Black:  
Cockerel owned by Miss A.R. Gibson**



**Reserve Champion Large Blue:  
Cock owned by C. Hardman**



**Champion Large Buff  
Orpington  
Cockerel: K. Bussian**



**Reserve Champion Large Buff:  
Pullet owned by K. Bussian**



**Champion Large Cuckoo Orpington  
Hen owned by K. Bussian**





**Reserve Champion Large Cuckoo:  
Pullet owned by K. Goulding**



**Champion Large White  
Orpington:  
Hen owned by K. Bussian**



**Reserve Champion Large White:  
Cock owned by K. Bussian**



**Champion Large Splash  
Orpington:  
Pullet owned by K. Bussian**



**Reserve Champion Large Splash  
Orpington:  
Cockerel owned by C. Hardman**





**Champion Bantam Blue:  
Cockerel owned by R. Harris**



**Reserve Champion Bantam Blue:  
Hen owned by C. Hardman**



**Champion Bantam Buff:  
Cockerel owned by M. Lund**



**Reserve Champion Bantam Buff:  
Hen owned by K. Bussian**



**Champion Bantam White:  
Cockerel owned by K. Bussian**





**Reserve Champion Bantam  
White:  
Hen owned by K. Bussian**



**Champion Bantam Cuckoo:  
Hen owned by G. Fowler**



**Reserve Champion Bantam Cuckoo:  
Hen owned by G. Fowler**



**Champion Bantam Splash:  
Cock owned by C. Hardman**



**Reserve Champion Bantam Splash:  
Cockerel owned by S. Parker**





**Champion Large AORC:  
Red Barred Cockerel owned by  
G. Fowler**



**Reserve Champion Large AORC:  
Red hen owned by D & J Stannard**



**Jubilee owned by K. Bussian**



**Champion Bantam AORC:  
Lavender cockerel owned by  
M. Lund**



**Reserve Champion Bantam AORC:  
Lavender cuckoo hen owned by  
G. Fowler**





**Champion Large Black  
Pair: S. Parker**

Not pictured:

Champion Large Blue Pair owned by  
Wananga Orpingtons

Champion Large White pair owned by  
Miss A.R. Gibson

Champion Bantam Black Pair owned by  
C. Hardman

Champion Bantam Blue Pair owned by  
R. Harris

Champion Clive Claus Breeders Plate:  
C. Hardman



**Weird & Wonderful:  
owned by M. Lund**

Photos provided by Mr. B. McGeachie  
with *many thanks*



**Chris Hardman with  
his haul of trophies**

(L-R) Judge Brendan  
Sharpe, President Ross  
Gibson, Chris Hardman  
and Judge Graham  
Sharpe





Presentation Photos



## Premier Breeders Auction Results

In summary, we had 9 members offer 34 birds for sale (25 Large and 9 Bantams)

There were 30 registered bidders of which 5 are currently non members.

Auction clearance was 100% with 25 individual bidders buying birds.

Total auction fees taken \$9165. With various % from 10% to 100% of sale proceeds specified by its members the Club raised \$2484!

Other details are

# Birds	Size/Colour	Total \$	Top \$	Avg \$
9	Large Black	4350	850	483.33
3	Large Blue	600	300	200
9	Large Buff	2680	600	297
4	Large White	640	300	160
2	Bantam Blue	175	125	87.5
7	Bantam Buff	720	200	144







# *The Orpington Club of Australia (Inc)*

**Minutes of the 2018 Annual General meeting**  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 Dubbo Showgrounds NSW**  
**Commencing at 2.35 pm**

## **1. Welcome, Apologies and Attendance**

Members and Guests in Attendance. M. Doulton, T. Trengove, Mrs J. Stannard, D. Stannard, R. Stanley, D. Smith, Mrs S. Ford, R. Gibson, Miss R. Gibson, A. Barlow, J. Stewart, Mrs K Bussian, R. Bussian, J. Bussian, C. Weichelt, C. Hardman, Mrs K Goulding, Mrs M. Gavenlock J. Witney, Ms S. Venator, Mrs N. Hobson, Ms S. Knight, B McGeachie, K Stewart, Rowan Vallance, Duncan Harrison-Murphy, Ryan Harris, Kyle Price, Jacob Price, Laura Price, Tracey Rapson, Dennis Rapson, Dianne Rapson, Ed Scanlon, Glen Fowler, Frank Buting III, Steve Parker.

Apologies: S. Beven, R. Callinan, A Harvey, Mrs R. Daley, Ms R. Soares, A. Crane, J. Allchin, Ms V. Jerrett, T. Dent, Ron Leary.

## **2. Minutes from 2017 AGM held at Harden PC NSW on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017**

### **a) As Circulated in the Club Newsletter and approved as a true record.**

**Motion for approval moved by T. Trengove, Seconded. M. Lund.**

## **3. Matters Arising from previous AGM**

### **a) No matters arising**

## **4. Reports**

### **a) Presidents Report- as circulated in May 2018 AGM Outlook (1)**

### **b) Secretary's Report- as circulated in May 2018 AGM Outlook (2)**

### **c) Financial Report- as circulated in May 2018 AGM Outlook (3)**

Motion that the three reports be accepted. Moved R Stanley. Seconded. Mrs. S Ford.

**Approved.**

## **5. Election of Officers- Motion to appoint Executive and Office Bearers en bloc as per attached list.**

**Proposed by M Doulton . Seconded. S Venator.**

**Approved.**

## **6. Any Other Business**

### **a) Incoming President Ross Gibson addressed the members present and proposed a Vote of Thanks be recorded for the significant contributions made by retiring President Simon Beven. Supported unanimously by acclamation.**

### **b) Setting of Annual membership Fees for 2018-19.**

i. That the Membership fees to remain at \$20 (Junior =\$10) for the 2019-20 Year. Moved. M Doulton  
Seconded Gibson. Approved.

### **c) 2019 National Show Venue- The meeting was updated that the 2019 National Orpington Show would be held at Dubbo NSW on 29 & 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**

R. Stanley noted the Vacancy of patron and nominated Dallas Smith to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Will Burdett and Rob Lavender. With Dallas willing to accept the nomination those present approved by loud acclamation. .

**Meeting Closed at 2.44pm.**

**Presentation of Club Sashes & Trophies.** Verbal Reports from National Show Judge 2018 Judges Grahame Sharpe ( Large) and Dr Brendan Sharpe ( Bantams/Pairs/Developmental Colours)

## 2018 National Orpington Club Office Bearers

Role	Name
Patron	Dallas Smith
President	Ross Gibson
Vice Presidents:	Dennis Stannard, Judy Witney
Secretary /Treasurer	Martin Doulton
Assistant Treasurer	Jenny Stewart
National Show Secretary	Suzanne Knight
EPA NSW Delegate	Kate Goulding
WA State Rep	Cliff Weichelt
SA State Rep	Trevor Dent
Vic State Rep	Glen Fowler
TAS State Rep	James Allchin
NSW Sate Rep	Megan Gavenlock
QLD State Rep	Karen Bussian
APS3 Standards Group	Club Executive plus Dallas Smith
Auditor	TBC
Public Officer (NSW)	Ross Gibson
Bank Signatories	Ross Gibson, Martin Doulton, Jenny Stewart

### Dates for Your Diaries

#### (or Calendars)

### 2018 Club Supported shows in your State

Date	Show	Venue/ State
September	Royal Adelaide Show	SA
September	Royal Perth	WA
	<b>International Orpington Shows</b>	
Nov	The Buff Orpington Club (UK)	UK
Dec	The Orpington Club of GB	UK

### Back by popular Demand!

2019 Orpington Club Calendars will be available from the club in November. If you have any photos of your Orpingtons that could be published in the calendar please forward them to [goldfeatherpoultry@bigpond.com](mailto:goldfeatherpoultry@bigpond.com) High resolution images are preferred to ensure that the images in the calendar are of the best quality.

Details to purchase a calendar will be published in the next Outlook, just in time for Christmas







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## 2018-2019 Membership year

### APPLICATION/RENEWAL.

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms.).....

Postal Address: .....State.....

Phone.....

Email Address.....

I Enclose

Adult Financial Membership \$20 p.a  
(1st May to 30th April) \$.....

Junior (<16 years) Membership \$10 \$.....

Online Outlook Subscription \$10 per 4 editions \$.....

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

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## *The Orpington Club of Australia* **Office Bearers 2018-2019**

**Patron** – Dallas Smith

**President:** Ross Gibson

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Martin Doulton

**Vice Presidents:** Denis Stannard &  
Judy Witney

**Webmaster-** Jenny Stewart

### **Life members:**

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

### **2018/19 State Representatives**

**Tasmania-** James Allchin (fergydots@gmail.com)

**West Australia-** Cliff Weichelt (caweichelt@gmail.com)

**South Australia-** Trevor Dent (tdent@onefortyone.com)

**Queensland** – Karen Bussian

**N.S.W.**—Megan Gavenlock

**Vic.**—Glen Fowler

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