

# NSW Waterfowl Breeders Association Inc.

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# Something to Quack About

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## Letter from the President



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To the Committee, Association members and supporters,

I hope you are all enjoying the fruits of another breeding season for your waterfowl with a good number of strong healthy youngsters bred by now to grow out for your pleasure, be it showing, breeding or the joy of having their company in your yard or dam.

While we did not have our own Festival and show in 2016, the Poultry Nationals were held this year at the Homebush venue in Sydney, with a terrific line up of waterfowl being shown from all over the country.

Many of our member's birds were among the award winners, and a very esteemed panel of judges did an excellent job of adjudicating such a strong field of entrants. I was fortunate enough to see some of my birds do well and received several highly commended certificates for my entries in the exhibition section.

The Sydney Royal Show numbers were down this year, I expect due to the close proximity to the Nationals, but the quality of the entries was very high considering.

I had the honour of being asked to judge the Bantams at the Victorian Waterfowl Association show in Melbourne this year, along with Danny Benn and Gerald Farrugia, and I was able to see a Natural Mallard Drake through to Champion Bird of Show. He was shown by Michael and Kathy Holmes (Homes or Holmes?) of Wangaratta in Victoria, and was well presented in perfect feather and remarkably strong in colour.

I would also like to acknowledge the commitment I saw by waterfowl breeders from Tasmania who brought birds over to compete in this show, truly a feat of organisational skill and passion. It would be great to see some of them at our show one year, and if they do I am sure they will get as much support as we can give them to make this possible.

As your President I am constantly impressed with the quality and passion for waterfowl that you all show in your dedication to your birds and your association with the NSWWBA and its constant challenges.

We have unfortunately been turned away from supporting the Sydney Royal Easter show this year as they are no longer willing to accept our ribbons for the 10 breeds we were supporting due to their change of policy. While this is very short sighted, we would gain nothing in donating to their "cash only request" as our Association mandate is not one to hand out money, but to supply ribbons and trophies for shows with waterfowl, to support our members and to help clubs start or keep their waterfowl sections.

The Royal National Capital Agricultural Society (Canberra Royal) is planning to promote its Waterfowl Sections next year so we will be working closely with them to ensure that this is a real and growing success with the limited resources we have available.

The 2017 NSWBA All States Festival of Waterfowl will be held in Goulburn again on 13 May 2017 with the support of the Goulburn Poultry Club and its members. We will be holding a dinner on the Friday night and a silent auction again on the Saturday of the Show.

Membership payments for most of us are behind at the moment as we are used to paying with our show entries, so if you think you are not currently financial for 2016, your membership will assist us in keeping the Association expenses covered and help us in sending out show ribbons to those clubs that request them.

Sponsorships are now open for 2017 and will close at the end of January to ensure we can get our schedule out as soon as possible. Your sponsorship donation of \$25 can be of a significant assistance in ensuring a show has funding for awards in every breed and as many colours of the breeds as we can. If you would like to get behind us in this way please contact Gerald or Danny on the details below to ensure our schedule is complete and your name appears as a sponsor.

Recently our AGM and Special Meeting was held at Goulburn, and I was nominated and elected again as your President. I will endeavour to continue guiding our committee and Association along the successful path we now find ourselves on, after much hard work and continued support by an ever-evolving committee of amazing and motivated individuals.

The Special Meeting was called to ratify the nomination of Life Membership for Danny Benn. It was with great pleasure that I was able to preside over a unanimous vote in favour of Danny being our first Lifer.

To my sincerest surprise I found myself also being nominated for a life membership of the NSWBA, with it being accepted and carried. Thanks to all who made this possible as I will remember the humbling acknowledgment from my peers far into the future as I am sure Danny will also.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

With my thanks,  
Your President  
Tim Beard



Welcome to the latest edition of the NSW Waterfowl Breeders Association magazine. It's been a long time since the last one which has primarily been caused by poor health. Fortunately I'm in a good patch at the moment and I'm praying it stays this way as the next six months is going to be pretty full on for myself, the members of our committee and for any club members who join in and come along for the ride.

With our festival in May being our main event, we have also signed up to play a big part in the organisation and running of the Waterfowl Section at the Royal Canberra Poultry Show in June. This is not only great for our club but it is also a great opportunity for the NSW waterfowl community to display their birds in two major events only a month apart.

- Tom

### **2017 All States Festival of Waterfowl!!**

After our 2016 break we are pleased to announce that our Festival of Waterfowl will return again in 2017. Although only in the preliminary stages of planning, it is looking to be a fantastic show once again thanks to the visions of our committee and the generosity of sponsors and supporters.

The show is held on the second Saturday of May which will be the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Our feature breed will be the Saxony with \$300 worth of prizemoney available for the winning birds. See the Profile on the Saxony in this Magazine.

We are Also doing a rare breed feature on the Welsh Harlequin with the hope of gaining them some exposure and boosting their popularity.

### **AGM**

Our AGM was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November at Goulburn to elect the Committee for the following 12 months. The results are as follows;

Patron –Ken Bergin

President –Tim Beard

Vice- President –Tom Armstead

Treasurer –Janelle Beard

Secretary – Danny Benn

Secretary – Gerald Farrugia

Show Secretary – Pam Hewitt

Show Steward – James Mathews

EPA Delegate – Paul Edwards

Executive Committee member – Dylan Summerell

As a team we are very excited about what we can achieve over the next 12 months, including making our 2017 show bigger and better than our 2015 version.

As Tim mentioned in his Letter, a Special Meeting was also held to confirm the nomination of Life Membership for Danny Benn. This was overwhelmingly agreed to before Tim was also nominated to become a Life Member. Of course, due to the respect that Tim commands within our Association, this nomination was humbly received and positively voted on, making Tim Beard our second Life Member.

Not only is this a huge compliment to these two gentlemen, it also helps our club to start to develop some history and identity.

Congratulations Gents!

- Tom

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### **Life Membership**

For those interested, to be eligible for a Life Membership nomination, there are several criteria that need to be met. These are;

- the nominee has made a significant contribution to the promotion of exhibition waterfowl around NSW.
- The nominee has shown complete dedication to the development and betterment of the NSW Waterfowl Breeders Association.

### **Sponsorship**

We have recently put on social media, a request for breed sponsorship at our 2017 All States Festival of Waterfowl. We have a great response so far but still have a few more to go before each breed is covered. Please see the table at the end of the newsletter to see what is still available for sponsorship, and then contact us via the details in the contact section of this newsletter.

Thanks!

The NSW Waterfowl Breeders Association has available sponsorship ribbons for clubs to award to Champion Waterfowl and Champion Junior Waterfowl at your local shows. Now is the time to get these ordered for your 2017 show. Please

contact the Secretaries on the details below to get some sent to you.



### The Saxony

The Saxony was originally developed in Germany in 1930. It is a large breed of duck which I believe should be the first aspect of the breed you look for. There is also a bantam variety which has grown in popularity over the last few years. The following statistics are those published in the Australian Poultry Standards.



APS2 – Saxony Drake

### Weights Standard

Male 3.2-3.6kg

Female 2.7-3.2kg

### Bantam

Male 1.1- 1.3kg

Female 0.9 – 1.1kg

### Scale of points

Carriage 10

Head, Bill, Neck 15

Body 15

Legs & Feet 5

Condition 10

Colour 30

Size 15

**Total 100**

The Saxony has an unusual and complex colouration so it is important, particularly for beginners to the breed, to study the standards. We are hoping to have a big line-up of these fabulous birds trying to claim the prize money on offer to take out this exciting feature!



APS2 - Saxony Duck

- Tom

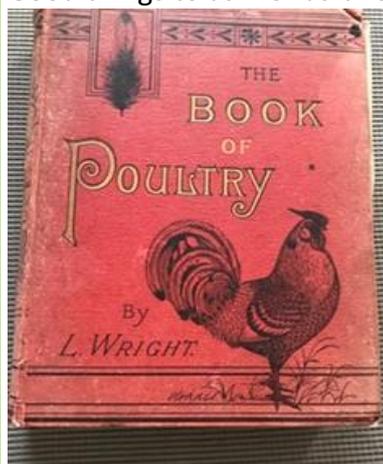
### Appreciating the past.

In the fast paced world we live in today, it is hard to keep track of what happened last week, let alone what happened last year or in the many decades before.

Luckily for us, poultry have been fascinating many people for the best part of the last 200 years. What this means for current breeders is that there is a giant trove of books, photographs and paintings that not only depict the many breeds of poultry and how they have developed, but also various husbandry and housing techniques, and feeding formulas. I feel I'm very lucky to be in possession of some grand old books that offer all sorts of handy tips and quirky anecdotes. The most precious book being Lewis Wrights 1888 version of 'The Book of Poultry. This was found for me by an uncle in the UK. Before giving it to me he wrote a little note on the inside cover "*Sometimes by looking at the wisdom of the past, it can help with the future.*" Top advice Uncle Pete!

We will be aiming to do a review of sorts on some of the old books out there in each issue. Some of these books are very hard to find, and if you're

lucky enough to find them, they're expensive!  
Good things to ask for as birthday presents!!



In terms of Waterfowl there are only a few breeds of domestic duck featured in this lovely book including Aylesbury, Pekin, Rouen, Rouen Claire, Cayuga, Black East Indie, Muscovy and Call. Also included are the Mandarin duck, the Carolina duck, and a few other native species from around the world.



*Book of Poultry (Lewis)*

Interestingly the Mallard was only referred to in a picture. This book was only published 128 years ago and makes it obvious that other than those mentioned, most breeds of domestic duck have been created within this time. Later editions of this book include colour plates and a few other breeds that were subsequently produced or standardised.



*Book of Poultry (Lewis)*

### Merchandise



Mens Long Sleeve  
Polo Shirts  
Ladies 3/4 Sleeve  
Polo shirts

**\$35 each**

Caps **\$25 each**

### Contact details

If you wish to contact the club regarding membership or show sponsorship, please email Secretaries, Gerald, at [geraldfarr@msn.com](mailto:geraldfarr@msn.com) or Danny, at [danny@southernlightsvocal.com](mailto:danny@southernlightsvocal.com)  
If you wish to make a submission for the next magazine, be it a joke, an old wives tale, your show results or even some photos, please contact our Vice President, Tom, at [tom@ilikebigducks.com](mailto:tom@ilikebigducks.com).

You can also find us on the NSW Waterfowl Breeders Association Facebook page.

### Final words

Its taken time to get this issue completed, as I'm sure you'd appreciate, there's a fair bit going on in peoples' lives at the moment, with it being the holiday period and returning to work. Hopefully you've picked a few winners from your young stock and have begun picking your show team & calendar for the new year where we can all catch up and have Something to Quack about!

- Tom

# The New South Wales Waterfowl Breeders Association Inc.

## ANNOUNCES

THE 2017 ALL STATES FESTIVAL OF WATERFOWL WILL BE HELD ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY AT THE GOULBURN SHOWGROUND

WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SECURE JUDGES FROM QUEENSLAND (TERRY TAYLOR), VICTORIA (MICHAEL HOLMES), NEW SOUTH WALES (MICHAEL PEEL & DYLAN SUMMERELL) AND REKNOWN UK JUDGE AND WATERFOWL BREEDER GRAEME HICKS.

GRAEME WILL BE ADJUDICATING THE SPECIALS AT THE SHOW AND A Q & A SESSION WITH INTERESTED BREEDERS ON THE BIRDS, IS TO BE ORGANISED. THE SECTION OF THE SHOW WITH THE NEW COLOURS OF KNOWN BREEDS( OR EXHIBITION SECTION) IS ALSO TO BE JUDGED BY GRAEME.

(Graeme was here in 2012 to judge at the Canberra Nationals)

More details will be made available on our Website and Facebook as it comes to hand, with the schedules coming out once our Sponsorship is completed.

Please ensure your 2016 membership is payed up and consider sponsoring a breed or two to assist in making this a great success for all Waterfowl Breeders and Fanciers Don't miss this opportunity to attend and have your birds judged by some of the best.



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## Sponsorship 2017

Champion Waterfowl	\$150
Reserve Champion Waterfowl	\$100
Champion Heavy Breed	\$50
Reserve Champion Heavy	\$25
Champion Light Breed	\$50
Reserve Champion Light	\$25
Champion Bantam / Ornamental	\$50
Reserve Champion Bantam / Ornamental	\$25
Champion Goose	\$50
Reserve Champion Goose	\$25
Champion Rare Breed	\$20
<b>Heavy Breeds</b>	
Champion Muscovy	\$10
Champ White Muscovy	\$10
Champion Rouen	\$10
Champion Rouen Claire	\$10
Champion Silver Appleyard	\$10
Champion Watervale	\$10
	\$10
<b>Light Breeds</b>	
Champion Crested	\$10
Champion Elizabeth	\$10
Champion White Indian Runner	\$10
Champion Blue Indian Runner	\$10
Champion Chocolate Indian Runner	\$10
Champion Black Indian Runner	\$10
Champion Trout Indian Runner	\$10
	\$10
<b>Bantams</b>	
Champion Crested	\$10

Champion Buff Orpington	\$10
Champion Mallard - Normal	\$10
Champion Mallard White	\$10
Champion Mallard AOC	\$10
Champion Silver Appleyard	\$10
	\$10
	\$10
<b>Geese</b>	
Champion Chinese	\$10
Champion Toulouse	\$10
Champion Roman	\$10
Champion Embdem	\$10
Champion AORV	\$10
	\$10
<b>Other</b>	
Champion AORV Duck	\$10
Champion Exotic WF	\$10
Champion New Colour WF	\$10

Please email Secretary, Gerald, at [geraldfarr@msn.com](mailto:geraldfarr@msn.com) or Danny, at [danny@southernlightsvocal.com](mailto:danny@southernlightsvocal.com). If you would like to sponsor any of these awards.



Saxony pair in Slovenia