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Pictured Cover: Some winners from the 100th Pigeon Fanciers Society of NSW Inc Show.



PRESIDENTS REPORT

John Hickman

Welcome fellow pigeon fanciers to our Spring and 100th Anniversary PFS Newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lisa and Catherine Weekes for all their hard work in producing this excellent publication celebrating our 100 year as the PFS Club. The hours you have spent collating and compiling this Newsletter is a great credit to you and your family. Many thanks must also go to the members who contributed.

These newsletters are only as good as the effort and material sent in by our members to the girls. This allows you our members and me to receive enjoyment and kept up to date with events in our club and hobby. I am sure that I speak for all our members when I send our heartfelt thanks to Lisa, Catherine and all the members who made valuable contributions to this Newsletter.

It has been a strange season with no shows this year and listening to bad news about disease in various lofts. Not only cancelling our two Shows but not being able to travel around the State to local shows and missing the National in South Australia has made it feel very flat this year.

I had a reasonable breeding season with what I think are some outstanding young birds produced. The most fortunate thing is, that I was not infected by the devastating Rota Virus. I hope your lofts were kept safe, but if you were affected, that you recover again this season. Let us hope that we help our fellow fanciers with some good stock birds to get them back on their feet again and remain in our hobby.

There is a detailed article in this newsletter with the latest procedures and updates on this Virus. If the Vets and Doctors can produce a successful vaccine by January or February next year, it will be a great credit to the talented people working on this project. When and if all this happens, our committee and members will have to make some important decisions on planning our shows next year.

Please keep Tuesday night, 17th October free and come to our PFS Annual General Meeting. It is not a long night, but we declare all our club positions vacant and then elect our new committee for next year. We have not had a Treasurer this year and it has placed an extra workload on other committee members.

All positions are voluntary and we need enthusiastic members develop new ideas and keep the Club functioning. We have had some disruptions this year but we need club members to support us to keep the hobby alive for many more years. Congratulations again Lisa and Catherine and I hope to see a few more members at our AGM in October.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

17th October - 7:30PM

All welcome to attend, come to the meeting share your point of view, if you are unable to attend and would like to nominate someone or yourself for a position, contact our secretary Walter Hitchell, he would love to hear from you.

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Thank you

The Weekes Family would like to thank the members who have contributed their photographs, articles, time and memories to help with the production of this newsletter. More content to come in the following issue.

Special thanks to the following: Vaughan Kelly, Trevor Joseph, Lindsay Bagster, Glenn Winspear, Walter Hitchell, Mario Corral.

*Yours in the Fancy
Lisa & Catherine Weekes.*

MY LIFE WITH PIGEONS VAUGHAN KELLY

I was introduced into pigeons by my uncle Darcy Cook, when I was eight years old and living in Tamworth. He sent me a pair ground (parlour tumblers) and pair of fantails. I thought I was made. Later graduated to racing homers, and used to send them by rail to be liberated by the station masters at various towns.

My first show was a at a pigeon section of Tamworth agricultural show. I won grand champion with a racing homer. I was about fifteen. (The fancy pigeon men weren't very impressed as I gathered). The judge of the show was a Mr. Alan Branch (Fantail exhibitor from Wallsend). We became good friends, and he sold me a pair of fantails. I showed the young of these the following year, and won champion again.

Have had pigeons all my life, since then except for my former years at college plus one that means that I have had pigeons for seventy years. Have had long faced tumblers, Jacobins, showpen homers, and American domestic flights, but my real love is the Australian performing tumbler, which I still have, raced pigeons for ten years, and had reasonable success.

Pictured: Vaughan Kelly Judging at Maitland in 1975



Winning a five hundred mile race in the club, and coming third in the federation of over four hundred flyers, was a real thrill. Made many friends and acquaintances' in the fancy over the years and have appreciated the friendship and assistance so willingly given. Pigeon keeping is a great hobby... a challenge, source of enjoyment, requires education and study (gene and colour theory), character building and comfort of trial/stress. Vaughan Kelly.



Pictured: Vaughan's grandson Patrick holding a performer pigeon, 2007

RECOLLECTION'S OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE PIGEON FANCIERS SOCIETY OF NSW INC.

By Vaughan Kelly

I was introduced to the PFS by my uncle Darcy Cook, in about 1961. At that stage I had Australian Performing Tumblers, the members at that time, that I can recall, were Keith Langford Smith (President), he had succeed Mr. George Arndell as President., the club Secretary was Mr. Smith's secretary at his place of work. Herb Jacobs, George Hanson, and his son John Hanson, Walter Hitchell, Darcy Cook, Darryl Hayle, Bob Clarke, Steve Tancred, Alan Makin, George Elliott, Brown, Ben Dew, John Yates.

Many others came in the following years, and there were many others then, then but I cannot recall their names.

Meetings were held at the Railway Institute at Central, Sydney NSW. When the venue ceased to be available we meet at Burwood public school (where I was deputy principal), then when I was transferred from there to Truscott street North Ryde, we meet in that school.

Pictured: Darcy Cook proudly displaying one of his Jacobins in the early days of his Jacobin years.

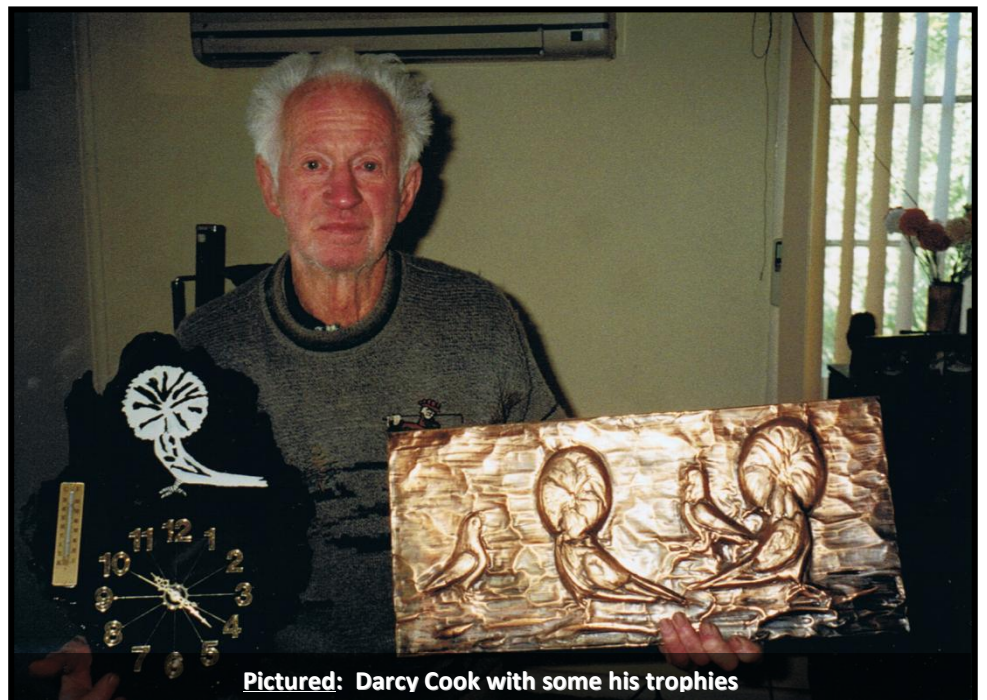


I don't recall were we meeting after that.

In 1965, (I think Steve Tancred nominated me for president), I subsequently became. Walter Hitchell became Secretary as well as Editor of the quarterly review, Young Bird Show Secretary, and Annual Show Secretary; he was a very busy and efficient operations member of the PFS for many years. After which he became president for many years.

In 1966, we had our Golden Jubilee Show; Walter worked tiredly at this, with considerable assistance from his wife

Mrs. Carolyn Hitchell. We had over 2000 entries.



Pictured: Darcy Cook with some his trophies

When I first joined, the shows were held at Granville Showground's, where great number of PFS show pens were and which were used by us and some poultry clubs, when we decided to move to Castle Hill.



Pictured: One of Darcy's White Jacobins

The Granville Show Society refused to give us back our show pens, I wrote them a forceful letter, and they relented. Mr. Brown, I cannot remember his first name, came to our assistance with his large truck, and transferred the show pens to Castle Hill. The shows were conducted at Castle Hill, then later at Fairfield Showground's.

While I was President, Mr. John Yates and I spent considerable time looking for a suitable place for us to purchase our own club house, we found a place, a disused club house of some other organisation right alongside a railway station in the inner south west, cannot recall where, as there were not many members living in that area, the members voted against that idea.

It would have been ideal; it was big enough to have a show in it.

In those years, we used to have Grand Champion of the Show, Admitting it could have been a lottery, but there was much interest shown in its judging, and someone got a great thrill. For many years this trophy was a two horse race between David Litterman (Fantails) and Darcy Cook (Jacobins), they now have best in show.

What's the difference? We also introduced useful gifts as trophies, such as towels, rugs, Eskies, vases, toasters, etc; these were purchased by Bob Weekes and his family. I consider that they were a far better idea than blocks of wood with a picture of a pigeon on them.



Pictured: Alan Makin, Pat Tenison, Ian Campton and Darcy Cook.



Pictured: Mario Fenech and Darcy Cook.

**OUR CLUB THE
EARLY DAYS - IN
THE NEWS**

**LOCAL PIGEON
BREEDER GAINS
SUCCESS IN SYDNEY**

At the State's foremost pigeon show, which is staged by the Pigeon Fanciers' Society of N.S.W. and which was held in Sydney on Friday and Saturday, attracted the biggest entry of all time.

Well known local Fantail breeder, Mr. E. Monaghan, of Rifle-parade, whose exhibits have met with outstanding success at all the principal shows, was again prominent amongst the prize winners. From three entries Mr. Monaghan received two first prize awards and one third.

The judge, Mr. F. H. Baker, of Sydney, commenting on one of Mr. Monaghan's exhibits, stated it was one of the best specimens he had seen.

**THE PIGEON SOCIETY OF
N.S.W. YOUNG BIRD SHOW**

fanciers were again well represented at the largest show of young pigeons in N. S. Wales which was held last Saturday in Sydney, and secured plenty of prizes as usual. The most successful exhibitor was Gordon Smith, who secured five first with the five birds sent in the following breeds: Hungarian a.c. cock and hen, English Owl cock, Show Homer cock or hen, and a.o.v. cock or hen (White Montaubin).

G. G. Groves also secured two firsts with the two birds sent—Modena cock or hen, Baldhead Tumbler cock.

J. S. Williams won the Blue Dragoon cock, and was third and h.c. in the young African Owls.

A. Sanders secured several cards in the young Magpies.

Out of about 14 birds sent 11 received cards.

Pigeon Homing

THE Pigeon Fanciers' Society of N.S.W. in conjunction with the Ornithological Society of N.S.W., will stage a show in the Sydney Town Hall on June 13, 14, and 15. As the birds will by that time be quite through the moult there will be some top-notchers on show. It is for young birds only, and will give the youngsters a chance to show off their quality previous to beginning the more serious work of their careers. There is a large list of trophies.

FANCIERS in Sydney will regret the death of Les Kane, a member of the Leichhardt Flying Club. Taken seriously ill on Wednesday last, he was hurried into hospital, but died soon after admittance. Known throughout the fancy as a very keen sport, he was always ready to help another fancier along. His stud of birds was not a large one, but select.

A CORRESPONDENT wrote me a few weeks back asking me to give some particulars of the Stanhope strain of pigeons. I know there are many who think the Stanhopes the best birds ever imported to Australia from England, but personally I do not go that far. It must be remembered that when fanciers in England made purchases of birds from Mr. Stanhope, and crossed them with a certain branch of the Logan family they bred some wonderful racing pigeons, as for instance J. L. Bakera 7 and 8 Reynolds Victor. It will be remembered that after the Logan cross was introduced the Excell family came into being, and I have yet to know a family of pigeons which made such history. This strain, when first heard of, were known as hard-weather birds, and if liberated in weather which was against them, making good their home on the day of liberation, they would fight through, and losses were very few indeed. There are a lot of so-called Stanhopes in Australia in which, were their pedigrees known, there would be found little, if any, Stanhope blood. I remember when I was in this great fancier's loft he was short of hens, and I had set my mind on a fine Red Chequer cock bird, and to secure a mate for him I had to go to the South of England for a Mealey of the Excell family. This pair of birds bred me some fine birds.

A FANCIERS' CLUB.

Last evening a preliminary meeting, with the object of taking steps to form a Fanciers' Club, was held in the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, there being a large attendance of fanciers. Mr. E. S. Brown occupied the chair.

Some discussion took place as to the advisability of forming another club of fanciers in view of the existence of a similar club, the N.S.W. Poultry, Pigeon, and Canary Association, but it was eventually decided to form the club, it being understood that it was not to be antagonistic to the last-named association. It was resolved to designate the club the Fanciers' Club of New South Wales, on the motion of Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Havenhill; and an executive committee, consisting of Messrs. Douglas, Francis, Churchward, Lavender, Mills, Rodd, St. John Bell, and Cox, was appointed to draw up rules for submission to a future meeting. Mr. Lavender accepted the position of secretary pro tem., and a number of members were enrolled, the subscription being fixed at half a guinea. A number of prominent fanciers, it was stated, had signified their willingness to join the new club.

PIGEON ROTA VIRUS

Latest Update –
27 August 2017

Swollen Eyelids. We have a diagnosis. Two fanciers from two different Melbourne federations brought 4 birds affected with this problem to our clinic in Melbourne. The standard diagnostic pathway was followed to investigate this type of problem. The birds were anaesthetised and the following samples collected and tests done.

1. **Blood was drawn for complete biochemistry (organ function tests) and haematology (red and white blood cell tests).** All biochemistry tests were normal. In particular the liver tests, GLDH (which rises when the liver is actively inflamed) and bile acids (this test rises when the liver is not working properly) were both normal. This was pleasing as it is the liver that is targeted for damage by Rota virus. The haematology was normal except one type of white blood cell called a lymphocyte was low. The number of lymphocytes present becomes low with either chronic stress or long term infections that deplete lymphocyte numbers.
2. **Chlamydia Immunocomb test.** This test measures the level of Chlamydial antibodies in the blood. An elevated level indicates either an active or recent

infection due to Chlamydia. The level was elevated

3. **Chlamydial PCR.** A swab was taken from the underside of the eyelids and tested. This test measures Chlamydial DNA. A positive result indicates active infection. The test was negative.
4. **Bacterial culture.** For this test a swab was also collected from the underside of the eyelid. Any bacteria present were cultured (grown) and identified. No bacteria of any significance were found.
5. **Mycoplasma PCR.** Another swab from the eyelid was taken and used to test for Mycoplasma DNA. This test was positive.
6. **Conjunctival biopsy.** Small tissue samples were collected from the inflamed membrane lining the eyelids (called the conjunctiva) and examined microscopically. The tissue contained a severe lymphocyte infiltrate (a type of inflammation) consistent with a Mycoplasma infection.
7. **The Mycoplasma detected on PCR is being sequenced** to identify what type of Mycoplasma it is. Some Mycoplasmas can occur in the eye quite normally and not cause disease. The pathologist however feels that because the conjunctiva displays the typical inflammation associated with a Mycoplasma infection that this is likely to be a disease causing Mycoplasma.

All samples were collected at the Melbourne Bird Veterinary Clinic. All tests were performed by specialists at the University of Melbourne and AgriBio.

So it appears that the problem is Mycoplasma. Mycoplasma was detected in the eye and the pattern of inflammation present was typical of a Mycoplasma infection. Other tests ruled out other problems. It appears that the tested birds had had an earlier Chlamydial infection. This is probably an incidental finding and not related to the current health problem. Most Mycoplasmas are sensitive to either doxycycline, tylosin or both. Fanciers should therefore find that affected birds respond well to treatment with either of these antibiotics. Indeed early reports from fanciers advise that this is the case. A commonly used preparation is Doxy T that contains both of these medications. Birds should be treated for at least 3 days while some lofts may need to be treated for 5 – 7 days.

Is this swollen eyelid problem associated with Rota virus? Mycoplasmosis (the disease caused by Mycoplasma) is a common disease. It is one of the causes of respiratory infection and 'eye colds' in young pigeons, particularly in the post weaning time. It is unusual however for Mycoplasma to cause this type of disease in large numbers of race age birds that are being looked after well. Usually by the time birds are old enough to race they have formed a good immunity to Mycoplasma and disease is only seen in birds that are not being cared for well. So what we have is a common disease behaving in an uncommon way. Is this related to Rota virus? Basically, we just don't know. It may be coincidental that this outbreak of readily infectious Mycoplasma disease has occurred in many Melbourne lofts in different federations in the same year as the Rota virus outbreak. It is just as likely however that the problem is related to Rota virus. Many of the pigeons currently beginning their racing careers were infected with Rota virus when they were young. The resultant disease may have caused a check in their development and interfered with their ability to develop normal levels of immunity as they have grown.

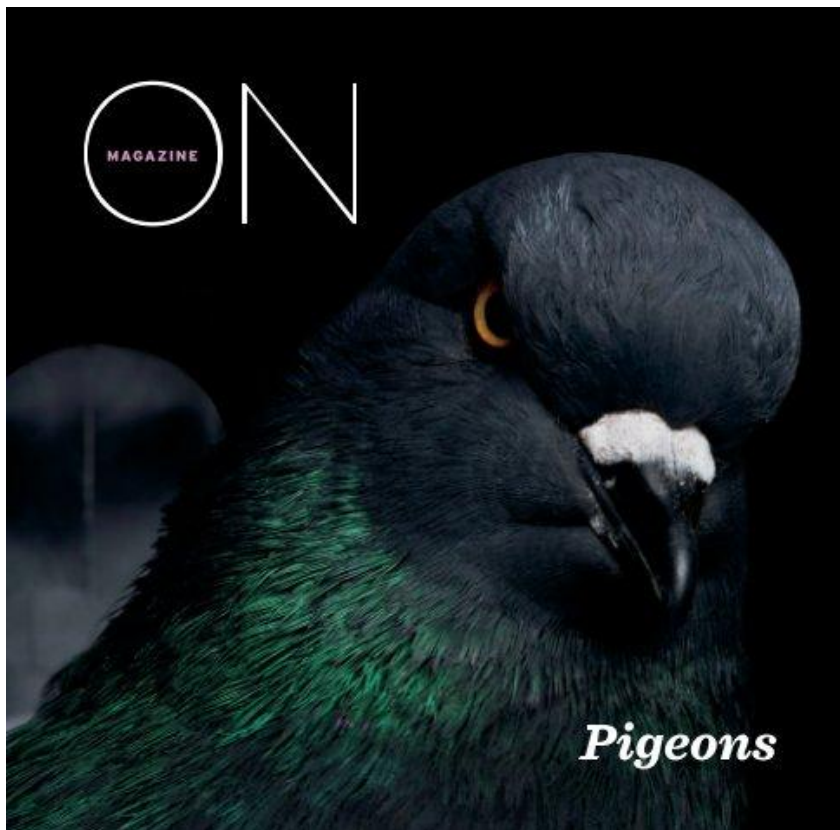
This is known to occur with other problems that interfere with health during growth such as severe parasitism and poor nutrition. As further cases are examined the situation will become clearer.

Visits to the Rota Virus Update

Since the beginning of the year there have been an incredible 424,000 visits or hits to this Rota Virus Update. The number continues to rise each month. Last month recorded the highest number with 88,000 hits during July. I have had a number of fanciers mention to me that they have read the site but I was surprised by this high number of visits. Still, it's pleasing to think that a good number of fanciers think that the site is, in fact, worth visiting.

What is happening with the vaccine?

Basically we are in a "paper work" stage. Charles Hider, a Melbourne fancier who races with the VHA and is the Board's solicitor is finalising contracts and agreements with Latrobe University and AgriBio. Dr Travis Beddoe is getting the final details of the vaccine manufacturing process to Dr Mark White at Tredlia Biovet in Sydney. Dr Dale Swanpoel, regulatory affairs officer at Treidlia Biovet is preparing an APVMA application to distribute the vaccine. These things take time. Everyone working on the vaccine is hopeful that the vaccine will be available before the end of the year.



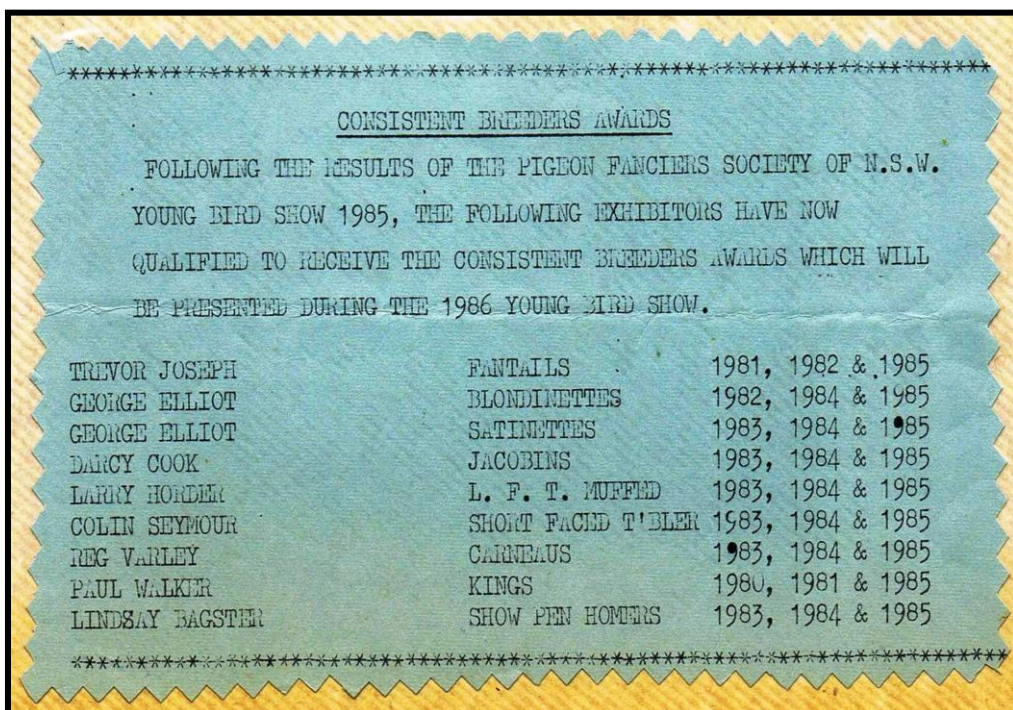
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Pictured: Consistent Breeder awards from 1985.

PFS GOLDEN JUBILEE SHOW JUNE 1966

By Walter Hitchell

This was a milestone for the Society and one that we marked by issuing a special schedule with a gold cover that was silk screen printed by Bob Montgomery assisted by labourer Walter Hitchell. Bob was a commercial artist who made a lot of display material for the PFS and served as President for many years and was a leading Nun Fancier. I have been looking for my copies of this for years and a week ago 4 copies turned up in a box in my barn.

The Show was held at the R.A.S.Showgrounds at Moore Park with penning on Thursday, Judging Friday and open for exhibition on the Saturday. Removal of exhibits to occur from 4pm on the Saturday. The Show was conducted under "Closed Judging" conditions which meant that there was no entry to the Show on Friday. No exhibits were penned on judging day and no exhibitors or visitors were allowed on that day. Judges and Stewards only were permitted with the senior officials who were required for the running of the show. In the late 1950s at my first PFS Show at Granville I was locked out at judging, so at my 2nd Show a year later I volunteered as a steward and this was the start of my involvement with the PFS.

The judging list was impressive with Bill Whiteside from New Zealand, Bob Morrison Queensland, Jules de Brenni Broken Hill, Les Greedy Maitland, Dave O'Keefe Pymont, Bob Clarke Cattai, R.C.W. Wright Canterbury and W.C. Giddings. The list of classes covered 570 classes which was a very large list for those times. Fashions change and to illustrate this the classes were as follows:-

Carriers 18, Dragoons Australian 10, Dragoons English 12, Fantails 38, Turbits 17, Owl English 3, Owl African 12, Blondinettes 14, Satinettes 26, AOV Frill 2, Helmets 12, Jacobins 20, Magpies 22, Modena's Gazzi 24, Modena's Schietti 34, Nuns 11, Pouters English 2, Pygmy Pouters 26, Flying Tiplers 12, Long Faced Tumblers 26, LFT Baldheads 19, LFT Muffs 3, Aust. Saddleback Tumblers 9, Short Faced Tumbler. 4, Performing Tumblers 28, Swallows 8, Spot or Snip 8, Trumpeters' 3, Archangels 9, Ice Pigeons 4, Starlings 2, Suabian C.L or Muff 2, Birmingham Rollers 2, German Beards 10, Show Homers 4, Misc. State Variety AOVCL 2, Misc. State Variety AOVFL 2, Carneau 15, Kings 8, Swiss Mondains 2, AOV Utility 2, Racing Homers 35, Flown Classes 6.

Junior Member Classes

Fantails 4, Oriental Frills 4, Owls 1, Magpies 1, Modena Gazzi 3, Modena Schietti 3, Nuns 1, Pigmy Pouters 2, Tiplers 3, L.F. Tumbler. 1, Perf. Tumbler. 4, Any Utility 2, Racing Homers 4, AOVCL 4, AOVFL 4.

Tri- coloured ribbons were provided for Grand Champion Open and Grand Champion Young (No Young Bird Show at this time).

Bi-coloured ribbons for Reserve Grand Champions. Grand Champion Ribbons were also awarded in the Junior Classes with their exhibits eligible to compete in the Open Classes (same judge).

Single colour purple ribbons awarded for Champion of each breed.

Prize money was awarded on the basis of First Prize 50% of entry fees, Second Prize 25% of entry fees, Third place card only. Society Trophies to be won three times for awarding and Outright Trophies and Specials donated by members and friends.

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Pictured: 1977 PFS subscription to American Pigeon Journal

**NOTES ON THE
PIGEON FANCIERS
SOCIETY OF NSW &
FANCIERS
OVER THE LAST
100 YEARS**

By Walter Hitchell

There is very little written evidence of the early years but we do know that in 1917 a meeting was held at the Sydney Tie Company's office in Sydney to form a Fancy Pigeon Club and Dave O'Keefe was present and remained a member all his life and is still fondly remembered by our senior members.

Prior to this time the New South Wales Fancy Pigeon Club was formed in 1887 for both Fancy Pigeons and Utility Breeds as they were popular and not covered by racing clubs. Unfortunately there are no known records of Shows held or when this club ceased operations.

Breeds shown at the end of the 19th century included Hungarians, Damascenes, Owls, (English and African), Beards (Short and Long Face), Fantails, Magpies, Satinettes, Turbits, Nuns, Pouters, English Show Homers, Ice (Barred and Spangled), Tumblers (Parlour, Muffed, Short & Long Faced), Barbs, Antwerp's, Bald Heads, Carriers, Marthams, Dragoons, Birmingham Rollers, Norwich Croppers, and Helmets.

Given the smaller population back then the Fancy was very strong due to a large percentage of the population having kept pigeons at some time.

I have many issues of the Australasian Pigeon Keeper devoted to Racing, Fancy and Utility breeds dating from volume 6 No.14 July 4th 1926 (price 3d published weekly) up to the last issue Volume 8 No.32 August 11th 1928. It would be fair to say it commenced in 1920. My earlier issues have a colour front page and many photos inside printed on good paper while the later issues are much plainer and a slightly smaller page size using poorer quality paper still priced at 3d. A section entitled "The Aviculturist" highlighted Canaries and Cage Birds was introduced in 1928 but failed to make it viable.

There are mentions of the Utility Pigeon Breeders Association of NSW and talk of combining with the PFS of NSW but very little else as to what happened. They did not report on shows in the APK but the Utility Club was listed in the clubs register in the APK up to November 12 1927 and this listing was not in the December 31 edition.

The PFS and members featured in articles but actual data is very thin on actual figures and is frustrating for research. A Young Bird Show was held, as well as an Annual Show which was first held in 1917 the year of the birth of the PFS. In 1926 a report in the APK dated 24th July said their recent Show was a spectacular success but ran at a loss. The following details were given.

Income: Donations £7/18/06, club donation £2/12/06, entry fees £27/08/00, sundries 19/00, Total £38/18/00

Expenditure: Special prize money £9/18/00, ordinary prize money £25/12/06, refund cancelled classes £4/16/00, labour, rent & sundries £4/08/06, schedules £1/15/00, postage 19/07, cartage £1/05/00, adverts 10/00, total £49/04 07.

W. H. Walker Hon Secretary.

In the same issue of the APK is a show report on Manilla show by the judge A. E. Powell. The Champion Pigeon was a "Blue Chequered Flying Homer who has flown 420 miles - a very nice headed bird, alert eye and splendidly chequered". Awards also went to Homer classes, Fantails, Magpies, London Dragoons, Carneaux, and Mondaines and to encourage young fanciers there were awards to pupils of Manilla school with 14 entries. 1st place to K Liddy, 2nd place Jack Grant, 3rd place H Lane also VHC awards.

Also in the for sale section in the APK are adverts for racing homers from imported bloodlines, Hansenne, Vandevelde, Soffle and crosses by W Foy-Rockdale. Jacobins and Pigmy Pouters all colours by Frank Crotty- Victoria. Jacobins in black, red and white by H.R. Welham- Burnie Tasmania.

Jacobins in all colours priced from 20 shillings and worth from 40 shillings by F Flew Chatswood ph J2149.

Annual Meeting of The Pigeon Society of New South Wales held in Rawson Chambers on February 10th 1942 at 8 P.M. Members in attendance Mr L. Brown chairman, Messrs Smith, Johnson, Low, Gray, Packer Mrs Packer Wilkinson, Hiddlestone.

Minutes of the previous Annual meeting were read and adopted.

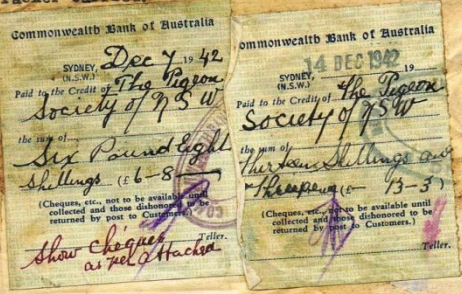
Mr Wilkinson gave a financial Statement of affairs of the Society which to the fact that the monetary ~~XXXX~~ affairs are being well cared for and shows the Society to be in a sound financial position

Mr Low moved that the Auditors report and balance sheet be deferred till March Meeting Seconded by Mr Johnson and Carried.

The Annual Meeting deferred from February 10 was continued on Tuesday 12th of April 1942 Members in attendance President L. Brown Chairman Messrs Walker, Smith, Lowe, Mrs Packer, A.W. Packer, D. O'Keefe, J.E. Gabel, H B Dellow, F. Johnson.

Balance Sheet Moved by W.H. Walker and Seconded by D.O'Keefe same be received Carried.

Balance Sheet as submitted be adopted moved Mr Lowe seconded by Mr Packer Carried.



Pictured: 1942 PFS General meeting.

P.F.S. of N.S.W. 1942 SHOW.
Society Trophy winners.

- No. 1. Jacobin: - No competition.
- No. 2. Show or Genuine Homer: - No competition.
- No. 3. Australian Dragoon: - " "
- No. 4. Nun: - " "
- No. 5. Fantail: - L. Martin.
- No. 6. English or African Owl: - L. E. Dellow.
- No. 7. Turbit or Oriental Frill: - L. E. Dellow.
- No. 8. Maggie: - L. E. Dellow.
- No. 9. Self Tumbler. Long faced. clean legged: - L. Greedy.
- No. 10. Tumbler. Long faced. clean legged. A.O.C. or marking: - A. O. Gray.
- No. 11. Racing Homer: - G. Gode.
- No. 12. Pouter Breeds: - L. E. Dellow.
- No. 13. English Dragoon: - No competition.
- No. 14. Carneaux: - G. Boulton.
- No. 15. White King or Maltese: - No competition.
- No. 16. G.O.V. Utility: - No competition.
- No. 17. Muffed Tumbler: - A. K. Packer.
- No. 18. Modena: - A. L. Peral.
- No. 19. Tippler: - L. Greedy.
- No. 20. Carrier or Barb: - No competition.

L. Brown
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Pictured: 1942 PFS Annual Show winners.



Pictured: John Hanson (Blenhaven Stud), Vaughan Kelly at the George Elliot testimonial Dinner 1985, Lidcombe NSW.



Pictured: Princess Anne (UK) talking to George Elliot (Frillman/Judge) at RAS Moore Park, 1988.

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Young Bird Shows were held in the early years and one was held in 1927 but details are limited to the comment that it was successful. Sometime after this (unknown) the YBS ceased to be held until it was revived in 1973 at Castle Hill Showgrounds as a Lawn Show with Vaughan Kelly, Walter Hitchell, John Hanson, Bob Montgomery and others with their children in attendance. It was a success and has been held each year since and is a major event on our calendar. It was held on the last Sunday in May and developed into a 2 day show on the last weekend in May.

When I joined the PFS in 1958 the President was Keith Langford-Smith from the Marella Mission Farm at Kellyville who had taken over from George Ardill from Concord who ran a Orphanage called "Our Children's Home" 1918 to 1982 with the main building named Ardill House and showed Turbits as well as other breeds.

Keith Langford -Smith was also known as "the Sky Pilot" and for many years he conducted a radio session on 2CH known as the Sky Pilots Log. In 1931 he purchased a Gypsy Moth and flew out of the Roper River Mission. He also wrote articles in the late 1920's for APK under the name of the sky pilot. These were generally on Racing Pigeons although when I knew him he showed Saxon Spots. His wife was Gwen and his Secretary at the mission farm was Norma Warwick who was also the Secretary of the PFS.

The PFS in 1958 met at the old Trades Hall in Haymarket and for



Pictured: Ian Campton and Darcy Cook presenting awards at the PFS show.



President of the RAS of NSW in the 50's and 60's.

April 9 1927. Royal Show entries were 1220 which was an increase of 247 on the previous Royal in 1926. This was the largest entry for some years. There were some very large individual entries which greatly helped the total entries.

September 10 1927. Reported that Bobby Morrison of Brisbane sings Harry Lauders songs to his pouters and this may explain why they perform so well on the show bench. (I remember Bob as a renowned Fantail judge and in fact he arranged for the Brisbane Royal to invite me to judge Fancy Pigeons. A long time ago).

Also reported that Jack and Will Bentley joined the PFS at their last meeting. They brought out their stud of White Long Faced Tumblers (5 from Tom Watts loft in Scotland and 5 of their own breeding) which Jack showed all his life eventually settling in Bega. Jack was a very well known Long Faced Tumbler expert and there are many quotes of his in Dr G L Clarks book "The Long Faced Tumbler". 50years later Jack exported some back to England.

Feb 25 1928. The 10th Annual meeting of the PFS was held at the APK offices with the following elected :- President Mr W. N. Wilkinson, Vice Presidents Messrs J Christey & Mr W. H. Smith, Secretary Mr W. H. Walker, Treasurer Mr D.H. Porter and 7 Committee F Ellis, R. Goddard, D. Porter, D. O'Keefe, F. Flew, H. Douglass and J.H. Shaw. This is the second mention of our old mate Dave O'Keefe who was also elected as a committee member in 1927 and a mainstay at our meetings all of his life.

a teenager these could be very noisy if there was a Trade Union meeting on with chairs being thrown across the room - on a different floor I might add. The Minutes Secretary was George Hanson and he was accompanied by his son John. We used the meeting room that Alcoholics Anonymous used and their banner was displayed at the front of the room.

APK SNIPPETS

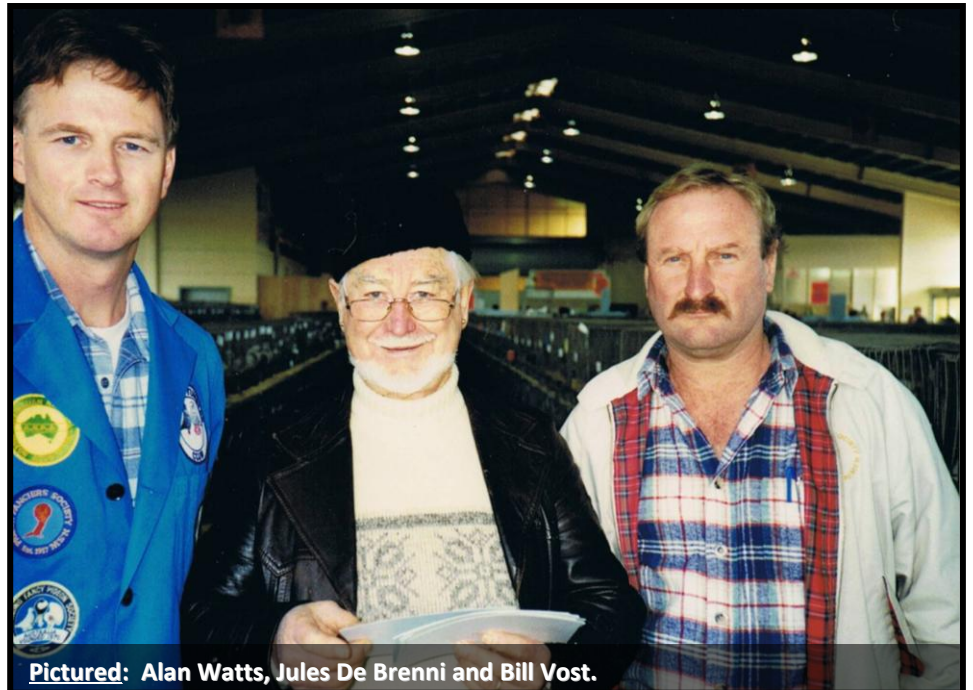
December 18 1926. A profile on G. C. Cronin states that it is an eye opener to visit his lofts as he has 20 different varieties most of rare quality. His winnings have been very extensive and he is never shy in buying a good bird. He was a vice-President of the PFS. He went on to become a Vice

**MY FOND MEMORIES
OF MY EARLY DAYS
WITH THE PFS ARE AS
FOLLOWS:
REMEMBERING HOW
I STARTED MY
JOURNEY WITH THE
PFS OF NSW.**

Trevor Joseph

My life with fancy pigeons began in the early 1970's. As most youngsters would do, I had numerous breeds but took a fancy to Fantail pigeons. I began showing them at the Sydney Royal (Moore Park) and my main competitor in Yellows was Michael Doresenko. I had mostly yellow fantails. I recall walking into the lovely old historic pavilion and there was Herbie Jacobsen dressing his fantails in preparation for penning.

George Elliott wasted no time in coming over and greeting me, as he did with all new comers. George invited me to join the P.F.S. of N.S.W and I came over to the Young Bird Show at Castle Hill in 1978. Laurie Allen was the Show Secretary. I went to a club meeting soon after, and the late Leon Staggs (Ring Secretary) wasted no time in nominating me to take over the role of Show Secretary which I did without knowing 'the ropes' or having any proper precedent to follow.



Pictured: Alan Watts, Jules De Brenni and Bill Vost.

In my first year as Show Secretary, I had to arrange for trophies to be handed out for the previous year.

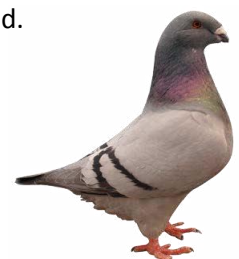
Those early shows were at Castle Hill Show Ground and here I met and got to know the late Darcy Cook who took me aside and guided me to deciding on just

one or two breeds if I was to 'go places' in the fancy, rather than try my hand showing half a dozen or more breeds.

Pictured: George Elliot testimonial Dinner 1985, Lidcombe NSW. Mr & Mrs Elliot and Daughter, Bob Clarke and the late Jim Mackay.



So I settled on Fantails and Nuns and there my journey began to blossom getting to know numerous pigeon fanciers from all over Australia, New Zealand and beyond.





Pictured: 1984, Michelle Burley, Fran & Trevor on a loft visit to meet Darcy Cook



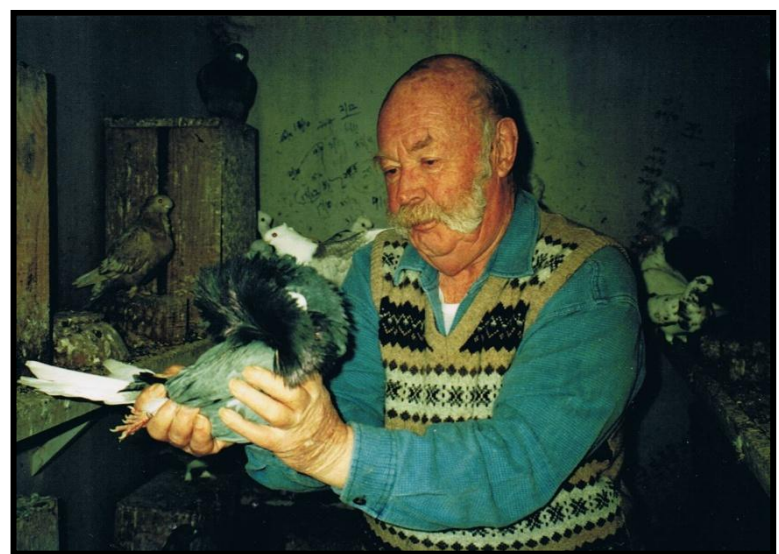
Pictured: 1984, Trevor Joseph, Michelle Burley (Short Faced Tumbler breeder UK), the late Howard Piper.



Pictured: 1984, Michelle Burley, Fran & Trevor on a loft visit to meet John Undzillo.



Pictured: Bill Whiteside NZ, Alistair Bull NZ and Graeme Jubb QLD. (Bill and Alistair were regular visitors' to ANPA shows).



Pictured: Bill Whiteside New Zealand, Jacobin Breeder.



Pictured: Trevor Joseph judging the Fantails at the Sydney ANPA show 2015.

Before I could even settle into running the two PFS shows, I found myself Co-Coordinating the First Australian National Pigeon Show. The first show was initially awarded to South Australia, but the local club struck some obstacles and the National body looked towards to PFS of NSW to come to the rescue, and so we did take it on with just 3 months to go before the show date in July.

That show was held in the historic and massive Pigeon and Poultry Pavilion at the Royal Sydney Show Grounds in Moore Park. Unlike today, it was such an exciting time just to walk into that pavilion, and then run into the big names in the hobby.

Those were fabulous days and I have many fond memories of the many people I met. Sadly, many have now passed on but of course the memories will remain. Together with many hard workers from the PFS, I coordinated the 10th National which we held in joint pavilions at Fairfield Show Ground. I held onto the role of PFS Show Secretary from around 1979 to 1987 and also worked on the newsletter, printed on an old Gestetner hand operated printer. Never had time for holidays as time off was taken purely to run the Young Bird and Annual shows each year.

Entry numbers at these shows peaked at some 1,300 for the Young Bird Show and 2,400 for the Annual. Fairfield show pavilion was packed from one end to another.

Fond memories but it certainly took a lot of hard work from many to run these shows. After having a short break from pigeons, I came back into the hobby and have settled this time with Australian Show Pen Homers and Nuns. Why not Fantails one may ask? When I walked away from the hobby, I very foolishly had my purpose built Fantail loft taken down. All the hard labour which Bill Vost put into building that loft was undone in 2 days when removed, and I still regret my dumb decision.

Without the ability or time to re-build a loft ideal for Fantails, or to have the time to devote to Fantails, I decided to not take them on again. Some forty years later, I am still enjoying my pigeons in my back yard even though they are time consuming and costly to maintain these days. Had I not been involved with the Pigeon Fanciers Society of NSW, I would never have had the opportunity to meet and get to know so many people from every State and for this I am ever grateful.

CHANGES TO FANTAILS OVER THE YEARS.

Trevor Joseph

These 2 pictures, are to compare the improvement from 1985 – 1999 in fantails, in the 1980's they were flat chested and upright, body improvements came in with the introduction of Canadian imports.



Pictured: 1985 Fantail, White cock. Note flat chested and upright body rather than round, leggy.



Pictured: 1999, Black Fantail, cock. Compare improvement since 1985, with the white Fantail, major improvements are in the body and tail.

Body much rounder and low set, with top tail.

MY PIGEON HISTORY

Glenn Winspear



Pictured: Young Glenn Winspear with his of his birds.

I first got into pigeons before I was born as my father was a pigeon man since he was a boy, Although he was a pigeon racing man not a show bird man, He had fantails as trappers for his racing birds and that is where my interest was,

Yes in the fantail. He always told me to get away from those silly fantails and come and have a look at some real classy birds!!!! Always wanting me to have a look at his latest winners or the ones that were going to win next time anyway.

It is a wonder I didn't grow wings because my father loved his birds and my mother always thought I was a little angel, little did she

know what she was in for, but that is another story. Things changed as I got older and I was able to decide for myself the breed of pigeon I wanted in my parents backyard and of course it was the original fancy pigeon which was fantails, I had fantails until my mid teens when all of sudden I found other interests like school! NO I lied it was Cars, Motorcycles, and OHH girls. But then I got married had three kids and gained a mortgage OHH and a budgie, and over many years I breed several different breeds of bird including pigeons, but after I had a number of different types of birds like finches, budgies, cockatiels etc. and after a lot more years I got old enough to decide what I could have in my backyard with permission from the wife of course.

Well I got the wife at a very weak moment where she said YES, "*I could have a pair of fantails*"; I went straight out and looked for a pair of fantails of good show quality before she could remember her moment of weakness.



Pictured: Steve Pithers and Glenn Winspear lacing there Fantails at the PFS Annual Show.

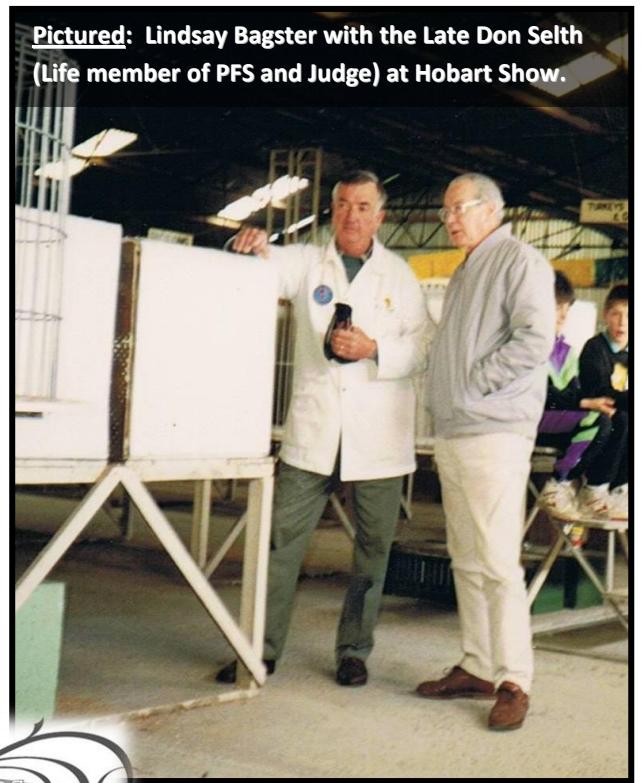
This is when I first spoke to a man called Stephen Pithers who sold me a few more than one pair of birds and I started my first show fantail team, Now I have around 180 fantails and I have been showing since 2006 and I have enjoyed meeting all the members of the PFS and visiting fanciers to the shows, A big thank you to you the Weekes girls for making me welcome and doing all the work you do for the PFS, I am looking forward to showing as many years as I can. For the love of pigeons - Glenn Winspear - www.fantailpigeon.info



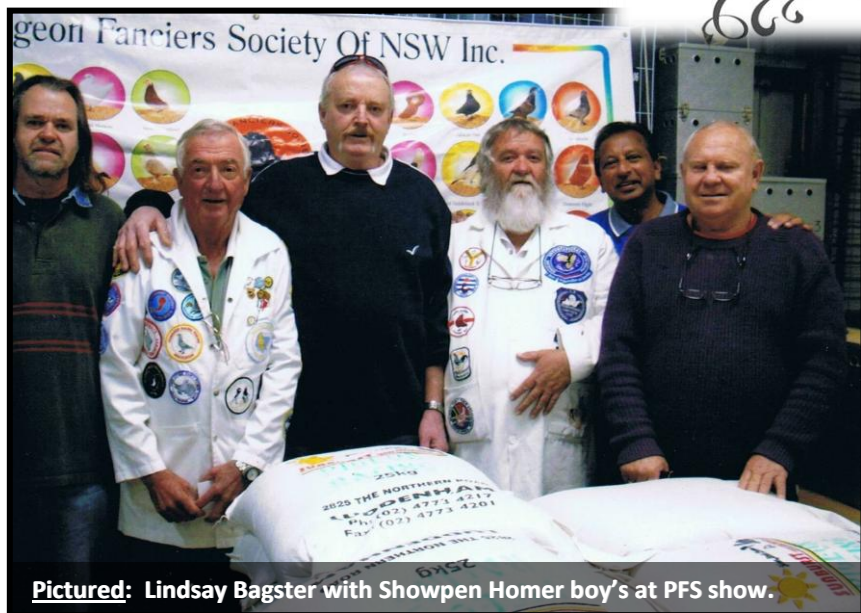
Pictured: Glenn Winspear checking out his birds at the RAS show.



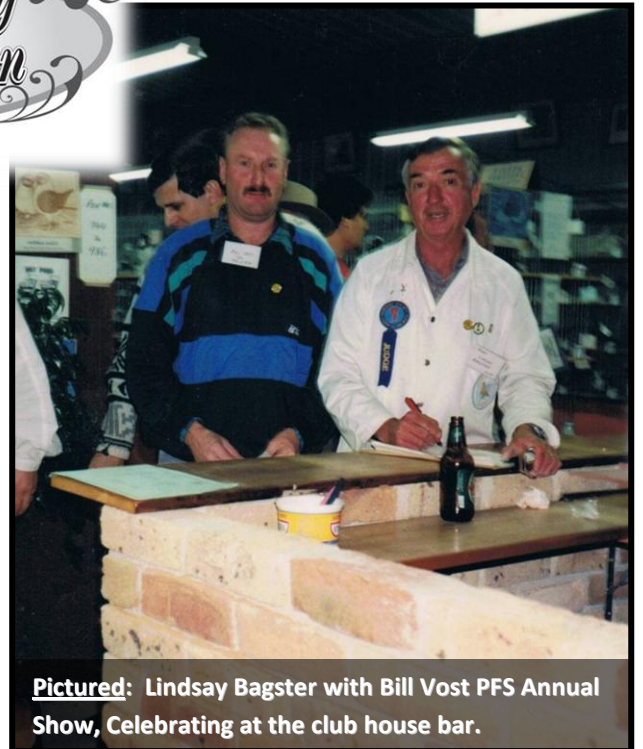
Pictured: PFS 1966 Golden Jubilee show program



Pictured: Lindsay Bagster with the Late Don Selth (Life member of PFS and Judge) at Hobart Show.



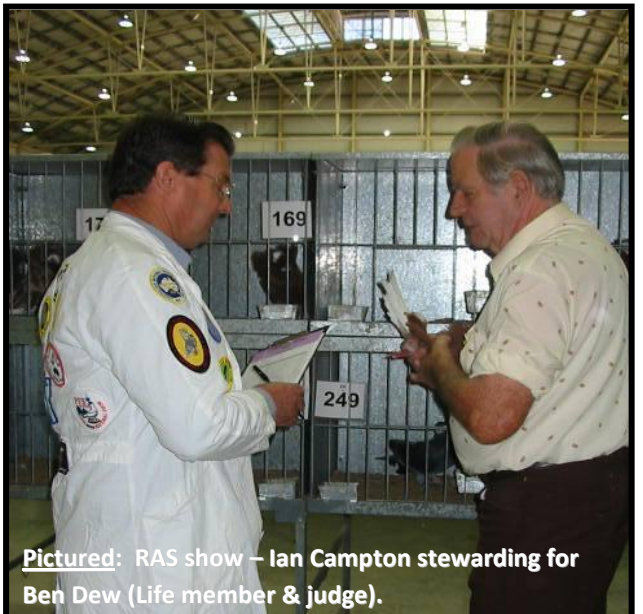
Pictured: Lindsay Bagster with Shopen Homer boy's at PFS show.



Pictured: Lindsay Bagster with Bill Vost PFS Annual Show, Celebrating at the club house bar.



Pictured: Barry Shepherd (Life member & judge), showing Don Burke his collection of pottery that he handmade.



Pictured: RAS show – Ian Campton stewarding for Ben Dew (Life member & judge).



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Size B - Inside Diameter 8mm. Fantail, Fantail Lace, Fantail Saddle/Tailmark, Jacobins, Aachen Lacquer Shield Owls, African Owl, Turbit, Thuringen Field Pigeon, Thuringen Breast Pigeon, Thuringen Monk, Thuringen Pouter, Thuringen Shield. Thuringen Spot, Thuringen Stork, Thuringen Whitetail, Gimpel, Hyacinth, Ice Pigeon Clean Legged, Nuremburg Lark, Starlings, Australian Saubians, Danish Saubians, Swallows Clean Legged, Egyptian Swifts, Racing Pigeon Show Type, Holle Cropper, Pigmy Pouter, Valencia Cropper, Voorburg Shield Cropper, Brunswick Beard, Domestic Show Flight, Medium Faced Helmet Plainhead and Crested, Magpie, Nun, Australian Performing Tumbler, Kormorner Tumbler, Australian Saddleback Tumbler Clean Leg, Show Birmingham Roller, Exhibition Flying Tippler, Show Tippler, Old Dutch Capuchine, Danzig High flyer, Szegediner Tumbler, Damascene, Chinese Owl, Donek, Altenberg Trumpeter, Oriental Roller.
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