

The Orpington Club of Australia (Inc.)

**Welcome to
‘The Orpington Outlook’**

**Autumn Newsletter 2012
The
Australian Super Show Special**



**Waninga Orpingtons Large Black Cockerel
‘Caesar’**

Ch Orpington in Show Royal Canberra National Poultry Show 2012

Res Ch Orpington in Show- 2012 Northern Feature Show

Ch Orpington in Show- 2012 Southern Feature Show

Photo Courtesy of Andy Vardy

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From the Presidents Shed

Hello Members of the Orpington Club.

What a great year we have had with the Canberra National, Northern Orpington Feature and the Southern Orpington Feature.

I am sure that the next year will bring a great crop of young birds to the fore. I was pleasantly surprised to see the quality of the Orps had improved yet again. This time last year in my address I mentioned that if anyone was to win from here on they would need a very good bird and that is just what happened. The quality was very good. The bantams are slowly catching on. I feel that they are going to make a big impression at last. The quality of bantams overall was very pleasing to see.

In the period after the shows I usually take a bit calming down; I always feel like breeding a few early ones. I hear on the grape vine that some early chicks will be around in more than one breeder's yard.

The club members that are a long way away will see the winning birds and catch up on the chit chat from the shows in our newsletter.

It will be great to meet you far- awayers one day but in the mean time we will have to make sure you get your value from our newsletter.

Our overseas contacts are eager to see our winning bird's photos and read about our shows. We have had a visitor from the UK. Chris Parker: The president of 'The Poultry Club' spent time with us at Canberra. It was great to catch up with Chris again and I look forward to meeting him at a poultry show in the UK sometime.

I would like to also thank Sonya Ford, Jenny Stewart, Sue Barker and Ross Gibson for donating birds for the club to auction. This gesture made quite a considerable amount of money to top up the tin ready for our show(s) next year and we will all benefit then.

The new management team in our club will bring a spring flush to things. It is always exciting to see the enthusiasm that new office holders bring to a club. Having said that I will miss the friendship and professional manner our outgoing secretary Dallas Smith has brought to the club. Dallas has contributed many, many hours of his management skills. He has written and donated to our club the wonderful book 'The Complete Orpington' that we sell to make a few dollars and we will be seeking his advice on many projects in the future.

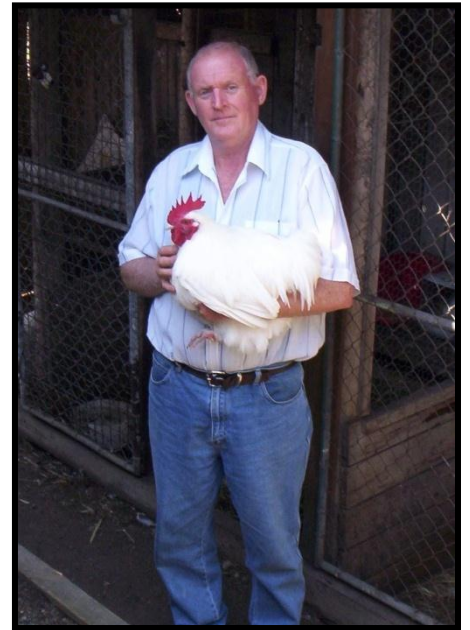
Thank You Dallas for your wonderful contribution.

In closing, this has, so far, been a great year and I wish all members a fruitful breeding season.

See you at the show next year,

Robert Callinan

Proud President of the Orpington Club of Australia



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<http://www.orpingtonaustralia.com>

A Word (or two) from The (New) Secretary!!!

Thanks to Dallas Smith – Poultry club administrator extraordinaire!

Not normally one to be lost for a word or two I would have to say how humbled I am to be following in the shoes of one Dallas Smith! For the last few years I have been mentored by Dallas in the ways of the Orpington Club and it's been a real honor to have been able to see a master at work. Needless to say to come in as Secretary after Dallas ten years in the job was made really easy by him having everything in order and an order to everything. Having picked up the steel trunk of Club records at Canberra and having now trawled through the memorabilia that the Club has gathered since its launch in 1985 I feel extremely privileged to now be the keeper of such a rich picture of the history of this breed in Australia. From the original notes of the first Club meeting and the words of wisdom of the first elder statesman Jim Blatch to the dark days of the early 2000 to the Clubs re-awakening thanks to the dedication of the few at the beginning of the last decade and now to the amazing resurgence of this Stately of Breeds that we have experienced over the past 5 years it's all there in the trunk. Needless to say that without Dallas firm hand on the helm and his amazing organizational skills the Club wouldn't be where it is today ; some 85 active members across the country, a few \$000 in the bank and over 500 Orpingtons exhibited at Club shows in three states of Australia. Reiterating the thunderous acclamation that Dallas received at the Clubs AGM in June I would just like to pass on our thank you for a job well done.

The good thing for the Orpington Club of Australia is that Dallas is not retiring per se he is just taking on a different role with the Club. He is still the Clubs Public Officer and will be our go to guru for the Breeds Standards and Colours working groups

The next steps for the Club are....

At the Clubs AGM in Canberra there was a lot of talk about new colours, imports, breed registers etc etc. Clearly the groundswell of favour that standard and non -standard colours are getting both here in Australia and around the world needs to be addressed in order to ensure the breeds heritage and quality are preserved for the generations of fanciers to come. In the next edition of the Clubs newsletter ; cheekily renamed with the artistic license that comes with editorial freedom as ' **The Orpington Outlook** ' we will outline a draft terms of reference for the Breed Standard Reference group that was raised at the AGM as well as the Constitutional changes that were endorsed. Another issue on the table is how can the club better support the growing number of members in South Australia and Tasmania as well as re-enthusing those in the traditional hotbeds of Orpington's - Western Australia and Queensland? There is also the small matter of organizing next year's shows, updating the website, recording the Clubs history, etc etc.

International Relations

As many members would be aware Australia has forged some strong sister club relationships with Landsklubben for Orpington Denmark and in the UK through the Buff Orpington Club and the UK Orpington Club. Just recently we made contact with the United Orpington Club (of America) and I am pleased to say that a resolution endorsing our suggestion for the formalization of the UOC sister club relationship was made on 1st August 2012. That means that our UOC colleagues will receive this newsletter and in return we will get the All Orp. As with the UK and Denmark we will swap trophies and cards as well as share articles and information on this most magnificent breed. Coming in the next newsletter will be an International section which will showcase what's happening from around the Orpington world- I am sure one W. Cook would be proud of these collaborations as part of the global legacy that he started over a century ago!?

It's all about the shows...

Or is it??? Because of the richness of pics and results that were taken this year we – the editorial committee – has decided that this edition is clearly about the 2012 Orpington Show season. It's our way of sharing pictorially the quality of the birds that were exhibited at the three main Orpington club endorsed shows, to laud the winners, to pick the brains of the Judges about the birds shown and to see what needs to be looked at for the future. So we hope you enjoy this edition showcasing the **Orpingtons of 2012**

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Royal National Canberra Poultry Show 2012

Ch Orpington in Show - Waninga Orpingtons Black Cockerel

Ch Bantam Orpington- Allen Morton Black Cockerel

Large Fowl.

BLACK:. COCK Miss AR Gibson 1st A. Standing 2. HEN Miss AR Gibson 1st & Res Ch Black & 3rd, D&J Stannard 2nd, A.Standing HC. COCKEREL; Waninga Orpingtons 1st & CH Black, S.Ford 2nd & 4th, D&J Stannard 3rd, PULLET; Miss AR Gibson 1st and HC, S Ford 2nd, D&J Stannard 3rd.

BLUE; HEN V.Bragg 1st; COCKEREL S.Ford 1st & CH Blue. PULLET D&J Stannard 1st, 2nd & RES Ch Blue, S Ford 3rd & HC.

BUFFS. COCK. The Cuckoo Stud 1st. G.Standfield 2nd. HEN J.Witney 1st. Miss AR Gibson 2nd & 3rd. T Trengrove HC. COCKEREL. D&J Stannard 1st, 2nd & RES CH Buff. Miss AR Gibson 3rd. S Bevan HC. Pullet. Goldfeather Poultry 1st & CH BUFF. D&J Stannard 2nd. J.Witney 3rd. Miss AR Gibson HC.

CUCKOO. COCK The Cuckoo Stud 1st & RES Ch. HEN. The Cuckoo Stud 1st & 2nd. COCKEREL. Waninga Orpingtons. 1st & CH CUCKOO. PULLET. C Pobje 1st & HC. The Cuckoo Stud 2nd & 3rd.

WHITE. COCK. Waninga Orpingtons 1st. HEN. E Marso 1st & 2nd. Waninga Orpingtons 3rd. COCKEREL. Waninga Orpingtons 1st 3rd and RES CH. E Marso 2nd. PULLET. Waninga Orpingtons 1st 2nd 3rd & CH WHITE.

AORC. Cock. The Cuckoo Stud 1st. HEN. D&J Stannard 1st & Ch. A Standing 2nd & Res Ch. PULLET. The Cuckoo Stud 1st.

Bantams.

BLACK. COCK. A.Morton 1st. HEN. W&E Coffee 1st. A Morton 2nd. COCKEREL. A Morton 1st 3rd and Ch Black. R McLaren 2nd. PULLET. A Morton 1st 2nd & RES CH. R McLaren 3rd & HC.

BLUE. HEN. W&E Coffee 1st. COCKEREL. R McLaren 1st & CH BLUE. W&E Coffee 2nd & 3rd. PULLET. W&E Coffee 1st & RES Ch Blue. R.McLaren 2nd & 3rd.

BUFF. COCK. R. Callinan 1st. The Cuckoo Stud 2nd. HEN. R.Callinan 1st & RES CH. W&E Coffee 2nd. COCKEREL. R McLaren 1st. V Bragg 2nd. The Cuckoo Stud 3rd. PULLET. R Callinan 1st 2nd & Ch BUFF. W&E Coffee.

CUCKOO. COCK (Res Ch) . HEN. COCKERELS (Ch). All to the Cuckoo Stud.

WHITE. COCK, HEN, COCKEREL (Res Ch)L, PULLETS (Ch). All to R Callinan

Editors Note; At the Clubs AGM the Judges gave an overview of how they saw the fowls on show and what took their fancy as well as some tips on how to get the best from their birds in the show pen. Both gave enthralling presentations so much so that I forgot to take notes. So as a follow up I asked both Judges to provide a few post show notes.

Orpington Large Fowl at Canberra By Graham Finlay

BLACK

Cocks- Both good size but with flat backs

Hens- The winner was good size but coarse the others had faulty wings

Cockerels- the winner, a top Ckl, great substance, on show all the time, a little uneven in wattle size. One of the best fronted Black males I have seen for years- a real Orpington! The next two Ckls great young ckls but still too young!

Pullets- the first three all similar in size and type, good pullets but absolutely overshadowed by the fourth placed pullet. One of the best fowls in the shed but unfortunately I had to put her down because of twisted outside toes!

Overall the Blacks have made tremendous improvements since I judged them 5 years ago (National Show Albury 2007)

BLUE

The winning Ckl a top fowl but just a little long in the back. The other ckls all had faulty wings! Females had some good type but all had bad ground colour with many bleached from too much sun exposure.



Goldfeather Poultry's RES Ch Large Orpington (& Ch Large Buff -Pullet) (Photo by Andy Vardy)

BUFFS

Cocks- Reasonable size but too long in the backs and whipped tails

Hens- The winning hen ;quite good type, good front and good substance. Most of the hens (and pullets) had big cushions and tight narrow tails. (Note to exhibitors) You need to keep them out of the weather once they get their adult plumage to stop the bleaching.

Cockerels- The first three Ckls were very reasonable- similar in type and colour very handy males.. There was a very handy ckl but was uncared due to broken flight feathers.

Pullets- The winner was the best pullet I have seen for years!!! Great width over the shoulders, right up over the back to the end of the tail. Good deep round front and a sweet head topped off with good colour and well shown! Could have done with being a couple of pounds heavier. I hope the owner takes her home and feeds her coarse grain to stop her laying and lets her grow out to be a good hen to breed from next year. The balance of the pullets had too much cushion and narrow tail

CUCKOO A very ordinary lot except for the winning Ckl! A beauty, a real Orpington. Had he had a deeper front he would have pressed the two top Orpingtons.

WHITE-A better lot. The males had type but were a little pinched in the tails. The females needed more roundness in their shape, the sweeping curve from neck to tail needs to be more precise.

AOC The males were rough. The females very good type and quality but needed better colour definition.

Orpington bantams at Canberra 2012 by Ken Bergin

My invitation to judge the Orpington bantams at Canberra 2012 came as a complete surprise as I didn't know that the Orpington Club had nominated me for this great responsibility. Having judged the Clubs National show in Moruya in 2010 I approached the Canberra assignment confident that there would be some good birds to assess. I was not wrong.

Black.

Overall the Blacks were good. The 1st Hen was of good type. In the Cockerels 1st had great quality of feather, good type with typical Orpington head and beautifully shown. Perhaps he could have had a tad more depth in the under carriage but overall he was a worthy winner of the Champion Orpington Bantam Award. The 2nd had a lovely flow of feather and the 3rd just lacked tail.

The pullets were a nice lot. 1st and 2nd were peas in a pod of good type and quality. That they sold at auction for \$400 each tells me that someone else thought they were pretty good fowls too! 3rd was a good bird and 4th was in the running.



Allan Mortons CH Bantam Orpington Royal Canberra National Poultry Show (Photo by Andy Vardy)

Blues ; The hen was a good example of the breed. The 1st cockerel was not far behind the Black Cockerel in being a good quality Orpington. 2nd and 3rd were fair exhibits but not up to the winning bird. In the pullets the 1st was of good type but was not quite out in feather. 2nd and 3rd did not have the type of the 1st pullet.

Bufs

Both Cocks were good examples. The 1st Hen was better for type and colour. In the Cockerels the 1st was a fair exhibit but a bit on the big side. 2nd and 3rd were lacking in the tail. In the pullets the 1st was an excellent exhibit even if a bit overweight and the 2nd was not far behind. 3rd was a better size but failed in colour. Overall the buffs were the biggest size of the bantams and could do with some scaling down to make them truly bantams. Eye colour needs watching in some of the buffs too!

Whites

The Cock was of good quality. 1st Hen was a delight and was Reserve Champion Bantam Orpington. The 2nd hen was good too. Both cockerels were lovely birds 1st just being ahead of the 2nd in feathering and condition. In the pullets all 3 were good and 1st was of great type. The birds in the White classes were the best on the day for evenness of type, condition and presentation in the show pen.

Cuckoo

There were six cuckoo exhibits. Overall they are a work in progress with type fair enough but colour and size need some attention. I was happy to have the opportunity to talk about the cuckoos with the exhibitor.

In summary.....

It needs to be said that on judging morning the temperature got down to -5 degree's which meant many of the birds were tucked up and not showing to best advantage. However it was a wonderful experience and a great honour to judge the Orpington bantams at this most prestigious of poultry events. Congratulations to the winners, the competition was keen and the quality high. If you didn't get some cards this time please keep trying with this special breed because quality foundation stock is out there. I was so impressed with your bantams at Canberra that I joined the Club and I look forward to getting some bantams of my very own.

Very best wishes to all.

Your MEMBERSHIPS are now DUE!!!

For those of you who haven't renewed yet this is a reminder that;

The Orpington Club of Australia membership year goes from July 1st to June 30th the following year.

So 2012-13 Memberships are now due.

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

Download a form from www.orpingtonaustralia.com and send your remittance to the Club Secretary Martin Doulton at ;

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Or send Martin an email to secretary@orpingtonaustralia.com

Bliss

By Rob Callinan

The place was full, the chooks were loud, their music filled the air,
With people smiling, people laughing, fun was everywhere.
The Orps were benched, the judge was set, the breeders sitting ready,
When in he walked and calmly said: Hey my name is Freddy!

I know I'm late but can I still bench my cockerel.
His slip was read: "You're in 36", so he gave his kids a yell,
"Its ok boys lead him in, but we'll have to be real quick,"
They brought him in like a dog on a lead with twine around his neck,

The bird sure was a different sight, he was red and black and blue,
With white and yellow spangled tips on green black feathers too.
They put him in development row in 'colours still underway,'
I couldn't believe the faces on the crowd that day.

The stately judge stood aghast; "what will I judge him too,
The type's not bad but colour wise I don't know what to do.
You'd better hold a meeting and sort this quandary out
Before I get to that birds class," the judge began to shout.

The show committee all stood erect, they knew the task at hand,
For no better committee members could be found across the land.
"Just judge the type to the standard," the first man began to say,
"But what about the colours" the others began to neigh.

"Well: Call it a black red blue white spangle with a yellow lacing tip,"
Then a quiet fell on the meeting and the chairman let it rip.
"I told you this would happen, it was a sure thing bet,"
"Hang on mate!" the group all said we can still fix this up yet.

Type and points are worth just sixty five; colour is worth the rest
There's five colours to choose from, give a point score for the best. The group agreed, the show went on, the crowd all
gathered round,
The judge addressed the coloured birds with a look that was profound.

Well, this one's got me stonkered, his type is very sound,
He has the best body here, he's the best bird to be found.
His colour is a challenge but as per the direction given,
I'll divide the colours into five and score them out of seven.

Well the black is with a nice green sheen, I'll give to it a seven,
Now ; the red, it's not a bad one, I'll give it four to make eleven.
The others are worth just five points each that makes it twenty six,
So a total score of ninety five puts this rooster through the sticks.

He marked the bird with champion, the crowd just stood aghast,
As far as judging appointments this was sure to be his last.
There was a deal of chatter, plastic cups flew in the air,
While the stewards and the judge all went to the you know where.

They did a lively runner whilst the crowd just boo'd and hissed,
People were even saying the judge is surely drunk.
At the ribbon presentation the mood was pretty poor,
When Freddy took the trophy and bolted across the floor.
His kids clustered at the door wondering why the folk were rude,
While the brightly coloured rooster just cockadoodle doo'd.
It goes to show as we should know, if colours aren't your cup of tea
There is a chance they'll still enhance the shows for you and me.

Orpington Club Northern Feature show results and update held on Sun 24th June 2012. Report by Martin Doulton.

After an afternoon with Sue the Cuckoo Breeder the Sunday before this show I made the rash (and late) decision to enter some birds and drive to Sydney for the show. Having had so much fun with the rest of the Orpington crew in Canberra the Show secretary's suggestion of a meal with everyone the night before the show made the long trip all worthwhile.

Castle Hill Showgrounds Poultry and Pigeon pavilion is set in a beautiful part of the city and the showgrounds were a hive of activity all weekend – a dog show, rabbit show, guinea pig show, horses on the ovals etc etc.

Thank you to the NSW Wyandotte Club for hosting the Orpington Club of Australia Northern feature show which ended up with over 160 birds on display. Of note was at least 100+ of the birds entries did not go to the Canberra Royal and that the bantam entries made up 40% of the total show entries. Large Blacks were the most numerous colour on show but we also had for the first time in Australia Lavender Bantams were entered as well as some excellent Large Red and Spangled bantams on display.

Judge Peter Nordstrom of Buff Orpington fame had a tough task ahead of him and it was decided that when the Wyandotte show Judge Guy Wailes (who bred Orpingtons for many years) finished his other task early we thought it might help with the judging workload if Guy could look over the developmental colours, Blue and Buff bantams as well as the Pairs. It did help get us through on time and our thanks go to Guy for stepping up to the plate so well (and welcome back into Orpingtons too Guy!)

Ch Bird in show was the most magnificent Blue Ck bird of Chris Hardman. When you see the photos on the Orpington Club website you will see why. He is an absolute standout bird and was shown to perfection!!! Res Ch Bird in Show went to the Large Black Ckl of Waninga Orpingtons which was also the Ch Orpington at Canberra Royal - perhaps just proving that the Canberra result wasn't a fluke??

We also had an auction and I am pleased to report that the pair of Large Blacks (donated by Miss AR Gibson) raised \$230 and the trio of Buff Bantams (from the Cuckoo breeder) went for \$130. Both lots were subject to frenzied bidding and went to probable new members.

At the end of the show our Judge Peter N noted that the winning Large Blue, Large Black, Large White, Large Cuckoo and Bantam Black were as good a birds in those colours that he had seen. He was most disappointed in the Buffs from both a colour and a type perspective - seems a common problem especially with the Ckls and cut away fronts. The other thing Peter noted was the high quality of the preparation and show training of the winning fowls. Too many were not show ready in terms of pen training etc. He noted the days of RR Brown who was the master showman and commented that when he was showing he used to spend hours training birds in a pen.

So after 22 hours in a car and some 1900Kms later, navigating around flooded roads and dealing with Sydney traffic it was a relief to get home. The birds are now out on the grass oblivious of what they have done and where they have been.

Results Northern Feature– Castle Hill 24/6/2012

Entries 171 - Judge Mr. Peter Nordstrom

Standard Fowl-

(Entries in Brackets)

WHITE-

Cock(1), Ckl (1). Pullet (1) - All to Waninga Orpingtons, Champion to cock
(*editors note =Atlas*).

CUCKOO

Cock (2) The Cuckoo Stud. Hen (2) The Cuckoo Stud, Ckl (2) Waninga Orpingtons 1st & Champ, E&W. Coffee 2nd, Pullet(2) The Cuckoo Stud 1&2

BLUE

Cock (2) Chris Hardman 1st & Champion & 2nd, Hen (2) Chris Hardman Cockerel (5) Chris Hardman 1,2,3 Pullet (6) D&J. Stannard 1 &2, Chris Hardman 3

BUFF

Hen (7) D&J. Stannard 1st, Terry Trengrove 2nd, Simon Beven 3rd

Ckl (7) Simon Beven 1st & Champion & 3rd, D.&J. Stannard 2nd

Pullet (11) Simon Beven 1st, D&J Stannard 2nd, E&W. Coffee 3rd

BLACK

Cock (5) Chris Hardman 1st & 2nd, Josh Bell 3rd. Hen (9) D&J. Stannard 1st, Josh Bell 2nd, Chris Hardman 3rd. Cockerel (11) Waninga Orpingtons 1st & Champion, Chris Hardman 2nd & 3rd. Pullet (11) Josh Bell 1st, Chris Hardman 2nd & 3rd.

SPLASHED

Hen (2) D& J Stannard 1,2. Ckl (2) Chris Hardman 1st & Champion & 2nd

Pullet (1) Chris Hardman 1st

A.O.R.C

Hen (3) D &J. Stannard 1st & Champion, 2nd, 3rd, (Reds)

Ckl (1) The Cuckoo Stud 1st (Partridge), Pullet (2) D&J. Stannard, 1st, 2nd(Reds)

BREEDING PAIRS

BLUE AND BLACK– Chris Hardman 1,2 in each, Champion to Blacks

• Champion Standard Fowl and Grand Champion Orpington-

Chris Hardman's Blue Cock

Bantams-

WHITE- Cock (1), Hen (1), Ckl (2) Pullet (3) All R. Callinan— Champion to cock
CUCKOO- Cock (2), Ckl (2)— All to The Cuckoo Stud— Champion to cockerel
BLUE

Cock (2) Chris Hardman 1st & Champion & 2nd, Hen (3) E&W. Coffee 1st,
Chris Hardman 2nd & 3rd, Cockerel (11) E&W. Coffee 1st, Chris Hardman 2, 3
Pullet (4) Chris Hardman 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

BUFF-

Cock (1) E&W. Coffee 1st, Hen (2) R. Callinan 1st, E&W. Coffee 2nd
Cockerel (2) R. Callinan 1st, The Cuckoo Stud 2nd, Pullet (7) R. Callinan 1st &
Champion & 2nd, Chris Hardman 3rd

BLACKS

Cock (1) D.J. Smith 1st, Hen (3) E&W. Coffee 1st, others absent
Cockerel (5) E&W. Coffee 1st & 2nd, Chris Hardman 3rd
Pullet (6) The Cuckoo Stud 1st & Champion, Chris Hardman 2nd & 3rd
SPLASHED (3) All to Chris Hardman Champion to cockerel
SPANGLED (6) All to D.J. Smith Champion to hen.

A.O.R.C

Cockerel (1) The Cuckoo Stud (Lavender), Pullet (1) The Cuckoo Stud
(Lavender Cuckoo)

BREEDING PAIRS— Chris Hardman 1st & 2nd (Blues)

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* **Champion Bantam—The Cuckoo Stud's Black Pullet.**

Following on the next few pages is the 2012 Northern Feature Show Winners Gallery

(Pictures courtesy of Priscilla Evans, Chris Hardman and The Cuckoo Stud)



Figure 1 Ch Bird In Show Ch Large Orpington-
Chris Hardman Large Blue Cock



Figure 2 Ch Bantam in Show & Ch Bantam Black-
the Cuckoo Studs Pullet



Figure 3 Res Ch Bird in Show & Ch Large Black- Waninga
Orpingtons Cockerel



Figure 4 Ch Bantam Blue- Chris Hardman
Cockerel



Figure 5 Ch White in Show Ch Large White- Waninga Orpingtons Cock



Figure 6 Ch Bantam White- Rob Callinan Cockerel



Figure 7 Ch Large Buff -Simon Bevan Cockerel



Figure 8 Ch Buff in Show & Ch Buff Bantam- Rob Callinan Hen

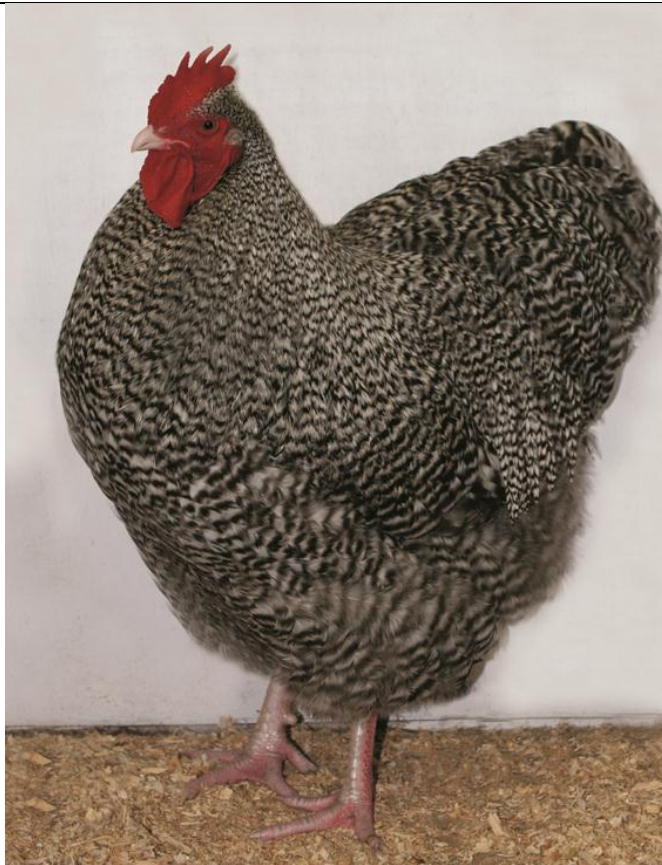


Figure 9 Ch Cuckoo in Show- Waninga Orpingtons Large Cockerel



Figure 10 Ch Bantam Cuckoo- The Cuckoo Studs Cockerel



Figure 11 Ch Large Splash- Chris Hardman Cockerel



Figure 12 Ch Bantam Splash- Chris Hardman Cockerel



Figure 13 Ch AORC- Denis and Jayne Stannard Red Hen



Figure 14 Look Out everyone! Jenny, Jayne & Denis discussing the finer points of Large Buffs at the Southern Feature Show

Orpington Club of Australia Southern Feature Show 28 July 2012- Report by Martin Doulton

Well what an Orpington Southern Feature show it was!!!! 132 birds on show (88 Large and 44 bantam from 13 exhibitors) Birds from NSW (Thanks Denis and Jayne) and South Australia (Kevin J and Lindsay B) were all competing against the many Vics. It was also great to see new members Samantha H and Martine S attend their first Orp Show for a look since joining up (Showing next year perhaps???)

It was a wet and cold start to the day for most with the consolation being missing the Opening Ceremony. Our Judge Rev James Bishop had a big day ahead of him and started on the Orpingtons first.

Talking to Judge James afterwards he couldn't recall an entry of Orpingtons in Victoria of that number before or a quality of birds entered. He thought the Large Blacks, Blues, Buffs and Bantam buffs were as good a group of birds on show as he had seen with the Large Black an exceptional bird (sadly beaten for Best Soft feather by an even more exceptional Large Light Sussex which won the other feature show on the day too)

Congratulations to the Club Southern Committee for putting on such a good show Judy Witney had all the awards in order Jenny Stewart took photos of all the Ch and Reserves to put on the website and Sue and Sonya were constantly on hand to chat to new and old members alike.

In terms of the Birds auctioned on behalf of Club funds Sonya Fords pair of Large Blacks went for \$250 (on their way to Tasmania), Jenny Stewarts pair of large Buff Pullets inc the 3rd Pullet in a class of 16 went for \$110 and The Cuckoo Studs trio of bantam buffs went for \$60.

Thanks to Jack Pavey and the Footscray & District Club for a wonderful event, great hospitality and great organisation.

As ever the Orpington Club members and exhibitors had a great time together and it was generally agreed that with the numbers and enthusiasm displayed today the Southern Feature could become an annual event.



Figure 15 Laughing about the time spent in a car to get to a show at the Southern Feature Show



Figure 16 Sharing the knowledge at the Southern Feature

Results- Orpington Club Southern Feature Show held on Saturday 28th July 2012 in conjunction with the Footscray and District Poultry Club show.

Judge- Rev James Bishop 132 Entries 88 Large and 44 Bantam

Major Results

Ch Orpington of Show Champion Large and Champion Large Black was Waninga Orpingtons Black Ckl

Res Ch of Show, Res Champion Large and Champion Large Blue was Denis and Jayne Stannards Blue Pullet

Champion Bantam was Bill Pattersons Buff Ckl.

Colour Champions for the Footscray and District Medallions

Ch Black in Show- Waninga Orpingtons

Ch Blue in Show- Denis and Jayne Stannard

Ch Buff in Show- Bill Patterson

Ch Cuckoo in Show- Waninga Orpingtons

Ch White in Show- Waninga Orpingtons

Results by Class

Large Fowl

BLACK (26)-

Cock (2) Kevin Jarred 1st & 2nd

Hen (3) Jackie Congdon 1st, Kevin Jarred 2nd, Dennis and Jayne Stannard 3rd

Cockerel (9) Wananga Orpingtons 1st & Champion and 2nd, Dennis and Jayne Stannard 3rd

Pullet (12) Wananga Orpingtons 1st & Res Ch Dennis and Jayne Stannard 2nd
Bill Patterson 3rd

BLUE(14)

Cock (1) Rob McLaren 1st

Hen (3) Kevin Jarred 1st Jackie Congdon 2nd and 3rd

Cockerel (4) Sonya Ford 1st and Res Ch and 3rd Bruce Rolfe 2nd

Pullet (6) Dennis and Jayne Stannard 1st and Champion Sonya Ford 2nd Bruce Rolfe 3rd

BUFF(33)

Cock (3) Judy Witney 1st

Hen (9) Jenny Stewart 1st & Res Ch, Judy Witney 2nd and 3rd

Cockerel (5) Kevin Jarred 1st Denis and Jayne Stannard 2nd Jenny Stewart 3rd

Pullet (16) Judy Witney 1st & Champion Jenny Stewart 2nd and 3rd

CUCKOO (6)

Cock (1) not penned

Hen (1) The Cuckoo Stud 1st & Res Ch

Cockerel (2) Wananga Orpingtons 1st & Champion

Pullets (2) The Cuckoo Stud 1st and 2nd

WHITE(6)

Cock (1), Hen (1) Cockerel (1) and Pullets (3) All Wananga Orpingtons
Champion to Ckl and Res Ch to Pullet

Display Section (3)

Hen (1) Denis & Jayne Stannard Red 1st

Cockerel (1) Rob McLaren Splash 1st & Champion

Pullet(1) Denis & Jayne Stannard Red 1st

Bantams

BLACK(22)

Cock (1) Rob McLaren 1st

Hen (3) The Cuckoo Stud 1st and 2nd Rob McLaren 3rd

Cockerel (8) Rob McLaren 1st The Cuckoo Stud 2nd Ron Seddon 3rd

Pullet (10) Bill Patterson 1st & Champion Colin Tiyce 2nd & Reserve Ch Rob McLaren 3rd

BLUE (3)

Hen (1) Rob McLaren 1st & Champion

Cockerel (1) Rob McLaren 1st

Pullet (1) Rob McLaren 1st & Res Ch

BUFF(10)

Cock (1) Royce Keirl 1st

Hen (2) Royce Keirl 1st Res Ch & 2nd

Cockerel (3) Bill Patterson 1st & Champion Bruce Rolfe 2nd Royce Keirl 3rd

Pullet (4) Royce Keirl 1st & 3rd Bill Patterson 2nd

CUCKOO(3)

Cock (2) The Cuckoo Stud 1st & Res Ch 2nd

Cockerel (1) The Cuckoo Stud 1st and Champion

DISPLAY Section(4)

Hen (1) and Pullets (3) All Rob McLaren Ch to Hen Splash



Figure 17 A proud Dad with the Champion Orpington at the Southern Feature Show

2012 Southern Feature Show Winners Gallery



Figure 18 Ch Orpington In Show and Ch Large Black Waninga Orpingtons Cockerel



Figure 19 Res Ch Large Black - Waninga Orpingtons Pullet



Figure 20 Res Ch Orpington in Show & Ch Large Blue-Denis and Jayne Stannard Pullet



Figure 22 Res Ch Large Blue- Sonya Ford Cockerel



Figure 21 Ch Large Buff- Judy Witney Pullet



Figure 23 res Ch Large Buff- Goldfeather Poultry Hen



Figure 24 Ch Large Cuckoo- Waninga Orpingtons Cockerel



Figure 25 Res Ch Large Cuckoo- The Cuckoo Stud's Hen



Figure 26 Ch Large White- Waninga Orpingtons Cockerel



Figure 27 res Ch Large White- Waninga Orpingtons Pullet



Figure 28 Ch AOC- Rob McLaren Splash Ckl



Figure 29 Res Ch AOC- Denis and Jayne Stannard Red Hen



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Figure 30 Ch Buff Orpington in Show, Ch Bantam- Bill Patterson Cockerel



Figure 31 Res Ch Buff Bantam- Royce Keirl Hen



Figure 32 Ch Bantam Black- Bill Patterson Pullet



Figure 33 Res Ch Bantam Black- Colin Tiyce Pullet



Figure 34 Ch bantam Blue- Rob McLaren Hen



Figure 35 Res Ch Bantam Blue- Rob McLaren Pullet



Figure 36 Ch Bantam Cuckoo - The Cuckoo Studs Cockerel



Figure 37 Res Ch Bantam Cuckoo- The Cuckoo Studs Cock

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