



The biggest Poultry Show in the Southern Hemisphere is on again – Poultry 2008

Canberra – Friday 6, Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 June, 2008

Following the huge success of Poultry 2000 and Poultry 2004, the Royal National Capital Agricultural Society (RNCAS) are already planning for 2008.

Before 2000, Bill Cox of Mudgee, had the original idea of Canberra acting as the centre for all the poultry clubs and fanciers of Australia. To come together, to compete against the best, to join in friendship, to learn from each other and to participate in Annual Club meetings. The magnificent efforts of the RNCAS brought Bill's idea to fruition. There were over 5000 birds on show in the inaugural show in 2000, and the major clubs conducted their Annual Meetings in the excellent conference facilities available at Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC).

Poultry 2004 proved to be even more successful. The CEO of the RNCAS, Mr Geoff Cannock was determined to take this event from a show to an entire weekend of the different facets of the Poultry fancy. To the existing format, additions included a comprehensive seminar program, an elite auction, a 'backyard sale' and a dinner for over 500 which included one of the world's best magicians. Many more Annual Poultry Club Meetings were hosted and of course, the incomparable Dr Harry - who not only gave two seminars to packed houses, but walked around the pavilion for the three days of the show talking to everyone. Dr Harry will be back and is working on establishing a goose network and bringing an International Water Fowl judge to Poultry 2008. Mr Jim Adkins from the International Centre for Poultry in California advised that he has a list of judges from the USA who will be coming.

And Poultry 2008...

The success of Poultry 2008 will largely depend on the enthusiasm and imagination of you, and your club. The RNCAS is looking forward to hosting the clubs and fanciers of Australia and to facilitating your efforts. Many fanciers are already planning their breeding pens for Poultry 2008.

Many clubs are already organizing to hold meetings at the venues available, and many judges around Australia are hoping that they will be nominated to judge in Poultry 2008 – the biggest poultry show in the Southern Hemisphere.

How can you help?

- Start planning your breeding pens to produce the birds that will win against Australia's toughest opposition
- Plan to enter top quality birds in the elite auction
- Encourage your club to nominate the top judges and stewards– fanciers around Australia want the best to officiate in 2008., **The RNCAS needs your clubs nomination by August, 2007**
- Nominate a top breeder/fancier who could present a Seminar
- Book accommodation early so that you don't miss out
- **Ensure that your club doesn't hold an exhibition on this weekend (unless it's held at EPIC, Canberra – Poultry 2008!)**

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The RNCAS and Bruce Patterson have been working hard with the organisers of the International Poultry Convention to be staged in Brisbane in August, 2008, to find ways to enhance both the Conference and your show.