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Council Chatter - August 2003

I hope everyone enjoyed the Cairns national as much as I did. Congratulations to the host committee for a job well done. On a local note: Tasmanian delegates were grateful for local assistance in holding the birds over for return on Tuesday. It is possible this could become a more common practice and host bodies should make sure they prepare for this eventuality.

There are a number of matters that arose out of the Council Meeting in Cairns that require action from member bodies:

1. It is ANBC policy that water be available to birds on display at the National Show and that this should be made apparent to the public so that there is no misapprehension that the birds are being badly treated. Council recommended that all member bodies adopt this policy for their own shows.
2. SQBBA will distribute for trial some samples of the plastic sheets they are considering for use on the bottom of show cages. Secretaries should get in touch with SQ about this if they would like to participate in a trial.
3. All member bodies have been asked to look into possible designs for a Logie. If anyone comes up with a likely looking idea, maybe they could let other member bodies know. Don't leave this until March next year, we need some ideas circulating now.
4. Please make sure that you have let your members know that Clearbodies will be point scoring in 2004.
5. The matrix in the Standard has been amended to place Double Factor Spangles at No 8. This will appear in the new Standard that will be produced by October and come into effect from January 1, 2004.
6. Don't forget to send me the estimation of numbers required for the publication of the Standard. The last possible date to get this information in is August 31. I will be away overseas in September so please send the information direct to Bob Burke at PO Box 135, Bargo, 2574 if you can't get it to me by August 20. The Council resolution commits us to produce the Standard according to the set timetable and we will not be able to defer production for any reason.

Enclosed is a copy of Biosecurity Australian News.