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Council Chatter - November 2003

I'm back from my holidays and can report that things are moving along very well on all fronts.

1. Standard

1.1 Bob Bourke has been working closely with the National Standards Committee to complete the fine tuning of the text ready for printing in the next few weeks. Distribution will commence as soon as we have the printed document in our hands. He has received quotes from various printers and we have accepted the quotation from CDM Print. The cost per Standard will be \$13, including freight and handling. (This has been set at a common rate across the country so that WA and Nth Queensland are not disadvantaged.) You can sell the Standards on to your members at a price you determine. Where we have received advice from you concerning the numbers required I have enclosed an Invoice. It will simplify matters if you can forward your payment with your order. If that is a problem you will have to let me know so that alternative arrangements can be made. Our aim is to make the first distribution early in December.

1.2 If you wish you may use the pictorial on your official publications: Two member bodies have already planned to do so and I would suggest that you should follow the procedure they have adopted – that is they advised me of their wish to use the pictorial and are liaising with Bob Bourke. Council has not set down a procedure by which your clubs and branches may use the pictorial and will need to consider the matter at its next meeting.

2. 2004 Show. Bob Gorman has advised me that things are proceeding very well in NSW. We can look forward to a very enjoyable show at Coff's Harbour. I know some reservations have already been made at the Novotel Opal Resort. I have forwarded the first instalment of \$4000 from the Ring levy and \$750 in sponsorship money that has been received so far. I have not received any advice concerning sponsorship from golden Cob. Generous sponsorship of \$250 each has been received from The Pied Breeders, The Clearwing Breeders and the Crested Associations and I have just received sponsorship from BRASEA of \$1000.

3. Judges Examination. Nominations for the Judges' Examination should be forwarded to me as soon as possible so that the Judges' Coordinator can make the necessary arrangements for the test. In fairness to any candidates, the earlier they are nominated the

earlier they can start to prepare. Nominations close at the end of February, but earlier advice would be appreciated.

4. Affiliation. Affiliation is now overdue. Most members have paid, but two are still outstanding. I would like to suggest that in future members arrange to pay their affiliation at the ANBC meeting since our financial year is now from April 1 to March 31.

5. Promoting the hobby. It has been suggested that we should consider taking our National show to locations where there may be potential to develop new membership – possibilities include Norfolk Island, Alice Springs or Darwin. The logistics might be daunting, but would not be impossible. I suppose the management of such a show would be in the hands of the Council itself rather than having one of our member bodies acting as host.

6. Council Agenda. Agenda items should be to me as early as possible next year. Closing date for items is March 31, but I would like to be able to circulate matters that have been raised earlier to give members maximum chance to give them consideration.

7. Document. I have enclosed a copy of the Penalties and Disqualifications document that is now included in the Standard. You may wish to distribute this among your judges prior to the distribution of the Standard itself.