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Council Chatter - September 2003

I'll be away on holiday for a month so there are a couple of things to cover before I go.

1. **Standard.** I did not hear back from some of you, so I hope you have been in touch with Bob Burke to let him know the numbers you will want. He will be getting quotes over the next month and production is scheduled for October. We will let you know the unit cost and we will be looking for advance payment for your initial order. Distribution will be as early as possible and we expect that judges will have to be given priority because the new Standard will come into force from January 1.
2. **National Budgerigar Magazine.** The people who are planning to produce this magazine have expressed disappointment that the ANBC was not willing to give their venture support at the meeting in Cairns. I have written to them explaining my understanding of the concerns that member bodies felt. In response to the comment that the magazine would be in competition with current publications their representative has explained that "this is not the reason we commenced this idea but to publish a new magazine as there is currently no magazine filling this requirement(Australasian distribution) and most fanciers will learn something from any article they read no matter what magazine it is and that should be all our goals to help people learn and make the fancy that little bit easier so we do not loose people through frustration that we may have helped prevent." He also explained that they would hope to attract new advertising. I have explained to him that they should approach the local bodies directly to seek support and that the ANBC can only act if its members decide that it should do so. I have provided him with the exact determination that came from the Cairns meeting on the matter.
3. **An alternative to a national magazine.** I think we should use our web site for sharing ideas and info. We could post articles and news in an on-line magazine format. Since many fanciers are not likely to visit our web site regularly it could be accepted that any material published on our site could be used by the editors of the member bodies' magazines and newsletters in their publications. I'll be in touch with Deb Ham about this.