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COUNCIL CHATTER

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1. **2008 National-Update.** As you are aware from the presentations by W.A.B.C. in Adelaide during the event in May last year, Mandurah was the planned location for 2008. Due to changed circumstances with the proposed venue this will now not eventuate and a suitable venue, the Bayview Geographe Resort at Busselton has been booked. This was advised separately by W.A.B.C. Inc. The resort is nestled in the gateway to the Margaret River and fronts the gentle shores of the Indian Ocean. It adds an additional 30 minutes by road from Perth than would Mandurah. Please support the hard working organizing committee from W.A.B.C. Inc by continuing to promote the event in your States and Zones and advise folk to get their registrations in early. Many thanks to those who were able to support the recent fund raising auction conducted by W.A.B.C. Inc in support of their hosting of the 2008 event.
2. Sponsorship moneys for the 2008 National from the Crested Budgerigar Club of Australia, Pied Budgerigar Society of Australasia, Clearwing Budgerigar Society of Australia, BRASEA and Wilson Brothers Racing Stables have been gratefully received and forwarded to W.A.B.C. Inc. The first installment of the Ring Levy Support to the 2008 National was paid to W.A.B.C. Inc August 2007. The second (and final) installment will be paid in January 2008.
3. **National Agenda Items.** A reminder that agenda items for the 2008 Council Meeting are required, to the A.N.B.C. Secretary by February 28th 2008 in accordance with the 2007 Council decision. Please note that the A.N.B.C. Inc Office Bearer positions for 2008/2009 will also require nomination. The Following positions will require nominations: ANBC President (Normally nominated by the next Host State/Zone) ANBC Secretary, Third Committee Member, Public Officer, ANBC Historian and Web master. Some agenda Items including Notice of Motions have been received and these will be distributed for information by Email NLT mid January 2008.
4. It would be appreciated if items for both the National Colour and Standards Meeting and the National Judges' Meeting were forwarded to the relevant Co ordinator by the same date.

5. **Delegates to Council in 2008.** As a first, in 2007 State/Zone Delegates were provided electronic carbon copies (c.c) of the Council Agenda and Minutes. This was well received by States/Zones and their delegates to Council. To enable this to continue it would be appreciated if you were to provide, to the ANBC Secretary, details of your nominated delegates to attend the Council Meeting (two) and Colour and Standards Meeting (one) by 28 February 2008 please and, include email contact. If you intend to nominate an Official Photographer (one) from Your State/Zone then please advise this detail also. For B.S.N.Z. please advise details of your two observers to attend the Council Meeting.

6. **Nomination of Candidates to Sit the National Judges' Accreditation Exam.** Details of Candidates (Initially one per State/Zone, two from BSNZ in 2008) nominated and available to sit the National Judges' Accreditation Exam in Bussleton, W.A. in May 2008 are required, (to the A.N.B.C. Secretary through State/Zone Secretary's) by 28 February 2008. For BSNZ, please confirm the availability of the two candidates previous nominated for 2008. In all cases please provide the full contact details including address, telephone contact and email for each candidate with the nomination.

7. **Team Carers at the National in 2008.** In accordance with the A.N.B.C. decision in 2007, States/Zones have the ability to nominate up to four carers for their team at the National. When nominating your carers please indicate 1, 2, 3, & 4. The nominated fourth carer is only to be permitted access to the bird holding area on the Friday prior and the Monday following the competition. Due to additional transport requirements and the distance from Perth to Bussleton by road, requests from States/Zones to W.A.B.C. and the A.N.B.C., bird holding facilities will be available, on request, to teams from Thursday evening, p.m. For the sake of commonsense, and because the fourth Carer may be the only State/Zone Representative available to travel with the team I wish to extend the restriction on the nominated fourth carer for 2008 to include access on the Thursday prior. Your support for this proposed approach is sought please.

8. **Standards.** There are some technical difficulties associated with the Council decision to load the Standard to the Web-site and these relate to the pictorials and drawings being barred from downloading and protected as ANBC intellectual property. This matter will be referred for further consideration by Council in 2008 and is the subject of a Notice of Motion already received..

9. **Prints of the Standard Pictorials.** There has been some movement of these throughout the year with some being purchased by States/Zones for use as major prizes. Many thanks to the State/Zone and or clubs involved for purchasing these, your assistance is appreciated. The two number 7's have been provided to and are held on trust by W.A.B.C. Inc for use in promotion of the 2008 National and these will be auctioned as a fund raiser for the A.N.B.C. at the Presentation Dinner on the Sunday evening of the National at Bussleton in May 2008. The proceeds from the sale of these prints has assisted with funding to purchase the national trophies and subject to Council concurrence should continue to do so into the future.

10. **Christmas Holiday Period.** In 2007, Council decided that we observe a traditional Christmas holiday period and that it be for the period 11th of December till one week into the New Year (6th of January for 2008.) With the exception of notifying States/Zones of the invited Judges who have accepted appointment to officiate at our event in 2008 on or after 1 January 2008 this should apply. This decision does not apply to truly urgent matters. Personally, I am happy to address any matter at any time however , my response may be a little slow on Christmas day. As A.N.B.C. Secretary, support/advice to W.A.B.C. as our host State/Zone for 2008 will continue to be provided on request.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the ANBC Committee and Council to wish all States/Zones, your Clubs and Branches, our National Sponsors and our families and friends a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Regards,

Bob Bourke

10 December 2007

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