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This edition's story features the Kalij pheasant.  
The PWSA Inc. hope our members enjoy the feature article.

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*Cover page photo – Male Kalij pheasant*

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## *Executive report*

### *The Pheasant & Waterfowl Society of Australia Inc.*



Please accept our apologies for the late issuance of this copy of the Wild Fowl Australia. A member is required to undertake proof reading of future copies of The Wildfowl. Please contact:- [hello@pwsa.org.au](mailto:hello@pwsa.org.au)

***The executive hope our members enjoyed*** the July to September “Wildfowl Australia” article by Genevieve Wallfried which provided insight into protection of flocks by utilising the guarding instinct of specific canine breeds. Our multi-talented treasurer Georgie Patterson compiled notes on suitable Australian guard dog breeds. Georgie’s article preceded Genevieve Wallfried of South Australia who has a wealth of experience with Maremma livestock guardian dogs.

The annual General Meeting was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 -The executive were disappointed by the lack of participation of members and seek your input related to the future direction of the Society by participating in our on-line meetings. We request your participation involving one hour of your time quarterly.

New members are always welcome & anything that the committee or members can do to foster new generations & create interest in the keeping of gamebirds is a positive thing. All ideas, suggestions positive contributions or advice related to running of the Society will be acknowledged & appreciated.

The executive thank all the members for their support and we look forward to ongoing continued support. Members are encouraged to please take an active role in the Society and please encourage your friends to take part as well, as it really is a great club to be a member. Each contribution or suggestion by members is appreciated by the executive.

Please volunteer to write a brief outline of your involvement or interest in bird keeping for publication in “Profile of a PWSA member” and send it to [hello@pwsa.org.au](mailto:hello@pwsa.org.au)

This issue of Wildfowl Australia reflects the Societies continued determination to promote our group in-spite of the difficulties that we and many similar groups have encountered. We strongly believe the PWSA Inc. provides a practical & invaluable service for members seeking to procure, sell or exchange their surplus avian stock. Such trade allows members to source unrelated blood lines or secure stock of our rarer species kept in captivity

PWSA member Mitchell Smidt has generously volunteered to assist our Society by undertaking the role of “Media Co-ordinator.” Please assist Mitchell by providing relevant information for this important role which can be e-mailed to:- [hello@pwsa.org.au](mailto:hello@pwsa.org.au)

**Members please advise by e-mail if you can’t access the PWSA online information:-**[hello@pwsa.org.au](mailto:hello@pwsa.org.au)

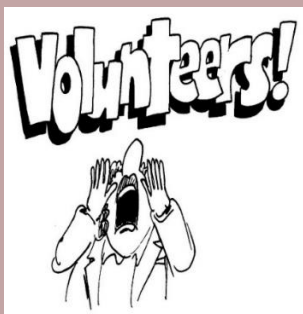
The executive will endeavour to resolve your access issues

John Urane.

Hon Secretary of the PWSA Inc.

## PWSA Inc. - MEET THE TEAM

Get to know your management team. Don't be a stranger, feel free to contact any of the team as they are willing to help



President - position vacant



Publicity Officer - position vacant



John Urane – Secretary



Georgie Patterson – Treasurer



John Ludlow - Committee



Marcia Ludlow - Committee



Danny Brown

Club Patron



Stephanie and Steve Robinson

Club Patrons

## *Kalij Pheasant*



Captive Kalij pheasant cock bird

The Kalij pheasant (*Lophura leucomelanos*) is a pheasant which is found from the Himalayas of Nepal thru to western Thailand. The Kalij pheasant is the nominate species from Nepal.

Australian birds are reported to be descended from a single shipment and have due to their variability been categorised as Lineated and normal species.

Cock birds are quite variable in colour but are predominately black with blue green glossy plumage. The cock's lower back and rump feathers are distinctly white scalloped. The breast is heavily streaked with grey/white feathers.

Kalij pheasant females are mottled brown and the individual feathers have pale borders giving a scalloped or scaly appearance. The hen's central tail feathers are brown with the remainder of the tail being black. Both sexes have scarlet red bare faces with bone coloured beaks and greyish legs.

Both sexes display crests with the cocks being blue black and more pronounced than the hens which is brown and sparse. Males have a total length of approx. 70 cm and females approx. 55 cm Height is approx. 45 cm The Kalij pheasant is related to the Siamese Fire-back pheasant, Swinhoe's pheasant and the Silver pheasant. Kalij pheasants are known to hybridise with the Silver pheasant. Silver pheasant although Australian birds appear true to type for the species.



Female Kalij incubating a clutch of eggs

### STATUS IN AUSTRALIA

Kalij pheasant numbers have declined in Australia for a number of reasons and the risk of extinction in Australian collections exists if efforts are not made to secure their future. Members are encouraged to keep Nepal Kalij pheasants

- Urbanisation has diminished the opportunity to keep pheasants due to reduced allotment sizes.
- Bird and poultry keeping prohibition and restriction by some urban councils.
- Preference for keeping colourful pheasant species such as Golden & Lady Amherst.
- Shy nature of some Nepal pheasants may be less appealing than more gregarious species.

### HOUSING

Captive birds can be effectively housed in enclosures as small 6 m<sup>2</sup> floor area provided sufficient cover is provided to accommodate their sometimes shy nature and refuge is provided in the form of natural brush as required. Kalij pheasants are often secretive by nature, however, individual birds display significant variance in their temperament. Some birds are quite tame in the presence of humans while others are shy and seek immediate cover. Birds should not feel pressured by close human attention if they are unable to seek refuge where they feel secure. Both male and female Kalij pheasants demonstrate excellent camouflage skills considering their colour variance and demonstrate a more relaxed demeanour when provided some natural brush cover within their housing.

## BREEDING

Cock birds become less secretive at the onset of the breeding season which generally commences in September and may continue thru to early January. During the breeding season, cocks perch in elevated locations, elevating their crest and wing whirring which is part of the ritual courtship display. This display characteristic is common across all of the Lophura pheasant species. Cock birds display confidently and are less intimidated during the courtship period. They may become openly aggressive toward cock birds in adjoining cages irrespective of species. I have not experienced cock bird aggression directed at me, however hens are fearless in defence of their young and will launch an attack if they think their chicks are threatened. Female Nepal pheasant's demeanour changes immediately if the keeper finds themselves positioned between the chicks and the parent hen, particularly if the chicks issue a distress call. Slow movement by the keeper allows birds to move comfortably into shelter.

Removal of a clutch of infertile eggs recently from an incubating hen resulted in an attack initiated by the hen who was immediately joined by the cock bird. Protection of one's eyes is the immediate objective and a bleeding ear lobe was a practical reminder of their potential to respond to a threat.

Occasionally female Kalij will lay large multiple clutches of eggs in a season. Generally Nepal hens do not lay until their second or third season and cock birds are generally infertile until their second season when spur growth occurs.

Exceptions to the rules occur and an unpaired first year females laid 19 eggs in the recent 2023 season while a paired hen in an adjacent cage failed to lay a single egg. Unpaired spare hens have laid in excess of 30 eggs in the season.

## MUTATIONS

Kalij mutations aren't known to exist in Australian collections. Pied Kalij pheasants are present in Australian collections with both male & female birds displaying varying degrees of white feathering



Kalij poult displaying pied condition



Kalij poult displaying pied condition

## KALIJ CARE

Kalij pheasants should not be kept as a trio of cock and two females. The dominant Kalij hen will kill the spare hen at the start of the breeding season. Paired hens will happily co-exist outside the breeding season or if a cock bird is not present.

Kalij pheasants are reliable parents and will raise young successfully given appropriate and suitable nest locations screened by cover. The hens will use enclosed nest boxes but often create a roughly lined shallow nest scrape secreted by natural brush in earthen floored aviaries. The normal clutch is 7 to 10 off white or cream eggs are laid over an extended duration. A laying pause of 4 to 5 days may occur mid clutch. Removal of eggs daily for incubation may result in multiple clutches. Removal of eggs for incubation may also result in indiscriminate depositing of eggs throughout the enclosure rather than a clutch being deposited in a nest. Occasionally eggs may be laid from a roost location when eggs are gathered. To ensure breeding success and to increase their numbers, remove the first clutch for artificial incubation and remove the first six eggs of the second clutch eggs which may be replaced with a more common pheasant species eggs. This action allows the hen to raise mostly fostered chicks and some of her own chicks and promotes the mothering instinct.

Presentation of drinking water in deep containers presents a drowning threat to young pheasant poults and water containers should be replaced prior to hatching of poults. A shallow container with a layer of small stones enables the poult to scramble to safety and prevent drowning in the first couple of weeks. Pheasant poults have a remarkable ability to drown themselves in the first month of their life and if the carer presents an opportunity, they will oblige every time.

## NUTRITION

Nepal Pheasants are readily maintained with pelletised poultry or grain based mash with occasional greens. Micro pellets are convenient and ensure the birds obtain a balanced diet as pheasants can when fed grain based mash become very selective seeking preferred grains and wasting unwanted content. They will opportunistically take insects, spiders, slaters and other live food and readily consume meal worms. A variety of greens can be offered such as kale, spinach, comfrey cabbage chick-weed in season. Clean water in a shaded location should be constantly available, particularly during hot weather.

## HYBRIDISATION

Kalij pheasants may hybridise with other Lophura species but such activity is undesirable and the PWSA discourage such activity. Any degradation of breed genetics moves the species closer to extinction of the breed in Australia

## AVAILABILITY AND STATUS

The long term status of Kalij pheasants in Australia is not secure and I appeal to fanciers to obtain and maintain a pair of unrelated birds in their collection. It is hoped fanciers ensure viable breeding populations of Kalij pheasants are maintained in the future. In the absence of that action, the species is destined to follow the path of Siamese Fireback pheasants which regrettably are now extinct in Australian collections.

If you would like to find some Australian breeders of Kalij Pheasants, please advertise in the PWSA "Feather trader"

Kalij pheasants are low maintenance birds which display individual characteristics. Their behaviour traits are appealing to observe and the effort to gain their confidence is rewarding. Kalij pheasants are vocally subdued and are unlikely to cause disturbance to adjacent neighbours making them a suitable breed for populated areas.



## *Jungle Fowl*

It's easy to forget we have Jungle Fowl in Australia because they're not a common show fowl. In past decades they were likely to be kept by pheasant enthusiasts who appreciated their individual ways and needs. But Jungle Fowl are living history, as NSW fancier Chris Mammen said in an article in a previous edition of AP, and in need of more support.

We've all known that the Red Jungle Fowl (*Gallus gallus*) is the ancestor of our domestic breeds. Well, the main ancestor in all likelihood as evidence is mounting that the Grey Jungle Fowl (*Gallus sonnerati*) has played a role as well.

It was Darwin who claimed the Red Jungle Fowl was the sole progenitor, but in recent times the yellow skin gene carried by some of our domestic breeds has been attributed to the Grey Jungle Fowl.

There have also been suggestions that some purebred plumage genes could owe their origin to the Grey Jungle Fowl. The most remarkable factor about these wild ancestors and especially the Red Jungle Fowl is that flocks are still surviving and breeding in parts of their original environment.

'Gene flow between wild Jungle Fowl and village chickens still takes place in some regions of Southeast Asia, showing that domestication is still an ongoing process. The fact that the wild ancestor species is still present in its natural area of origin is an important factor for the global diversity of *Gallus gallus* species.'

Michele Tixier-Boichard wrote in a scientific journal in 2020. This author has been involved in animal genetics and particularly genetic diversity in chickens for around 40 years including an interest in conservation of local breeds. We cannot leave it to the dwindling number of pheasant specialists to keep our limited gene pool of Red Jungle Fowl going. The breed needs more prominence so folk who enjoy fowls are able to evaluate whether they could keep a small flock, especially those with small acreage and large gardens and orchards.

A potential limiting factor is whether available stock are pure or have been 'improved' by an outcross. Both bantam OEG and Brown Leghorns have been used, often in lieu of finding another male or to introduce more vigour.

The problem with introgression is that some of the key traits of Jungle Fowl are in danger of being lost, especially behavioural and fitness characteristics. Type, too, is changed, especially carriage. Red Jungle

Fowl should have a low tail carriage, lower even than the 40° recommended in the Australian Poultry Standards for the male and of course a little lower still for the female. A breed that is noted for being wary, cunning and fast doesn't carry its tail in a sedentary upright position, but low and streamlined, ready to dart away.

It is an encouraging sign if males undertake an eclipse moult at the end of the breeding system. This is a characteristic of wild-bred males. The traditional brightly coloured plumage is moulted out and replaced by dull coloured feathers that offer camouflage in the period up to the annual autumn moult. Some hens will undertake the eclipse moult too. With domesticated Red Jungle Fowl you have active curious birds that will quieten well if you put the time in. Being of small stature, range in a well-treed environment suits best as it offers protection from aerial predators. Hens lay small clutches of delicious creamy shelled eggs and go broody regularly and make tight sitters and protective mothers.

You won't be paying out a fortune on feed as Red Jungle Fowl are economic eaters and their small body size allows for spaciousness in housing which suits their temperament well. You may have to hunt around for stock, a small inconvenience. Really, there is little not to like about this important ancestral breed.

Article supplied by Megg Miller OAM and first published in Australasian Poultry, Aug/Sept 2023. Further information Ph.: 03-5792-4000 or email [ozpoultrymag@gmail.com](mailto:ozpoultrymag@gmail.com)

## *What's Happening*

The PWSA executive hope you enjoyed the July to September 2023 issue of the “Wildfowl Australia” Recipients of this edition & the accompanying e-mailed correspondence, confirms that you currently hold membership of the PWSA Inc.

Promotion of the Societies North West Island feral fowl (NWIFF) from the breed recovery program Members may advise the Societies Executive of suitable institutions or schools who could maintain a small flock of a unique Australian poultry breed. The project would enable the appropriate institution or school to teach hands on animal husbandry, exposure their students to a rare and unique bird that is part of Australia's history.

The PWSA would provide support with advice and provision of a small flock of NWIFF.

PWSA would also provide the documented history of the NWIFF and anecdotal stories.

NWIFF are a poultry breed that possess strong parenting instincts. They readily incubate and rear their own young. Such breeding could be either enabled or prevented as desired by the institution or school's authorities. The only PWSA requirement is that other breeds genetic material not be introduced to the flock.

The PWSA executive's desire to appoint new executive members continues in earnest. Please contact the executive by e-mailing to express your interest to participate. We need you to participate.

### **OPPORTUNITY – Vice President**

An enthusiastic person with an interest in preserving & promoting the Society in the role of Vice President of the PWSA Inc. This role offers a rare opportunity for a personal contribution & skill utilisation to maintain & build the PWSA. Please provide your expression of interest in the role if you would like to contribute to the PWSA.

### **OPPORTUNITY – Publicity officer**

An extraordinary opportunity exists for a computer literate person to obtain real life practical experience that may enhance both their resume & future employability in the advertising/media & other allied industries. An individual having completed or currently undertaking computer studies, having an interest in avian species would be made welcome & mentored. The Publicity Officer would participate in compilation and publication of Wildfowl Australia.

## **How to use the Societies web site:-**

Information available to our members on the PWSA website. Go to Information and click on species. Please explore the many pages including:- “WILDFOWL AUSTRALIA, FEATHER TRADER, INFORMATION, and CONTACT.



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# FEATHER TRADER

Members having birds available for sale or wanted can advertise for free in "Feather Trader". Please ensure details are provided by e-mail to [hello@pwsa.org.au](mailto:hello@pwsa.org.au)

Are you finding it difficult in sourcing or selling your Pheasants, Waterfowl or Gamebirds?

Members may provide details of surplus or wanted stock for publication in the societies Feather Trader. Feather Trader listed items are also displayed on the Societies website [www.pwsa.org.au](http://www.pwsa.org.au)

<p><b>FOR SALE</b>                  Golden pheasant pairs                  Dark-throat Golden males &amp; pairs                  Kalij Nepal pheasant hen                  NWIFF birds cockerels and hens                  Silver pheasants                  Contact John                  Mob 0412 799 767                  Greenbank QLD</p>	<p><b>FOR SALE</b>                  Ringneck pheasants \$50 / pair                  Golden pheasants \$150/ pair for sale.                  Contact Kristina                  Willawarrin near Kempsey                  Mid north coast NSW                  Mob 0427 678 216</p>
<p><b>WANTED</b>                  Female Bleeding Heart Pigeons                  Contact Shane from Roma Qld                  0428233384                  E-mail shaneferry01@bigpond.com</p>	<p>Bush Stone Curlews                  3off 12 month old bush curlews for sale                  \$250 each                  Unsexed                  Anthony Collins Mob 0498123440</p>
<p><b>FOR SALE</b>                  Dark-throated Golden males                  1 pr Mutant pheasants                  Bantams:- 1 trio Vorwerks                            1 trio Brown/red Modern game                            1 pair Rosecombs                  Ringneck doves.                  Marcia Ludlow 07 5426 6248</p>	<p><b>WANTED</b>                  Bleeding Heart pigeons                  Masked Doves                  Talpacoti Doves                  Trio of Golden Pheasants                  Contact Anthony collins                  0498123440</p>
<p>Clair Wanted Mandarin Ducks. Located near Coffs Harbour, NSW but happy to travel.                  e-mail:- <a href="mailto:Hello@PWSA.org.au">Hello@PWSA.org.au</a></p>	
<p>Pheasant &amp; Game bird availability The breeding season is ending with most pheasant species having laid. Advise us if you wish to obtain birds &amp; post your wish list here in the next issue of Wildfowl Australia</p>	
<p>If you are interested in the PWSA North West Island Feral Fowl (NWIFF) Breed recovery program and would like to participate, please Contact John on 0412 799 767</p>	

**If you desire specific information, the club library may be the place to start.**

If you want more specific and relevant information on the many species of Pheasant, Waterfowl and Quail, please research the PWSA web site? The web site contains great information. Check it out online!

Books available to borrow from the club library please contact at:- [hello@pwsa.org.au](mailto:hello@pwsa.org.au)

The Pet Directory A guide to Pheasants and Waterfowl Birds of Inland Waters

Beginners Guide to Lovebirds

The World of Birds - Birds of Australia (seas, scrubs and swamps)

Australia's Living Deserts Lakes and Rivers of Australia

Domesticated Ducks and Geese - "The Pheasant" 3 copies of summer 2006

WPA Annual review - "The Goose" newsletter.

If you have any books you would like to donate please contact us at:- [hello@pwsa.org.au](mailto:hello@pwsa.org.au)



## **Meeting Minutes of the 2024 AGM of the Pheasant & Waterfowl Society of Australia (QLD) Inc.**

Meeting was held online on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Meeting Opened at 1400hrs

### **Members present**

John Urane, Lan Urane, Georgie Patterson, John Ludlow, Marcia Ludlow

### **Apologies**

Danny Brown & Lee Scott

### **Previous Minutes**

AGM was not held as the society ceased to function during the Covid epidemic & the society was reconvened in 2023. A copy of the minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Special General Meeting were tabled and read.

A motion was moved John Urane and Seconded by Marcia Ludlow - Minutes from the 2023 SGM meeting were an accurate record of the meeting. (Motion carried)

### **Correspondence in**

Refer General meeting correspondence

### **Outward Correspondence**

Refer General meeting correspondence

### **Treasurer's Report**

Statement of Annual return tabled:    Opening balance 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 was    \$2, 844.16

   Closing balance 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 was    \$3, 139.88

### **President's Report**

Refer General Meeting minutes for Executive report

### **Election of Society 2024 Executive Committee**

All management positions were declared vacant and written nominations were tabled.

### **Patrons**

Danny Brown and Steve & Stephanie Robinson, were nominated in a submissions. (The nominations were adopted by the members)

### **President**

James Anderson was nominated in a submission. The nomination was adopted by the members

### **Vice President**

Georgie Patterson was nominated in a submission. The nomination was adopted by the members

### **Secretary**

John Urane was nominated in a submission. The nomination was adopted by the members

### **Vice Secretary**

No nomination

### **Treasurer**

Georgie Patterson was nominated in a verbal submission. The nomination was adopted by the members.

### **Membership Registra**

There were no was nominations.

### **Media Co-ordinator**

PWSA Member Mitchell Smidt expressed a willingness to participate in on-line PWSA social media. The Secretary contaced Mitchell re access to the Societies social media to facilitate Mitchell's participation.

### **Interstate PWSA Ambassadors**

There were no nominations.

### **General Committee Members**

Marcia Ludlow and John Ludlow were nominated. The nominations were adopted by the members.

### **Societies Committee members**

A thank you was extended to the Societies executive members for their participation and the new members are welcomed to the executive.

There being no further business the Annual General Meeting closed at 1421 hrs

John Urane

Honorary Secretary of the PWSA Inc.

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## **The January 2024 General Meeting of the Pheasant & Waterfowl Society of Australia (QLD) Inc.**

The meeting was held on line on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
Meeting Opened at 1422 hrs

### **Members present**

As per the AGM minutes

### **Apologies**

Danny Brown & Lee Scott

### **Previous Minutes**

Copy of “The Wildfowl” July to September 2023 was tabled which contained meeting minutes from March to June 2023. The minutes were read to the meeting.

Motion proposed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. Moved John Urane and Seconded Georgie Patterson (Motion carried)

### **Business arising from Previous Minutes**

#### **Correspondence in**

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2023. A hard copy of a document was provided by PWSA member Mark Baker of the 2009 PWSA census – The Results. The decline of Australian pheasants is alarming.

The assistance of a member who has the ability to convert the hardcopy census document to soft editable format for publishing would be appreciated. Please contact the Secretary if you have such capacity as issuance of this data is desirable to ensure members of the status of pheasants and Waterfowl in Australia.

A significant number of members responded to the request for Feather Trader advertisements for the next issue of The Wildfowl

Additional general correspondence to be listed in the October to December 2023 Wildfowl

#### **Correspondence out**

Correspondence was tabled.

#### **Executive report**

The Secretary provided a verbal update on the Societies proposed activities going forward. The club has been re-established and we need member to participate in organising and contributing to the Society. Preparation of the quarterly Wildfowl in the absence of member contributions is extremely demanding. Please members come forward to discuss how you could best participate in the clubs activities. Our President suggested rewarding member’s contributions by provision of 6 months free membership for those providing a documented “Profile of a PWSA member” for publication in future copies of “the Wildfowl.” Provision of a feature article would be rewarded with a full year’s free membership.

The last formal issuance of “Wildfowl Australia” July – September 2023, occurred on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023. A late issue volume of Wildfowl Australia is being prepared for October to December for formal issuance.

The Secretary confirmed QLD Hire’s refunded \$401 of the security deposit (\$500) paid for tables and chairs for the Avian Expo. A cancellation fee of \$99 was imposed by QLD Hire from the original payment.

Wiz.com LTD refunded \$212.81 affiliation fees after considerable time and effort was expended seeking a refund of their debit from the Societies bank account.

### **Auditor**

The Society is categorised as a Level 3 Incorporated Association. There are outstanding submissions due to the society ceasing to trade during Covid.

An annual audit report is not required subject to the submission by the Secretary of an “Associations Incorporation Form 12-1 to the Office of Fair Trading annually from 31<sup>st</sup> December to 31<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer provides a report at each quarterly meeting which is substantiated by bank statements for meetings. The [Ma1] quarterly financial status of the Society will be published in each copy of “The Wildfowl” minutes.

Financial statement Bank of QLD Account Number 10259238 – BSB 124001

Opening balance as at 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2023	\$ 3,409.87
Closing balance as at the 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	\$3,139.88

Moved that the Treasurer’s report be accepted Moved Georgie Patterson Seconded John Urane. (Motion carried)

### **General Business**

Reigning in of club expenditure was discussed!

The society’s members list currently comprises 64 members. The Society is levied on the number of persons on the Societies Contacts, which includes Members and ex members registered on the platform Platform fees are currently \$75US for > 100 contacts and \$65 for < 100 contacts.

Archiving of ex member contacts and non-financial members has been initiated by the Treasurer and Secretary. Reduction to less than 100 contacts will reduce the Societies monthly outgoings.

Participation of members to assist club activities is crucial to the future of the society. The burden of operating the club falls heavily on the executive who seek members to participate. Please contact the Secretary on 0412 799 767 and discuss ways you may participate in the clubs activities.

There being no further business the General Meeting closed at 1451 hours.

Minutes prepared and certified by John Urane

Hon Secretary of the Pheasant and Waterfowl Society of Australia (QLD) Inc.

John Urane

Honorary Secretary of the PWSA Inc.

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## *Profile of a PWSA member – Treasurer Georgie Patterson*

I took on the role of Treasurer for the Pheasant and Waterfowl Society as I see that this Club is a valuable asset to those interested in breeding and rearing pheasants and waterfowl. Experienced people willing to share their knowledge can only be of benefit to the members through such a forum.

The Feather trader is also a valuable tool for those selling and seeking stock.

I have no experience with pheasants or waterfowl but have been heavily involved with poultry all my life. I started out with show quality Australorps. We currently have Welsummers, Cream Leg bars, Silver Barnevelders with a few CSIRO Leghorn bantams.

I have always fancied breeding some pheasants so that could be a possibility sometime in the future.

I bred purebred dogs for 32 years and have now gone into breeding Charolais cattle and run a small herd. While breeding dogs we ran a small truffle farm and trained dogs to harvest truffle which was an interesting time. Unfortunately, Covid put a stop to that.

When breeding cattle I am unconventional choosing to AI on a natural cycle rather than artificial methods of getting the cattle to cycle. I am into natural supplements and regenerative farming although I only have 40 acres.

I love growing things so of course truffles intrigued me and we grew the first truffles in our area. We are growing most of our vegies and we have a large orchard that will hopefully provide us fruit in the future. I am very good at growing weeds they do so well.

So now you know a little about your Treasurer please let the members know a little about yourselves too.

Georgie.



Not weeds,



Not pheasants



Definitely cows



# PWSA Inc. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

If you wish to join the PWSA Inc. please complete this page and post or e-mail to the address below.

Alternatively join or renew online [www.pwsa.org.au](http://www.pwsa.org.au)

Please ensure you provide necessary details including your E-Mail address, to enable provision of all of your Membership benefits.

I would like to apply for membership of the PWSA Inc.

Membership type	Cost
Standard member - One year subscription	\$35.
Associate Member or Student - One year subscription	\$10.00

First Name	
Middle Name	
Surname	
E-Mail	
Tel No	

Payment details Cheques/Money Orders are Payable to:-  
The Pheasant & Waterfowl Society of Australia Inc.

Post Application to:- PWSA Honorary Treasurer  
10 Glenlyon Little Hampton Road  
Little Hampton  
Victoria 3458

E-Mail Application to: [hello@pwsa.org.au](mailto:hello@pwsa.org.au)

Details for Direct Deposit	
Account Name	Pheasant & Waterfowl Society of Australia Inc.
BSB	124-001
Account Number	1025-9238

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