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This edition's story features a modern day miracle discovery.

The PWSA Inc. hope our members enjoy the extraordinary feature story of the rediscovery of the elusive Night Parrot on the 26th May 2013 by Mr. John Young.

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Executive report

The Pheasant & Waterfowl Society of Australia Inc.



Membership dues were applied from the 1st May to align membership with the financial year. The PWSA Australia Inc. Executive agreed as a good will action to extend current memberships to 30th June 2024.

A special General Meeting was held on the 11th June. The executive encourages members to participate and have your say re the future direction of the Society.

The PWSA Inc. avian spectacular was regrettably cancelled, our planned guest speaker Mr John Young agreed to write an article detailing his account on the subject which is published in the PWSA's April to June Wildfowl Australia.

I was privileged to sit down over a cup of tea with expert field ornithologist Mr John Young as he shared his remarkable story of the rediscovery of the rare and elusive Night parrot. John described the event in such detail and he played a recording of the bird's call which set the scene for a story that caused my goose bumps to erupt. John described his experience when this extraordinarily rare and secretive bird alighting within a few meters in front of him in the dim light. His absolute despair when the bird flew before he had managed to photograph it, only to have it return within minutes. Its return enabled John to obtain the first ever recorded images of the mysterious Night Parrot and the first confirmed sighting of a live Night parrot.

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.

Thanks to all the members for their support over the years and we look forward to that ongoing continued support. I encourage members to please take an active role in the Society and encourage your friends to take part as well, as it really is a great club to belong to. Every minor contribution 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.

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

Members may note some of our rarer waterbirds are advertised in this edition in our "feather trader".

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



Keith Biden - Committee



Georgie Patterson – Treasurer



Marcia Ludlow - Committee



Danny Brown
Club Patron



Stephanie and Steve Robinson
Club Patrons

*The rediscovery of the elusive Night Parrot by
Field Ornithologist Mr John Young*



John Young is Australia's foremost field ornithologist having more than 60 years field experience, scans the Australian outback. John expended thousands of hours over a period of 15 years in search of an elusive quarry.

This is a remarkable story of discovering a proverbial needle in a haystack comprising thousands of square kilometres. This parrot's discovery was never going to be a chance finding but required absolute dedication, tenacity & John Young fitted that criteria.

There are more than 700 species of birds in Australia and approximately, fifty of those are parrots, some of the most colourful birds in the world. They live in a range of different habitats from rocky off shore islands, to open woodland, grasslands, rainforests, and deserts.

Up until the 26th May 2013, none were more elusive than the Night Parrot that had been recorded as living in Spinifex in the arid interior of Australia. In July 2012 the Night Parrot had reached the status according to the Smithsonian Institute of Science in America, as the most mythical bird in the world. And rightly so, as this most elusive parrot had not been seen alive since the late 1800's. There had been numerous unconfirmed sightings from many who had caught a glimpse of what they thought could have been this ghostly bird but, nothing was ever confirmed by a photo. Numerous competent birders and scientists alike had searched for this bird for over a hundred years and no one had ever come up with any plausible evidence of its existence.

In 1990, not far out of Boulia in Western Queensland, that all changed a dead specimen was picked up on the road side in an emaciated state by Queensland Museum staff. Then in September 2006 a ranger, by the name of Shorty Cupid, picked up a second bird while grading a fence line on the Diamantina National Park in Western Queensland. The most significant thing about this discovery was that, it was a juvenile, which meant, not only were they still living in the desert but, they were breeding which made this discovery the most significant of anything that had been found in the last century.

Having been in the field and working with most Australian birds, commencing at three years of age, I had started a casual search for this ghost from mid-1989 reading as much as I could about it in every bit of literature possible

and I had concluded that somewhere out there, in this great desert wilderness of Australia that they must be out there somewhere. The Australian desert is just too vast for anyone to search it all and say they do not exist, that just seemed like nonsense to me so I began my search for a bird that had kept its secrets for more than a century.



A single tiny feather provided John Young evidence of the parrot's existence. Its discovery sent John Young's heart racing & provided him confidence that he was searching in the right area. It further reinforced John's view that the Night Parrot was very rare but was definitely not extinct. A living Night parrot had not been observed in more than 100 years & it had never been photographed live in spite of many expeditions to find it. The story is about a small bird that is active under the cover of darkness, living in remote inhospitable arid regions of inland Australia.

Little did I know just how difficult this was going to be? At the time I could not have imagined what such a difficult search this was going to be, as many desert locations where spinifex grew, was in some of the harshest environments on earth. I could not have imagined what I would encounter, not to mention the heat, which reached 50 degrees Celsius at times, in the summer months, flies in biblical proportions, no water on many occasions, dust storms, no food sometimes, and breakdowns in the remotest places in the middle of the Simson desert. Sleeping on the hot ground, encounters with a large King Brown Snake (which I was extremely lucky not to be bitten on one occasion), to being so remote that if anything had gone wrong, there would have been no way that anyone would have found me. I look back at it now and realise how fool hearty I was to take such significant risks but, the more people said it could not be done, the more driven I became and without the incredible support of Tom and Kathryn Biggs both financially and mentally, I very much doubt that I would have been successful. My gratitude to them, cannot be expressed in words and I thank them both with all my being.

The most logical place for me to start my search, which was not going to be concluded for more than 20 years, was to sit around remote waterholes through the night in several states, on the chance that one or more Night Parrots may come to drink. Most parrots drink at least once a day and I could not see why this unknown bird would be any different. For the first number of years, I camped near the most remote water holes, cattle troughs or dams where ever they were situated in proximity of vast tracts of spinifex. I often set up one microphone facing the water source and another facing out in the direction of the nearest spinifex and not once over more than 6 years did, I hear a call of any sort that even remotely sounded like what I deemed to be a nocturnal parrot. It was time to change tactics.

I decided to start searching many of the properties around the site where the bird had been found dead on the roadside, outside Boulia in Western Queensland. This time, not only did I again camp near water holes but, I started to search desert caves, hundreds of them, just in case they were roosting out of the hot desert sun in the cool. After 5 more years of doing this, I finally gave that idea away. I almost got struck in the face by a huge King Brown Snake. I remember this, like it was yesterday and I never want to experience it again.

It was getting towards midday and it was very hot as I slowly entered a dark overhang on a small rocky escarpment covered in tall spinifex. As I bent over to go inside, it was very dark and as my eyes slowly adjusted to be able to see, less than a metre from my face was one of the largest King Brown or Mulga Snakes I had ever seen, in full strike mode!! My instinctive reaction was to freeze, and stay still. As this huge and highly venomous snake lowered itself and seemed to calm, I ever so slowly, edged my way backwards until I was far enough away to be out of harm's way, then I hurriedly walked back to my Quad Bike and just sat there with the sweat of adrenalin just pouring out of me in disbelief of how close it was. After that encounter I decided to give away the idea of the birds sheltering in caves.

After more than 16 years of fruitless searching since 1989, sometimes only for a month a year and some times for 3 to 4 months a year, the breakthrough occurred when a juvenile bird was found by Shorty Cupid. The bird had been decapitated by hitting a barb-wire fence in the Diamantina National Park.

This priceless discovery ended up in the capable hands of Paul Nielsen, the owner of the Tattersalls Hotel in Winton. Paul kindly sent me a photo of the bird. Realising, how significant the discovery was, it took me only hours to meet Paul and his friend Shorty at the hotel in Winton to discuss the find and for me to visit the discovery site on the Diamantina.



A deceased immature bird was found by a stockman. Its discovery prompted John to intensify his search

On visiting the site, with my friend from Ingham, Bob King, we spent a number of days there searching and listening with no sign of any Night Parrots except for hearing numerous Bourke Parrots giving their characteristic calls, after dusk and before daylight as they appeared to be coming and going from water sources, somewhere. Before I left the site, I decided to revisit the exact location where the young Night Parrot had met its fate by losing its head when it hit the wire.

The more I looked at where it had connected with the fence the more I realised that it had been flying along a narrow belt of acacias, down from an escarpment, covered in tall, old growth Spinifex to the South and when it reached the end of the strip of vegetation, maybe 40 metres from the fence, it appeared to me to take a turn to the

left, at least, that's what my imagination told me, so I went to the end of the acacia strip and lined up where I imagined it might be heading.

When I lined its imagined flight path up, I could clearly see a band of mountain ranges across the Mayne's River Flood Plain, which measured later to be 11 kilometres to the North on Brighton Downs. I have no idea why but, in my mind, that was going to be the next place I looked.

Accompanied with my young friend James Hardie, who worked with us at Johnyoungwildlfe, a few weeks later we obtained permission from the manager, at the time, before Peter and Carrol Britton, bought Brighton Downs, to go to where I could see the mountain range from the Diamantina.



John surveys Spinifex habitat

On arrival, it looked incredible, like a space scene with steep mesas embedded with large areas of old growth spinifex in between in the valleys. A site that I had rarely encountered the likes of before. It was April 2007, only one year since the dead juvenile had been found in the Diamantina, decapitated, eleven kilometres to the south.

We set up camp in a valley in amongst the mesas and on the second night at 12.10 am, it was so still and dead quiet, when suddenly I woke to hear a very faint call which sounded like “dee dit..dee dit”, way off, further into the Mesas. I excitedly woke James who was sleeping in his swag nearby and we could both hear what I believed was definitely a parrot. A call I had never heard before in all my travels and years of searching.

I decided to mimic as closely as possible to what I could hear then within maybe 5 minutes, I heard something land on the gibbers, less than 5 metres away and it called. We were stunned. I knew it was a Night Parrot. Within a couple of minutes a second bird landed. It called a few times then James with his much younger eyes, set up my mini disc recorder and an 816 Sennheiser Microphone and we recorded the first calls ever of what I believed was indeed the mythical Night Parrot.

That was to be the last time I heard a call until July 5 years later a further 2 kilometres away into the Mesas.

In 2008 my friend John Stewart from Ayr Queensland joined me on most desert trips during my continued search. On one occasion, further West we both heard a call again but, it was different this time, more like “ding ding” from the top of a mesa. It was so windy that I couldn't be sure we were not just imagining things but, it was in the same direction where James and I had heard the calls in 2007 but, located further North.

Because of the discovery of the decapitated bird on the Diamantina, I decided to ride around barbed wire fences in search of feathers, just in case another bird hit a fence leaving tell-tale feathers behind. Discovering feathers would give me some idea where to search because the site at Brighten Downs appeared to go cold.

After riding a quad bike, sometimes with John, I clocked up over 11,000 kilometres over a number of years discovering fence kills of just about everything else, even a young Grey Falcon but, no sign of any Night Parrots, so it was back to Brighten Downs, my most positive lead to date.



John searching typical Night parrot habitat.
Standing within 10 metres of a roost site.



Night parrots inhabit Australia's inhospitable remote inland arid regions.

In mid-July of 2012 my great friend Corey Mead and another very talented English ornithologist, joined me again on Brighten Downs, both sworn to secrecy if something was found.

Our first night there we moved even further into the valleys of spinifex another kilometre in from where John Stewart and I thought we heard something from a Mesa top on a windy night in 2008. This was to be a night I will never forget as long as I live. The three of us were spaced out along the crest of a high mesa, overlooking a deep valley full of dense old growth spinifex. By 6.30pm, every other creature seemed to have gone to bed and the night was very clear and deathly silent. We had been sitting there listening quietly for an hour and heard nothing so I thought, why not, I am not into playback but, this time I played the call once. Instantly directly below us there was this unmistakable very loud "ding ding". There was no doubt in any of our minds that it was a Night Parrot. No feeling can describe this unless you had been there and had been searching the deserts for more than two decades. It was an exhilarating experience.

For the next 7 nights the same call came from this very spot, sometimes followed by a second bird a few metres further away and in the early hours of the morning. I could hear them coming back, from where ever they went to feed. Who knows where?

In May 2013 I returned again to this site with my long-time friend John Stewart to try and hopefully photograph one for proof, not to be, even though we listened here for several nights there was not a sound. My heart fell to the depths of despair.

We decided to try another valley over a rise that was just as good and at 6.35pm while we both sat on the rise, overlooking yet another valley of deep old man spinifex, the familiar call came from the depths of the gully again. It was a numbing experience, a second site or maybe the other pair had moved here. Never the less for the next two nights we sat and listened and got an idea of times and where they would go after their first, dusk calls. There was a pattern, they seemed to call and slowly make their way, seemingly through the spinifex, crossing a small clearing between clumps.

The next night saw us both sitting on the edge of this small clearing in what I thought was their regular path before they appeared to fly off. We were not disappointed.

The following evening, as predicted, they called from the same spot, just after dusk then they slowly started to move towards us as we both sat in our chairs, partially behind a large clump of spinifex.

We could hear the tinkling of pebbles being moved as they approached and my excitement was electrifying, any second I thought they would go past us and I would get a photo but, not so, what I think was the male, dropped out of the spinifex in front of me and I think I was so excited that I fired the camera too soon and missed him but, seconds later I got him crossing a small clearing. I looked at the photos and I had one clear shot so I said to John, "Put the light on him quick," and for the next 35 minutes I photographed him in every position possible, I even got a small video clip. INCREDIBLE!!!

No words can possibly describe this mind-blowing experience. These photos were the first ever taken of a living Night Parrot and it would go down in history. To protect the site, John and I drove the 1200 kilometres back home that night. For the first time in my life, I could not sleep for three days due to my excitement.



Two of the first live images taken by John Young after he rediscovered the bird on the 26th May 2013 in West QLD.

John's efforts resulting in the Night Parrot's rediscovery may have prevented the extinction of this extraordinary and unique Australian nocturnal bird species. John's photos were featured in Birdlife Australia publication in 2013.

Mission accomplished! I had photographed the holy grail of the birding world by obtaining the first images of the mythical bird. Regardless of the future, I am incredibly proud of my efforts & my vivid memories will stay with me forever.

John Young - 30th April 2023.

Postscript.

Since May 2013 I have confirmed Night Parrots exist on the Diamantina National Park in 7 locations with Song meters placed at each discovery site by me and a scientist.

Four additional locations of Night Parrot populations have been discovered by John including one discovered recently whilst accompanied by Arthur & Cheryl Keates. Cheryl observed, what we believe was the male returning to a roost site in the twilight hours just before daylight.

I have now discovered seven Night Parrot nests with eggs. The clutches comprised 6 x 2 eggs and 1 x 4 eggs.

I have recently photographed a new population at the nest. There will be more to come as this mysterious bird reveals its secrets

The PWSA Inc. recommends a podcast titled "Birding Today." Host Thomas Doerig interviews John Young about his work and achievements. <https://youtu.be/62vxQSIUPmU>

WHATS HAPPENING?

The PWSA executive hope you enjoyed the January March 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.



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.

OPORTUNITY – 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.

OPORTUNITY – Social media officer

We plan to appoint a nominee to the role of “Social Media Officer”.

If you participate in Social media your skills are needed. The role require compilation and publishing of content. Content to be provided by others.

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.

Enough of our WANTED & more of what our members may want. We brushed the dust off the archives & resurrected some ancient historical documents issued from February 1986 by the Society in the distant past. Further historical documents will be issued with Wildfowl Australia. Members to provide their feedback on this offer by e-mailing hello@PWSA.org.au

We hope you enjoyed enjoy the read.

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

What information is available to our members on our website?

If you have not perused the “Information” dropdown and explored “Species”

FEATHER TRADER

Are you finding it difficult to source or sell 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

<p>FOR SALE</p> <p>Paradise Shelduck / pair \$700 Ruddy Shelduck / pair \$2,000 ONO Male Mountain ducks \$125 each Contact Shannon on 0419 853938</p>	<p>FOR SALE</p> <p>Silver male for sale Blue melanistic male pheasant for sale Californian Quail pairs Contact Keith 0415 406 834 Ballan Victoria</p>
<p>WANTED</p> <p>Female Bleeding Heart Pigeons Contact Shane from Roma Qld 0428233384 E-mail shanferry01@bigpond.com</p>	<p>FOR SALE</p> <p>Japanese bantams for sale. Roosters, hens, cockerels & pullets. Wanted Golden Pheasant hen. Ken Mob 0411517991 Email:- vkfox@inet.net.au</p>
<p>FOR SALE</p> <p>Pairs Dark-throated Goldens Pairs Silvers Pair Mongolian Ringnecks Trio Black/red Modern game bantams Breeding pairs Indian Ringneck parrots Marcia. Ph: 07 5426 6248</p>	<p>FOR SALE</p> <p>Golden pheasant pair Dark-throat Golden cock birds Kalij Nepal pheasant hen Swinhoe's pairs for sale Contact John on 0412 799 767 Greenbank QLD NWIFF Birds available</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

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



Meeting Minutes of the Special General Meeting of the Pheasant & Waterfowl Society of Australia Inc.

Meeting was held online utilising Microsoft Teams

Meeting:- 11th June 2023. The meeting opened:- 1400 hrs

Apologies:- There were no apologies

Previous minutes:- Minutes of the 26th February 2023 meeting held on line were tabled and read by the Secretary. Motion moved John Urane and Seconded Marcia Ludlow - Minutes from the 26th February 2023 meeting were an accurate record of the meeting. (Motion carried)

Business arising:- There were no issues arising from the previous minutes.

Correspondence in:-

E-mail from James Anderson re banking requirements 12th Feb 2023
Damien Shelley e-mail re Modena club 21st Feb 2023
BOQ e-mail receipt of minutes and adding treasurer 29th March 2023
Treasurer e-mail to BOQ re on-line verification complete 30th March 2023
John Young Night Parrot story and photos received 30th April 2023
BOQ e-mail explaining delays Thu 4th May 2023
Damien Shelley e-mail re profile 31st May 2023
Member e-mail re conservation 6th June 2023
Member e-mail elaboration 6th June 2023

Correspondence out:-

PWSA e-mail to James Anderson re BOQ requirements 12th Feb 2023
PWSA e-mail issuance of Wildfowl 4th April 2023
PWSA e-mail to J Young re story 30th April 2023
PWSA e-mail to BOQ requirements for treasurer 27th May 2023
PWSA e-mail to BOQ requirements for treasurer Mon 15th May 2023
PWSA e-mail to members re feather trader dated 18th May 2023
PWSA e-mail re Special General Meeting Sun 4th June 2023

Financial report:- No formal treasurers report as treasurer is still seeking access to the Society accounts.

The PWSA Inc. bank account latest financial status advised by the Secretary as below.

Opening balance	31 st Dec. 2022	\$2,844.16 (Reported as closing balance in the last minutes)
Closing balance	6 th June 2023	\$3,297.20

President report:- There was no formal President's report as the President's position remained unoccupied. The Secretary acts until the vacancy is filled. The Secretary provided an updated outline on the Societies proposed activities going forward.



Secretary's report:- The last formal 2023, occurred on volume of issuance.

issuance of "Wildfowl Australia" Jan – March the 4th April 2023. The Secretary is preparing a Wildfowl Australia for April to June for formal

General business:- This Special General Meeting of the PWSA Inc. was convened in accordance with section 39 of the constitution to formally accept a nominee and seek approval to formally appoint PWSA Inc. member James Anderson as President of the Society.

Receipt of correspondence from a member related to the PWSA Inc. appointment of a "Conservation officer" of the PWSA Inc. Members to recommend worthy avian conservation projects. The proposing member generously agreed to provide initial financial support for a designated project. Please refer motion #3 below.

Motion #1 :- Motion moved John Urane and Seconded Marcia Ludlow:- PWSA member James Anderson) of 31/128 Kinsellas RD West, Mango Hill, 4019 be formally appointed as Honorary President of the PWSA. The Presidents appointment is effective immediately. (Motion carried)

Motion #2 :- Motion moved John Urane and Seconded Georgie Patterson:- The PWSA Inc. authorises the President James Anderson be added as a signatory to the PWSA bank account and to have unrestricted access to the Societies Bank account/s. (Motion carried)

Motion #3 :- Motion moved John Urane and Seconded Marcia Ludlow:- The PWSA appoint a "Conservation officer" and seek members to nominate a suitable project species. Motion moved John Urane and Seconded Marcia Ludlow. (Motion carried)

Motion #4 :- Motion proposed Georgie Patterson (Treasurer) and Seconded John Urane:- BOQ be requested to place a stop on automatic debit on the PWSA Inc. bank account by Marq of 13907 S Minuteman Dr, Ste 225, Draper, UT, 84020 (Formerly Lucid Press). (Motion carried)

Motion #5 :- Motion proposed Georgie Patterson (Treasurer) and Seconded John Urane:- BOQ be requested to place a stop on the automatic debit by Wix.com of 500 Terry A Francois Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94158, Wix.com Ltd., Wix.com Inc. (Motion carried)

Meeting Closed:- There being no further business the meeting closed at 1500 hrs

John Urane

John Urane

Honorary Secretary of the PWSA Inc.

E-mail:- Hello@PWSA.org.au

Profile of a PWSA member

Damien Shelley

I have been keeping birds since a young age & began with a pair of budgies bought for me by my parents.

Budgerigars were my main passion for about 25 years and I was a member of the Ipswich budgie club for a short time. Whilst a member of the club I met a gentleman called Bruce Patterson. Bruce had a number of different varieties in his collection and was kind enough to allow me access to his aviaries. This was probably my first exposure to mixed collections of parrots, soft-bills, and game birds.

Since then, over many years, I have moved away from the budgie fraternity and now keep a collection of mixed parrots, both Australian and exotic, a number of pheasant species including Nepal, Golden, Silver, Reeves, (my personal favourite) Lady Amherst's, Swinhoe's, and a few pairs of ringnecks for the table.

I also have some Californian quail which I find to be very amusing little birds.

I enjoy being a member of the Society. It provides me an opportunity to talk to likeminded people. The knowledge base is incredible, the opportunity to access collections & the people who own them is fantastic.

I would encourage everybody to support it in any way you can. Should you ever get up my way please feel free to give me a call. I am not shy when it comes to talking birds.

Damien Shelley.

Photos below PWSA Inc. member Damien Shelley surrounded by some of the pheasants in his collection.



Images Left to Right

Golden Pheasant cock bird, Damien Shelley with female Reeves pheasant & Reeves pheasant cock bird.

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

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

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

Alternatively, save time and join online by visiting www.pwsa.org.au