



## VPFA Update February 2026

### *Board Changes*

Neville Chislett and Len Wills completed their terms as VPFA directors in 2025 and we thank them for their time on the board and we welcome Ben Pickles and Andrew Brown and look forward to their contributions the board.

### *VPFA Expo*

The VPFA will host an expo on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at Ballarat. The exact agenda is being finalised but will likely include breed seminars, a discussion on judging and general information on exhibition poultry. The agenda will be finalised soon and advertised widely.

### *New Club Affiliations*

We welcome *Indian Runner Ducks Australia* and *Mediterranean Poultry Club of Australia* as affiliates of the VPFA and look forward to their combined show in Bendigo on the Kings Birthday long weekend in June.

### *VPFA Yearbook, Updates and Calendar*

These initiatives will replace the VPFA journal for 2026. We understand that the journal has been part of our history, but it has been increasingly difficult to source information for the journal in a timely manner and that some of the

information such as show results that we once relied on the journal for is now widely available online by the time the journal is published.

We thank Lorraine Edgley for her service as the editor of the journal and the work that she has put in chasing stories and content for the journal.

Our communications with members are very important so we are proposing to continue using our online tools (Facebook and the Website) but to complement these with three new initiatives.

- *VPFA Update* an update to all members after each board meeting that will be prepared by the chair and update not only on the meeting but also on other activities and dates. This will aim to be concise and prompt.
- *VPFA Yearbook* this official yearbook will contain photos, articles and show reports and printed as a hard copy and sent to members as part of their membership package.
- *VPFA Calendar* we will also provide a hard copy printed calendar to all members including show dates. This initiative will start this year and is being prepared now. We will work with clubs to ensure that show dates are set sooner to make this concept more streamlined.

These are big but important changes to tailor the way we get information to members. This will be reviewed after 2026, hopefully the change will see members getting an increased value from the information from the VPFA.

### *VPFA Breed Aggregate Awards*

These awards will now be named in honour of prominent Victorian breeders and exhibitors (including but not limited to VPFA life members). This will change from year to year according to the breed. We will also write an article on each of the breeders for the yearbook. Stay tuned for future updates. For instance, for this year's awards.

Indian Game – Frank Hill

True Bantam – Tom Dutton

Ancona – Bob French

Indian Runner – Allan McFarlane

*Bushfires*

It was great to see the poultry community showing their support for our members who were affected by the recent fires. We saw a few near (in fact very near) misses and the tragic news that Neil Penny had lost his property. The support for the GoFundMe page for Neil was amazing.

Looking forward to a great 2026 and chat with you again in the March update – if not before.

Kevin



A muffed OEG bantam of mine from a few years ago. It has always surprised me that this variety is not more common.