



# Newcastle Coalfields Pigeon Federation (NCF) 2024

*This pack is a summary of the agreed positions for the 2024 season as unanimously voted by the NCF membership on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.*

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- AGREED 2024 SCHEDULE
  - AGREEMENT TO APPROACH TAREE AND THE CENTRAL COAST TO TRANSPORT THEIR BIRDS
  - HYBRID PICK UP POINTS
  - USER PAYS SYSTEM

# Modelling was completed on a “Collective Schedule”.

*The NCF membership agreed to rescind the previous schedule for 2024 and then voted to accepted the amended “Collective Schedule “ as presented.*

Key points for 2024 will include:

- ❖ 1 round of racing starting on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- ❖ There is a scheduled federation truck toss to be run as a self-supporting toss on May 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> (prices tbc ). This toss is to induct and train the new driver and to ensure everything is functioning for the first race.
- ❖ Spare weekends are included between the double headers (Byron Bay and Redcliff).
- ❖ Gympie / Maryborough will be the last two “scheduled races” and the season will end on the October long weekend however, a self-supporting Gladstone will be offered if the numbers of entries can meet the required levels.
- ❖ The season will run with a short, long and overall average points score. Short will be up to 400km and include all Friday night basketing and Red Rock (12 races), long will be all races 401km and longer (10 races) and the overall average will include all scheduled races.(22 races).

Date	Race Point	Distance	Lib time	Basket Night	Race Details		
19-May	Viney Creek/Bulahdelah-		All TBC		Self-supporting Toss- (Truck Driver Induction)		
25-May	Taree	140 kms	12:00 AM	Fri	short series		
1-Jun	Taree- DH		11:00 AM	Fri	short series		
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8-Jun	Port Macquarie	205 klms	11:00 AM	Fri	short series		
15-Jun	Port Macquarie		11:00 AM	Fri	short series		
22-Jun	Port Macquarie		11:00 AM	Fri	short series		
T	29-Jun	Macksville	286 klms	10:00 AM	Fri	short series	
T	6-Jul	Macksville		10:00 AM	Fri	short series	
T	13-Jul	Macksville		10.00 AM	Fri	short series-Fed 1 birder up 30 min after mass	
T	20-Jul	Red Rock	340 klms	8.00AM	Thurs ( TBC)	short series	
T	27-Jul	Red Rock		8.00AM	Thurs ( TBC)	short series	
T	3-Aug	Red Rock		8.00AM	Thurs ( TBC)	short series	
T	10-Aug	Yamba	421 klms	E.A.P	Thurs	long series	
T	17-Aug	Yamba		E.A.P	Thurs	long series	
T	24-Aug	Yamba		E.A.P	Thurs	long series	
T	31-Aug	Byron Bay	513 klms	E.A.P	Thurs	long series-YBD- Blue Band- 1st Breeders Plate	
CC	T	7-Sep	Byron Bay-DH		E.A.P	Thurs	long series- fed 2 bird trap 2
CC	T	7-Sep	Byron Bay-DH		E.A.P+30	Thurs	long series
		15-Sep	SPARE WEEKEND				
CC	T	21-Sep	Redcliff -DH	648 klms	E.A.P	Thurs	long series+2nd Breeders Plate
CC	T	21-Sep	Redcliff -DH		E.A.P+30	Thurs	long series- stand alone 5 bird national
		28-Sep	SPARE WEEKEND				
CC	T	4-Oct	Gympie-DH	755 kms	E.A.P	Wed	long series- Gold Band
CC	T	5-Oct	Maryborough-DH	860 kms	E.A.P	Wed	long series- Federation Longest race
		5 <sup>th</sup> or 6-Oct	Gladstone - SELF SUPPORTING		11 am or EAP		self supporting - nonscheduled race
		22					

### Key Points :

- ❖ Surplus will be available at **\$1.50 per bird and is only available in limited numbers** for 4 of the first 5 weeks of racing.
- ❖ Surplus IS NOT available on the June 1<sup>st</sup> Taree double header or from Macksville or longer races.
- ❖ Averages - Short (12 races), Long (10 races) and an overall average series (22 races).
- ❖ 2 spare weekends for rain and or bird welfare/ preparation gaps are included.
- ❖ YBD, BB and 1<sup>st</sup> BP is set as a standalone weekend due to potential larger entry numbers.
- ❖ Gladstone Self-supporting will be costed once schedules are finalised

*NB-The June 1<sup>st</sup> double header Taree will require some birds to be taken separately via trailer to ensure all members can send their purchased bird limit*

(Richard Clement can take approx. 400 birds in his trailer and has offered to transport birds in his trailer this weekend at no cost to maintain limits if required)

# Pick Up Alternatives.

*“The following Hybrid Model for 2024 was agreed and will be implemented by the federation in 2024.”*

- Until the federation reaches Macksville, all current pickup points (7) are maintained. This is due to higher number of birds being entered and less criticality on the time to get to these first two race points.
- Starting from Macksville up to and including the single 1<sup>st</sup> scheduled Byron Bay, 3 pick up points will be utilised : Cessnock- Maitland- Newcastle (exact locations to be determined by the local area membership)
- For the last 3 weekends of racing (3 double headers) only 2 pick up points be adopted- 1 in Newcastle and 1 in the Coalfields (exact locations to be determined by the local area membership)
- The exact cycle of pickups will be determined once the truck storage position (starting location) is established.

# Conveying other federations.

*“The members agreed to offer a transport option to both Taree and the Central Coast.”*

- The federation will now respond to a written approach to transport the Taree club for a total of 16 races in the 2024 season in line with the “Collective Schedule” adopted for the 2024 season commencing from Macksville on June 29<sup>th</sup> and finishing with the Gympie / Maryborough double header on the Oct long weekend.
- The federation will approach the Central Coast Executive and formally offer them the opportunity to purchase baskets for the last 6 races of the 2024 season as listed in the adopted “Collective Schedule”
- All liberations will be mass liberations of all birds being transported for a particular race. In the event of a double header, there will be 2 “mass” liberations at an agreed interval for race 1 and race 2.

# Going to a User pays system.

*The membership has agreed to adopt a user pays system for the 2024 season allowing members to increase bird limits to fill vacant capacity on the truck.*

- ❖ **Members must nominate a “required” bird limit of between the minimum of 25 birds and a maximum of 50 birds ASAP.** Due to the increased cost of surplus( \$1.50/ bird) and its very limited availability, all members are asked to consider their purchased bird limit carefully as you will be guaranteed the limit you purchase as per the table on the following slide, and this is the only way to ensure you will get birds away.
- ❖ Bird limits are **purchased for the full season and must be agreed and paid for up front** as part of your normal fees. To increase the attractiveness, the purchased limits apply in all races at club, combine and federation level.
- ❖ Min block of ADDITIONAL birds available to purchase = 5. (you buy blocks of 5 from a minimum base of 25 birds )
- ❖ Max Blocks of ADDITIONAL birds available to purchase = 25 (max 50 birds entered in total per race in blocks of 5).
- ❖ Provided the federation can achieve a suitable number of members taking options **above the traditional 30 bird** restriction, a limited limited number of 20 bird clocks could be available by application.
- ❖ The federation will review on a case-by-case basis written submissions under “extreme circumstances” to allow a member to purchase a 15-bird team. This will be a tightly restricted offer and must be agreed by the executive.
- ❖ The old 30 bird Friday night/ sprint series limits no longer apply- You send on a Friday night what you purchase in this new user pay system- i.e. if you buy the 30-bird option you can send 30 birds on Friday basket nights , 26 on Thursday nights and 22 on Wednesdays nights.
- ❖ All members are asked to consider the 30-bird Friday night quota limit and the fees have been targeted to make this the most attractive cost option.

The following tables are only included as a **rough guide** and only provided as a 2024 pricing estimate to help members decide on their final user pay bird number. Although this pricing will be close, the final price cannot be confirmed until actual member numbers and flying bird numbers are submitted (and Taree + Central Coast are confirmed as coming on the truck).

Friday night basket purchased bird limit	base race fee (per bird costs)	truck fund recovery levy (per member)	Base annual federation membership fee	member target numbers per level (as budgeted)	Possible 2024 fees GUIDE ONLY
25 bird quota	\$1.06	\$50.00	\$25.00	6	\$660.00
30 bird quota	\$0.95	\$50.00	\$25.00	25	\$700.00
35 bird quota	\$0.88	\$50.00	\$25.00	4	\$755.00
40 bird quota	\$0.84	\$50.00	\$25.00	6	\$815.00
45 bird quota	\$0.80	\$50.00	\$25.00	2	\$875.00
50 bird quota	\$0.78	\$50.00	\$25.00	1	\$935.00
<b>By application only</b>					
20	\$1.30	\$50.00	\$25.00	4	\$610.00
<b>Extreme Circumstance</b>					
15	tbc	\$50.00	\$25.00	0	tbc
				Budgeted Total flyers = 49	

	Friday night basketing	Thursday night basketing	Wednesday Night basketing
<b>User Pay Purchased limit</b>	20 (limited number available)	15 birds	10
User Pay Purchased limit	25 birds	20	15
<b>User Pay Purchased limit</b>	<b>30 birds</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>
User Pay Purchased limit	35 birds	30	25
User Pay Purchased limit	40 birds	34	28
User Pay Purchased limit	45 birds	38	30
User Pay Purchased limit	50 birds	42	34

NB:  
Members should consider the 30-bird limit user pay option as a standard “clock” in the old full and half basket system.

*For this system to work effectively, we must sell the additional birdage to ensure a profitable outcome for the federation and to help maintain the lower bird number clocks as required.*