

# GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN

By Duncan MacGregor,

I actually stole this heading from the title of the modern day bible, but as they're Christians they shouldn't mind that much. If they do then they'll just have to turn the other cheek. To our affiliates and regular visitors, you will certainly know that all the news is good. The Co-Operative system is proving to be a winner for ALL pigeon enthusiasts with many thousands of dollars being saved.

Firstly, and foremost the RINGS, all sorts of rings, life, electronic and race rubbers have been a HUGE success. When we embarked on this journey we in no way could have expected the response that we have received with orders coming from all sides of the fancy and from all parts of not only Australia but overseas as well. It is simply mind blowing. I know there were certain areas of the fancy that were sceptical of the Co-operative system working and some even spoke of what they considered the risk of us importing rings of inferior quality. Well, I'm here to tell you that the rings we bring in are of the utmost quality from the most reputable manufacturer in the world and those that have already received them are more than happy. Just have a read of some of the testimonials on this site!!

Secondly, this web site has been amazing. When we set about this venture we did so with a vision of providing assistance to the pigeon fraternity, a forum for information and knowledge and more importantly a promotional tool that would benefit all involved in pigeons. We must be doing something right, Mark has hardly had time to scratch his backside, what with orders and contacts coming thick and fast as well as maintaining the site he doesn't know if he's Arthur or Martha. Then again, Baz, has privately expressed some questions about Marks preferences that way as well. I would like to congratulate Mark, he has worked hard and long, WELL DONE, mate.

Thirdly, and in my view the most excitingly, we are now getting very close to the launching of the first REAL internet magazine published in Australia and as soon as the loose ends are tied up we will be ready to go. The magazine, like the rest of this group, will operate on a co-operative system whereupon we will encourage input from all areas of the pigeon world, racing, fancy and even the backyard hobbyists. Whilst we intend to provide a vehicle to all to publish their specific local news we will also mix this with a variety of articles sourced world wide and therefore, hopefully, providing a magazine of both interest, as well as an avenue of learning. So if you have any articles about members, clubs or events now is the time to forward them to us. This magazine will be something special reaching fanciers all over the world which brings me to the next point, ADVERTISING. There will be limited space for all areas of the industry to advertise their wares, events, sales etc., and contact can be made via the "contact us" on this web site.

As I've said we are very excited about the magazine, but I must stress a cautionary note. The committee prior to publishing will view all articles received and any article may be edited or rejected by the committee if deemed unsuitable for publication. Remember this site can be accessed by any person and as such we do not wish to publish any article that may reflect poorly on the pigeon fraternity. We are not about strangulation of free speech, we, in fact encourage the idea of open debate and the interchange of ideas. We, however, will not allow the magazine to become a forum for attacks on individuals or organisations. If you have criticism of any article, person or group then, KEEP IT CONSTRUCTIVE and we may all get to read about it.

Good luck to all in Australia who are now entering yet another racing season and may your birds fly true and fast.