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NO 2/75 AND INAUGURAL ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
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DUCKS UNLIMITED (NZ) INCORPORATED

The first annual conference of Ducks Unlimited (NZ) Inc will be held at the Chartwell Tavern, Hamilton on Saturday 2 August 1975 commencing 2 pm.

Business:

Welcome & Address by President  
Consideration of Annual Report & Balance Sheet  
Election of Two Further Directors (Rule 3)  
Address by Speaker from Wildlife Division  
Department of Internal Affairs  
Ducks Unlimited motion picture  
Address by J. Worth - "Operation Pateke"  
Ducks Unlimited motion picture

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A copy of the Rules of Ducks Unlimited (NZ) Inc will be available for perusal by any member at the conference. All members are invited to attend.

P.B.C. Pirani  
Acting Secretary/Vice President  
P.O. Box 74 Hamilton

DUCKS UNLIMITED (NZ) INC - CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

DIRECTORS

Pirani I.H.  
Pirani P.B.C.

President  
Vice President & Acting Secretary

Bell D.  
Hayes F.N.  
Jones H.I.  
Lickers F.H.  
Pirani Mrs C.L.  
Voss T.A.  
Worth J.

LIFE MEMBERS

Pirani I.H.  
Pirani Mrs C.L.  
Worth J.

TRADE MEMBERS

Wellington Sporting  
Arms Company

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Burton J.  
Swanwick D.H.  
Tahere J.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Adams R.T.  
Ball R.K.  
Baucke K.  
Baucke N.  
Bayliss P.R.  
Bell A.  
Bell D.  
Bell L.  
Boscawen J.  
Bourne A.A.  
Bronger S.  
Butts G.  
Byrne J.  
Casey P.  
Cameron N.C.  
Campin D.N.  
Consolidated Traders  
Ltd  
Cook R.J.  
Cowan W.  
Crum Mrs J.A.  
Dench M.R.

Differ P.  
Flexman A.  
Frazer B.C.  
Gurney A.A.  
Fenwick R.D.  
Glover J.D.  
Gulliver Miss T.  
Gooden L.  
Hamill W.  
Harrison D.G.  
Hayes F.N.  
Harkness O.L.  
Hansen D.G.  
Jarnell B.  
Jensen I.G.  
Jones H.I.  
Le Prou E.J.  
McCarron A.  
McCormick P.  
McLeod P.M.  
McNeil D.  
Mackie K.

Matheson R.  
Meehan R.  
Merrilees W.  
Millar B.R.  
Mills T.W.  
Morris F.  
Mullins P.  
Midgley M.D.  
Nelson Parker J.  
Nooyen A.M.  
Newcombe N.M.  
Olsen E.N.  
Paddy B.H.  
Parry Mrs J.  
Penna R.J.  
Perry B.  
Pauli N.B.  
Pauli Mrs E.M.  
Peryer D.G.  
Pihera C.  
Piper H.L.  
Pirani P.B.C.

Pullar C.  
Rose I.B.  
Saunders W.  
Savage J.C.  
Scott G.W.  
Scott M.A.  
Seddon J.  
Smellie C.P.  
Taylor P.  
Te Mara W.T.  
Tuck P.  
Williams M.  
Willoughby R.R.  
Worth C.  
Wright W.  
Wright A.  
Watson D.  
  
South Canterbury  
Acclimatisation Society  
Tauranga Acclimatisation  
Society

SUPPORTER MEMBERS

Allen W.J.D.  
Arnold J.H.  
Ball B.D.  
Ball Fay C.  
Baker J.T.  
Beadle G.  
Bell Mrs L.  
Brumby R.  
Candy W.M. Jnr  
Chambers S.  
Cook C.B.  
Cook H.A.  
Chandler I.  
Dalton D.S.  
Dyer J.

Denny R.A.  
Douglas G.P.  
Duncan W.R.  
Dungey Mr  
Flexman W.  
Frost R.C. Jnr  
George G.C.  
Gribble S.C.  
Gooden T.  
Harvey I.  
Harris Mrs M.L.  
Hayes Mrs S.  
Hanson F.M.H.  
Herries G.  
Hope A.E.

Hunt T.G.  
Hyde N.  
Hudson J.M.  
Johnson I.P.  
Johnson W.  
Jones B.R.  
Lawrie Mrs L.  
Lentfer W.  
Lickers F.H.  
Lowrie N.  
McDowell J.H.  
Marshall Mrs J.  
Marshall G.  
Morris W.  
NZ Pheasant  
Breeder Assn

Preece J.R.  
Prince H.  
Rowe B.  
Stutt B.  
Stutt D.  
Taverner D.L.  
Thomas A.  
Tretthewey R.  
Vaughan A.  
Voss T.A.  
Voss Mrs F.A.  
Wilson L.  
Worth Mrs C.  
Worth Miss K.  
  
Taranaki Acclimatisation  
Society  
Wellington Acclimatisation  
Society

DUCKS UNLIMITED (NZ) INCORPORATED

Statement of Receipts & Payments as at 31 March 1975

PAYMENTS

Petty Cash	77	
Duplicating	118-54	
Office Expenses	92-94	
Stamps	40-07	
Stationery	135-14	
Advance Refund	130-00	
Tolls Etc	132-55	
Printing	865-91	
Travelling Expenses	62-00	
'Operation Gretel'	116-70	
Game Fair	166-02	
Bank Charges	12-00	
Interest	10-47	
Advertising	30-00	
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	1,913-11	1,913-11

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions, as follows:

Life	3	150-00	
Active	75	750-00	
Supporter	49	245-00	
Junior	1	2-00	
Donations		7-00	
Advances		130-00	
Raffle Sales		318-20	
Decal Sales		25-00	
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		1,627-20	1,627-20

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME FOR YEAR : \$ 285-91

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 1975

Bank Overdraft \$ 285-91

Accumulated Deficit \$ 285-91

Audited and found correct 16 July 1975

Gilfillan & Co  
Chartered Accountants (signed)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1975

I.H. Pirani

On behalf of my fellow directors, it gives me great pleasure to present the first ever Annual Report for Ducks Unlimited (NZ) Incorporated for the year ended 31 March 1975.

1974/5 has been a year of growth for us. Membership has continued to expand and we look to the future with confidence. It has been particularly pleasing to me to see the practical assistance which has been so readily offered by our members.

There have been some notable highlights; in particular

- the Auckland Acclimatisation Society's Game Fair where Ducks Unlimited were the 'star' attraction
- 'Operation Gretel' was put in hand - the first nest boxes erected in atrocious conditions on a property in Pokeno
- acceptance, in principle, by the Wildlife Division of the Department of Internal Affairs of our 'Operation Pateke'
- the ready support from the acclimatisation society movement to the extent of some societies paying for Grey Teal nest boxes to be erected outside their own areas (this truly is a typical example of the non-parochial feelings of all DU members)
- the membership, which comprises people from all walks of life but, more important, sportsmen and those of completely opposing views - the addition of a third life member and our first trade member
- the success of Dudley Bell in Canada, as our representative; we look forward to his return to New Zealand with anticipation.

Members may be assured that the directors have maintained a strict watch on all expenditure and our financial situation continues to improve. An Annual Financial Statement for 12 months to 31 March 1975 is enclosed with this Report.

My thanks must go to

- the Department of Internal Affairs, Wildlife Division, for their assistance
- to CP Air for their continued support
- to my fellow directors for their untiring and enthusiastic personal interest in DU affairs and active support during the year; and
- to Ducks Unlimited in Canada and the United States for their valuable help and constructive advice.

We look forward with keenest anticipation to the day when Ducks Unlimited can become truly international.

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## REPORT ON 'OPERATION GRETTEL'

As members will be aware, 'Operation Gretel' is DU's first major project - the objective being to raise the present estimated population of Grey Teal from 18,000 (Wildlife Service estimation) to 100,000 plus during the next ten years, primarily by the use of special nesting boxes placed in strategic areas.

Members will have seen prototype nest boxes at the Game Fair in Auckland in March and, as previously reported, boxes have been placed in the Waikato and West Coast Wellington province.

In areas where the Teal have no established breeding record, we also plan to assist in their acclimatisation with the use of Mallard ducks as foster parents. Mallard type nesting boxes will be erected, and Mallard eggs will be replaced by Teal eggs, leaving the Mallard hen to raise the young Teal. This method should encourage the young Teal to return and nest in the purpose made Teal boxes.

### Member Participation

Waterfowl breeders will be called upon to supply the Teal eggs and this will create a great opportunity for members to try their hand at the keeping and rearing of this somewhat difficult species. Teal being a protected species, government approval is required before any transfer or possession can be undertaken - but, providing the holding conditions can be met and all other provisos strictly adhered to, we envisage no problems should be encountered.

'Operation Gretel' offers many opportunities for members to participate at various levels - the following are instances where such help is being sought:

- construction of boxes
- erection of boxes in the field
- checking of boxes for occupancy, maintenance etc
- locating of wild Mallard nests
- locating and brood counting of Grey Teal nests and ducklings
- propagating of Grey Teal eggs
- assisting with Grey Teal census

Members interested in assisting can write to DU Headquarters, at Box 74 Hamilton or telephone Hamilton 64-372

### INTRODUCTION OF 'OPERATION PATEKE'

Director, Jack Worth, will outline DU's second project at the Annual Conference in Hamilton.

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