

Dear Greg,

I am writing to you to request a favour of the ANRPB. I would like to organise an auction through the ANRPB to raise funds to help support one of our most valued members in our fraternity.

Some of you may be aware, Keith Damon a member of the PRF, was wrongly and unfairly prosecuted in the courts earlier this year by the RSPCA. To say that this case was an absolute outrage would be putting it lightly. Keith should never have been accused of wrong doing – this was truly a huge injustice. The PRF stood behind Keith through his ordeal and offered as much support as possible. Although the case was settled (the RSPCA withdrew the charges) in February of this year, after almost 18 months of endless stress, (this all began back in August of 2020) no-one can fully understand the extent to which Keith and his family have endured both mental and physical stress. To add to this, Keith has been left with a hefty amount of legal costs in excess of \$26 000.00. I will be asking some of the top pigeon flyers in Australia to generously donate pigeons to be auctioned through the ANRPB in order to raise funds to help cover some of the costs incurred.

Keith Damon has been involved with pigeons for some 60 years. I first met Keith through pigeons and our friendship has grown and continued to this day. It is both my privilege and honour to call Keith my friend. For those of you who don't know Keith he is one of our sport's true gentlemen. During his long association with pigeons he has worked tirelessly at both club level and on the Board of the PRF for the betterment of pigeon racing. He is a man of the utmost integrity, and while Keith would never ask for any of this, there is no doubt that he and his family are so deserving of our help and support.

Greg, I will be gathering some of the best bred pigeons from some of the best flyers here in Western Australia to be auctioned on the "Index Pigeon Sales" site. I would appreciate it if you could pass this letter on to all the pigeon fanciers around Australia so that they are aware of this upcoming auction. I will be contacting representatives from each state and asking for each representative to gather the best pigeons donated from the members in his State. I will leave South Australia in your hands. My hope is to end up with quite a few of the best bred pigeons in Australia to auction. The ultimate aim is to raise enough money to compensate Keith for his expenses and I am hoping that any excess money, should there be some great support for this auction, can be donated to the ANRPB.

I will be contacting Tim Fawcett to make arrangements to auction the birds. Also, I feel that no-one should be out of pocket for freight costs, so I suggest that a delegate from each state be responsible for shipping the birds together and all costs incurred for sending birds to Tim Fawcett for auction, should be reimbursed from the total money raised by the auction.

Many Thanks Greg,

Yours in the Sport,

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