

The bird was watched by my brother and myself for about 30 minutes during which time it caught and ate a full-sized frog, but with some difficulty, being later chased by a N.Z. Dabchick (*P. rufopectus*).

The visitor was described to and seen by R. W. Jackson (Regional Representative) and W. J. and M. Broun who all agree that we have on Lake Okareka an Australian Little Grebe (*Podiceps novaehollandiae*).

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[This is the third record of the Australian Little Grebe in New Zealand; see article by Patrick Miller in this issue of *Notornis*, 20 (3): 272-275. Ed.]



#### A TWENTY-ONE YEAR OLD WHITE-FRONTED TERN

On 12 January 1952 I visited Orere Point, Clevedon, to band chicks in a White-fronted Tern colony on a rocky outcrop almost surrounded by sea. A party of young people caught the chicks and brought them to me to band. It was difficult to catch them on the steep rocky terrain and at the same time keep them from falling into the water. However this was successful and I banded fifty, Nos 7001 to 7050, inclusive.

Early in February 1973 I received by mail from Mrs Peter Chamberlain, Ponui Island (south end), Hauraki Gulf, band No. 7037. The Chamberlains were having much trouble with gulls and terns roosting on their launch and had nets spread over it. On 31 January 1973 Peter Chamberlain found a banded tern tangled in the net and so badly injured that it had to be destroyed. This was  $4\frac{3}{4}$  miles from the place of banding.

The band, being of the old type, had deteriorated badly but the number was readily ascertained. The bird would have been almost two weeks old when banded so its age was approximately 21 years 1 month. Since it was alive when found there is still the question of how much longer it could have lived.

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