

hen just mentioned, quite like an ordinary 'Moreton Bay' Rosella in many respects, but he had a dark blue patch on the lower cheek, not the circular patch one sees in a Pennant or Yellow-rump, which starts from the base of the lower mandible, but a kind of half-moon lying low on the cheek and not reaching the beak at all. Although this blue cheek-patch is a very noticeable feature, the general resemblance between *P. amathusia* and *P. pallidiceps* is so striking that one can hardly fail to regard them as local races of one variable species, and a series of skins obtained from different localities would probably show the complete gradation of one form into the other. In describing the habits of my Mealy Rosellas there is one point I have forgotten to mention—viz., their playfulness. The *Platycerci* as a family are very serious-minded birds, and do not give themselves up to light-hearted antics. But here the Mealy is rather an exception, and I have sometimes seen my birds playing in true Parrot fashion: turning somersaults, throwing bits of stick about, lying on their backs, and hopping wildly round with spread tails. I once had a Barnard's Parrakeet who behaved in much the same fashion, apparently from delight at the successful hatching of his first family (he was quite a young bird). But I have never known another of his species forget his dignity to such an extent, and the Mealy Rosella is the only true Broadtail that I have often seen play."

Annual Meeting Postponed.

It has been unanimously decided by the Council of the Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union to

POSTPONE THE ANNUAL MEETING,

which was to have been held in Queensland this year, and to do the business of the session by correspondence. This decision has been made because Queensland has suffered severely from the drought; and also the Council considers that all our energies and spare money should go towards helping our country in its time of need consequent upon the dreadful war.