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Front Cover

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 Green

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Breeder: Bob
 Keetelar 1st place, 2019 ANBC
 Championship Show Grey Green



BCV Membership Fees

Club Affiliation Fees – \$175 per year
 Full Membership – \$70 per year
 New Beginner Members (1st Year) – \$25.00
 Junior (15 years and younger) – \$1.00



From the Editor

In this edition, we remember the passing of two great men of the hobby, Ian Gould and budgerigar author and champion breeder, Gerald Binks.

Budgie News is growing and we are committed to getting more useful content and information out to you over coming editions.

With the growth and improved presentation of the publication comes new challenges and opportunities. We are looking at how to stream line our publication process and improve the roll out when unforeseen circumstances come our way. Please note Young Bird Judges comments will be made available shortly on the website for this edition.

If you would like your club to feature in Budgie News please send a maximum of 400 words in word document format and photographs in jpeg format to the editor.

Please note all correspondence to Budgie News can be sent to editorbudgienews@gmail.com

Thank you to Dail Cameron for the ANBC National photography from Brisbane 2019 and Phil Hoadley for the photography at the BCV Young Bird Championship Show. Also, to Vic Murray for his contribution on Judging at the Nationals.

I hope this edition is another useful addition to your budgerigar library and as a bird room companion.

Regards,

Matt Emond
Editor

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Contributions for the next publication close 30th October 2019

President's Report



Once again Council has delivered a huge year of achievements. One of the most pleasing is that the overall financial position of the BCV is strengthening - this has been achieved by delivering on tight financial controls introduced two years ago while Con Herouvim has been consistently gaining sponsors for the State Championship shows.

We have now seen a full year of the new Auction Levy. While I have seen some disruption at the collection counter the real impact has been quite minor at auctions.

During the year Council went to the membership to put forward some options for the delivery of Budgie news. The members albeit via their clubs voted resounding to pay an extra \$20 and get a hard copy of Budgie News. At the same time a new editor (Matt Emond) was elected to council and is making a significant contribution. I would also like to recognise and thank the previous editor Rod Skivington for some 15 years of continuous service.

Animal welfare remains an absolute priority for Council, unfortunately for the first time a state championship show was cancelled due to the heat rule. While others across Victoria and Australia shows were also cancelled earlier this year, undoubtedly the drought has extended the summer period again this year and is having an impact on the condition of our birds and on the rural sector.

Council has continued during the year to build on and rewrite the documents and forms that support the administration of the BCV and Clubs, with the next stage being to provide a portal on the website to allow all Clubs access to this quality control data and guides to our great hobby. Thank you to Peter, David & Darren for their efforts in these area.

The new venue at Noble Park has enabled Council to deliver on educational programs for the membership, these sessions are being well supported and the positive feedback reinforces the drive to continue to utilise this type of venue.

I believe that it's fair to say that the hard work undertaken by councillors over the last few years has reinforced the foundations of the BCV which now allows Council to focus on the next stage of the plan.

At recent Council meetings we have begun working on the marketing program targeting membership growth and retention strategies.

The first stage of the plan is to develop a trade stand that can be utilised at pet expo's and rural agricultural show across Victoria, shortly clubs will be asked to help with local priorities as it's not possible to attend every event. Advertising literature for these stands along with local paper editorials will be required to support the programs.



Activities have commenced to deliver a National Show in Victoria next year - Bendigo 2020. The Hobby has the support of the City of Greater Bendigo and as such will deliver a unique experience for those who attend Ulumbarra Theatre. The name means "Meeting Place".

The venues name is so appropriate as we will bring fanciers from all over Australia together to meet and enjoy each others company. The Budgerigar truly is a bird that breaks down all barriers and creates friendships and mateships that span decades.

The program for the weekend is in the development stage but members should keep a watch out for the program updates – The show will be a must see in May next year.

I would like to thank all councillors for their contributions this year its been a big year, and I like to make a speial mention to our secretary James Smith and treasurer David Charlton for their dedication and commitments through out the year, when you see them please thank them for their tireless work to make our hobby great again. I would also like to recognise the efforts of Martin Paoli as treasurer last year.

There is one councillor who has chosen this time to retire from Council, and I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the enormous contributions made by Mr Alan Baxter. Those who know Alan will agree with me when I say that Alan is an absolute gentleman, he has been on council for over 25 years, on the Judges & Standards for over 10 Years, a team carer for

over 6 years, he is a BCV and ANBC Judge, judging just last weekend in Brisbane, Alan has also been the BCV president for over 10 years. This has made a very significant contribution to the Victorian hobby.

Alan has been recognised by the hobby many many years ago when he received his life member of the BCV and he just keeps delivering for the Hobby today, on behalf of all BCV and ANBC members I like to say thank you for your tireless contributions.

Col Flanagan
Presidents Report
BCV AGM



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Income & Expenditure - Audited

1 Jan 2018 to 31 Dec 2018

Income	2017	2018	YOY
Advertising	2,520.00	1,360.00	-1160.00
Affiliation	3,745.00	3,522.00	-223.00
Auction Commissions	-	8,946.70	8946.70
Interest on term deposit	949.92	1,269.05	319.13
Membership	15,116.00	15,418.00	302.00
Postage	3,810.00	3,590.00	-220.00
Raffle	957.30	913.80	-43.50
Rings	26,073.50	26,954.30	880.80
Sponsorship/Donations	1,503.80	3,025.00	1521.20
Trade Stands	-	400.00	400.00
Trading	421.50	4,080.00	3658.50
Total	55,097.02	69,478.85	14381.83
Expense			
Account Fees	49.17	-	49.17
Affiliation	375.00	300.00	75.00
BCV Misc	64.60	953.68	-889.08
Budgie news postage	504.57	44.10	460.47
Budgie news production	5,722.30	276.82	5445.48
Insurance	1,690.00	2,227.15	-537.15
Judges and Standards	671.70	431.60	240.10
National	4,786.18	1,905.34	2880.84
Postage	1,081.70	966.00	115.70
Raffle	253.80	100.00	153.80
Rings	21,991.00	20,090.00	1901.00
State Championship	4,181.41	3,150.00	1031.41
Trophies and awards	5,392.70	5,662.00	-269.30
Website	260.95	217.72	43.23
Total	46,600.91	36,324.41	10,276.50
Profit/Loss	8,496.11	33,154.44	24,658.33
BCV Misc			
Catering		228.75	
Consumers Affairs		57.80	
Dishonoured cheque fee		25.60	
Gratuity for Auditor		50.00	
Online storage		152.90	
Stop cheque fee		15.00	
Trailer registration		125.50	
Trailer repairs		298.13	
		<u>953.68</u>	

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BCV Balance sheet - Audited

31-Dec-18

	2017	2018	YOY
Carried Forward Balance	\$41,314.32	\$49,927.06	\$ 8,612.74
Income	\$55,097.02	\$69,478.85	\$ 14,381.83
Expense	\$46,600.91	\$36,324.41	-\$ 10,276.50
Total	\$8,496.11	\$33,154.44	\$ 24,658.33
Cash Assets			
General Acc	\$14,281.67	\$16,238.07	\$ 1,956.40
National Acc	\$273.41	\$10,000.00	\$ 9,726.59
Term Deposit	\$35,371.98	\$56,641.03	\$ 21,269.05
Balance at end of year	\$49,927.06	\$82,879.10	\$ 32,952.04

Auditor Report of Financial records 2018

The financial records of the Budgerigar Council of Victoria Inc for the year ending 31 December 2018 were audited using the following process:

- A selection of debit items in the bank accounts was verified against the payments in the financial records of accounts.
- A selection of credit items in the bank account was verified against the receipts in the financial records of accounts.
- A selection of totals in the records of account verified by month and by receipt or expense type (i.e. Rings, Memberships, Postage etc)
- Total Payments and Total Receipts in the Bank Statements were verified against the total payments and total receipts in the records of Account.
- A Bank Reconciliation Statement between the balance in the books and the Balance on the Bank Statement was performed, identifying deposits not yet credited and any unpresented cheques.
- An asset register was put together representing a true value of the assets held by Council.

Auditor Mr Glenn Hayes Signed  Date: 24/4/19

Treasurer Mr David Charlton Signed  Date: 24/4/19

Key elements of the financial records are as follows:

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- Overall, historically the strongest financial period returning a profit of \$33,154.44 an increase of \$24,685.33 from the previous period, this was achieved by an increase of income (\$14,381.83) and a reduction of costs by (\$10,276.50).
- Income increased overall by \$14,381.83 from previous year, primary contributors included the introduction of the 2% Auction levy (\$8946.70), an increase in State Championship sponsorship (\$1521.20) and the sale of show cages which were purchased in the previous financial period (\$3658.50). Declining income items included Budgie News advertising (-\$1160.00), and slight reductions in affiliation, postage and raffle income.

2019 Show Calendar for The Budgerigar Council Of Victoria

Date	Event	Club	Venue	Contact	Phone
FEBRUARY					
2 Sat	Club Champ	Dandenong	Dingley Community Centre, Marcus Rd, Dingley	Mrs Judy Wilson	9702 8070
10 Sun	Club Champ	Geelong	Lifestyle Pavilion Geelong S/Grounds	John Ennis	0401 914 784
16 Sat	Club Champ	Melton	Darley Primary School, Nelson St, B.Marsh	Amanda Fonti	0414 011 930
MARCH					
3 Sun	Adult S/Champ.	BCV	Carwatha College, Noble Park	Rod Turnbull	0400 354 178
9 Sat	Club Champ	Colac	Colac Youth Hall, Hearn Street, Colac	Ray Slade	0429 540 067
16 Sat	Club Champ	Ballarat	Brown Hill Hall, Humphrey St, Ballarat	Simon Meagher	5335 5454
17 Sun	Club Champ	Riverina	Barooga Community Hall, Barooga	Robert Randall	5883 9258
23 Sat	Club Champ	United	Scout Hall, Irvine Road, Ivanhoe	David Spink	0427 177 988
24 Sun	Club Champ	Border	Mirambeena Hall North Albury	Darrin Roulston	0467 205 469
31 Sun	Club Champ	Gippsland	Yarragon Public Hall, Yarragon	Brian Lemon	0417 304 491
APRIL					
6 Sat	Auction	Eastern	Forest Hill Hall, Cnr S/vale & Canterbury Rd, Forest Hill	Robert Dagg	9764 3893
7 Sun	Club Champ	Bendigo	Lockwood Sth Comm. Hall, Lockwood South	Brett Ricardo	0409 572 442
14 Sun	Auction	Geelong	Lifestyle Pavilion Geelong S/Grounds	John Ennis	0401 914 784
MAY					
19 Sun	Y.B. S/Champ.	BCV	Carwatha College, Noble Park	Rod Turnbull	0400 354 178
25 Sat	ANBC	ANBC	Brisbane, QLD	Carol Gough	promotion. nationals2019@ sqbba.com.au
26 Sun	ANBC	ANBC	Brisbane, QLD	Carol Gough	
JUNE					
1 Sat	Auction	Dandenong	KK Auction, Dingley Community Centre	Mrs Judy Wilson	9702 8070
15 Sat	Club Champ	S.W. Victoria	Fonterra Comm. Hall, Drummond St, Dennington	Peter Owen (Acting)	0400 233 396
16 Sun	Auction	Western Sub.	Masonic Hall, Werribee	Wayne Cachia	0412 969 848
23 Sun	Auction	Riverina	Barooga Community Hall, Barooga	Robert Randall	5883 9258
JULY					
14 Sun	Auction	Melton	Darley Primary School, Nelson St, B.Marsh	Amanda Fonti	0414 011 930
21 Sun	Auction	Bendigo	Lockwood Sth Comm. Hall, Lockwood South	Brett Ricardo	0409 572 442
AUGUST					
4 Sun	Auction	Clyde	T.B.A.	Con Herouvim	0417 277 775
11 Sun	Auction	Gippsland	Yarragon Public Hall, Yarragon	Brian Lemon	0417 304 491
18 Sun	Auction	United	T.B.A.	David Spink	0427 177 988
SEPTEMBER					
8 Sun	UBC S/Champ.	BCV	Carwatha College, Noble Park	Rod Turnbull	0400 354 178
22 Sun	UBC Show	Geelong	Lifestyle Pavilion Geelong S/Grounds	John Ennis	0401 914 784
OCTOBER					
12 Sat	UBC Show	United	Scout Hall, Irvine Road, Ivanhoe	David Spink	0427 177 988
13 Sun	Club Champ	Goulburn	Congupna Comm. Hall, Congupna, 3633	Andrew Collyer	H8frds@ hotmail.com.
26 Sat	UBC Show	S.W. Victoria	Fonterra Comm. Hall, Drummond St, Dennington	Peter Owen (Acting)	0400 233 396
27 Sun	Club Champ	Eastern	Bedford Pk Yth Hall, Rosewarne Ln, East Ringwood	Robert Dagg	9764 3893
NOVEMBER					
3 Sun	Club Champ	Clyde	Carwatha College, Noble Park	Con Herouvim	0417 277 775
10 Sun	Club Champ	Western Sub.	Masonic Hall, Werribee	Wayne Cachia	0412 969 848
16 Sat	UBC Show	Colac	Colac Youth Hall, Hearn Street, Colac	Ray Slade	0429 540 067
17 Sun	Club Champ	Baw Baw	Exhibition Hall, 15 Howitt St, Warragul	Darren Macfarlane	0418 507 379

Secretary's Report



Hi Members!

We have had a very busy time over the last 4-5 months! The Nationals have been run – and again the Victorian Team prevailed.

I would like to congratulate every person who got birds in the Team – not just the winners.

Always remember that the Benchmark is very, very high to get birds selected in the Team to compete at this level.

To the Team Carers – our sincere thanks. Without your efforts that generally go un thanked the result would not have occurred.

The overwhelming feedback is that when people pickup their birds they are in better condition than when they left them in your care – an outstanding bit of feedback from many members.

Council has been very busy working on a marketing plan to enable the hobby to grow membership.

A key identifier has been the need to ensure that any new member that is attracted to a Club needs to be greeted and helped as much as possible.

Its no good having a plan to focus people towards the clubs if there is no assistance for them at Club level.

In the past the hobby was very good at doing this – 1957 there were more than 2000 members in Victoria.

There were training schools on varieties, pairing up, culling, understanding the standard, show preparation – a myriad of other topics covered as well.

At the recent UBC State Championship our President Colin asked for clubs to ensure they had a new member / meeter / greeter who would work with our New Member Co-Ordinate, Amanda Fonti.

This is a very important role and one that can't be understated.

My final point on this relates to the type of person selected – and that may be more challenging for some.

The person must be approachable and sincere with the absolute needs of the beginner / new member at heart.

Always remember how you started in the Hobby – for most of us it was a few budgies in a colony aviary in the back yard breeding for color.

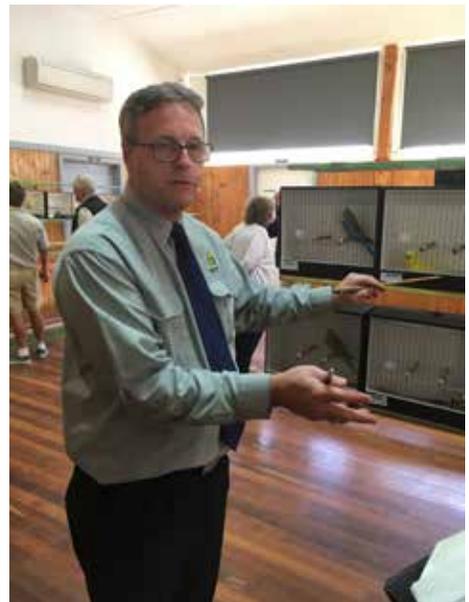
New members coming into the hobby today are no different – as a generalization we haven't been identifying or nurturing those people to ensure the hobby has the opportunity to grow and go forward.

Please think about how you would like to be assisted if you were starting again – and then think about what needs to happen once you have identified the things that need to happen.

Good luck with the ongoing breeding season and may you all breed Champions!

Best regards to you all,

James



HOUSING YOUR BIRDS



floor area of 600sq cm should be provided for each bird where budgerigars of one sex are housed together during the non-breeding season. The total floor area of this aviary/cage should not be less than 20,000 sq. cm.'

Permanent indoor housing for budgies, the code tells us, 'cages with a floor area exceeding 20,000 sq cm must be a minimum height of 150cm and allow access for physical entry. The minimum length and width of any cage should be at least twice the length of the largest bird in the cage.' Permanent indoor housing requires a minimum floor area (sq. cm) 1600mm for the first bird with an increased floor area for each additional bird of 800mm.

For more information about the Victorian code of practice for the housing of caged birds including carry cages, bulk consignment and everything you need to know look at the web address below.

<http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/other-pets/birds/code-of-practice-for-the-housing-of-caged-birds>

In addition to the code your local council may have laws to be considered in the accommodation of your birds. Requirements for keeping birds may be different depending on where you live, for example, rural and urban areas.



HEALTH AND WELFARE OF YOUR BIRDS

The Victorian code of practice for the housing of caged birds is an important guide to assist the single bird owner through to the exhibition breeder when considering the welfare of caged birds.

Agriculture Victoria tells us, 'This code has been prepared from a consideration of the welfare of cage birds held in captivity. Its purpose is to define the minimum standards of accommodation, management and care that are appropriate to the various species of cage birds.'

The minimum standards of accommodation vary depending on the location of your aviaries. Permanent outdoor and/or indoor housing are options breeders consider for their birds during the non-breeding season. The code provides guidelines on bird numbers for indoor and outdoor housing.

Permanent outdoor housing for budgies requires a minimum floor area (sq. cm) of 7200mm minimum for the first bird with an increased floor area for each additional bird of 3600mm.

There is an exemption for budgerigar breeders. The code states that, 'A minimum

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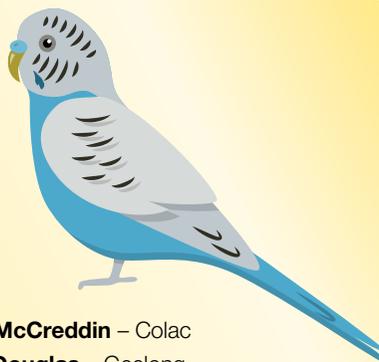
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Mr. R. Skivington	Mr B. Wilson	Mr P. Hoadley	Mr M. Bridgeman	

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Mr. T. Wilson*	Mr. M. Whittaker*	Mr. A. Yeatman*		* deceased

Welcome to the Budgerigar Council of Victoria to the following new members!



Barry Booth – Riverina
Rubic Leeburn – Riverina
Fred Royston – Riverina
Fred Matthews – Baw Baw
Byron Spence – Baw Baw
Michael McMahon – Clyde

Mark McCreddin – Colac
Paul Douglas – Geelong
Carmel Cricelli – United



Exhibitor Status 2019

Champion Exhibitors 2019

Appelton, T & S; Baxter, A; Bader & Turnbull; Cachia, W; Carro Family; Cookson & Avery; Ennis, J; Grech S& T; Howard, R; Hunter, I; Kamel, H; Kruisselbrink, J; Leong, J; Macfarlane, D; Mamic, I; Martin, B; McNamara, J; Murray, V; Orlandi, J; Paoli, M; Randall, M & R; Ray & German; Rixon, D; Rowe, A; Rowe Bros; Sheppard & Flanagan; Slade, R; Stephens, R; Thurn, P; Tirant, P; Vella & Thomas; Wilson & Hoadley.

Promoted from Intermediate Status to Open Status through accumulated points:

Davies, L; Fonti, A; Huth, M; Osmand, K; Smith, P&D.

Promoted from Beginner Status to Intermediate Status through accumulated points:

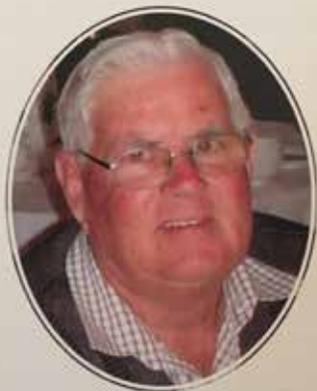
Benjamin, N; Brennand, M.

Promoted from Beginner Status to Intermediate Status through elapsed time:

Allsop, P; Gaudion, W; Gibbons, L; Reskais, C; Roulston, DPD; Simmonds, R; Stagg, G; Thexton, G; Vremec, M; Waldron, M; Wines, B.

Member Profile In Memoriam

Clarence Ian "Bruiser"
Gould



22/09/1935 – 23/05/2019

*BCV member: The late Ian Gould
Club: Horsham & District
Budgerigar & Caged Bird Society*

Vale Ian Gould

Ian started breeding in the 1950's and was a committed member of the hobby and a past secretary of the Horsham Club.

He was married to Margaret and always had a cage in the car even when going on holidays and always finding time to visit bird people on these trips.

Ian was no stranger at club and state events

catching up with old mates or having a chat to new members. Ian won Diploma and shield classes over the years and at the 2013 Nationals in Toowoomba won the Lacing class. His first Nationals win.

Always straight down the line while viewing birds from prospective sellers, most of the time saying "Right! Now get rid of that rubbish and put something good up for me to look at." with the unmistakable Gould smile on his face.

He travelled to most shows and sales with his best friends Ross Loats and Ken Heatherall. Ian and Maragret were liked by all bird people in the hobby.

Ian was an avid sportsman and tough footballer in his day, hence the nickname "Bruiser".

We extend our thoughts to Ian's family and thank him for his service and commitment over the years.

May you rest in peace, Ian.



**1st Lacing
2013 ANBC Nationals Toowoomba
Ian Gould**

BCV Young Bird Championship Show



Show Secretary Report

Young Bird Championships held 19 May 2019.

The young Bird Championship is always an exciting and busy day with the best of the young birds bred in the past year on display along with selection of the National Team as part of the day. Well done to all the clubs and members that make the effort to prepare, enter and attend the day with their birds.

This year 16 clubs entered for the Young Bird Championships, 1058 Birds were entered for the day with Ballarat, Goulburn, Southwest and Horsham not entering a team.

Thank you also to all the people that turned up early on the day to assist with setting up of the staging. Thanks to David Charlton and Colin Flanagan for towing the trailers containing all the staging. A big thank you to James Smith for all the background work involved in booking and organising the day. Without the assistance of these members the show would not run as smoothly.

This year two Victorian Judges were selected to judge at the Nationals in Brisbane - Alan Baxter and Rod Turnbull - congratulations to both these gentlemen.

With Rod Turnbull being selected as a National judge for Brisbane this year, the job of entering the birds defaulted to myself. Thank you to Rod for the time spent teaching me the program and processes involved. A very underrated job that until you are involved in doing don't fully understand the amount of time and effort that is required to ensure the day runs smoothly. A few hiccups along the way, but with help from very

kind people around me and the patience of the club secretaries we got there.

A Massive thank you must go to the following people- my daughter Sarah, for all her assistance in the week leading up to the show and to Darren Macfarlane and Alex Richardson for the awesome work they did with entering all the results on the day. They make a very complicated and stressful job look easy.

Leigh Downey took on the role of Show Manager in the absence of James Bader for the day, with David Charlton assisting and learning and once again the day could not happen without the dedication and hard work from the judges and stewards, well done and thank you to all that assisted. Stewarding at these events provides a great opportunity for beginner and intermediate members to meet and be educated about the judging process by very experienced judges and breeders of birds.



United won the day on 789 points with Mountain Districts 2nd on 646 points and Melton a close 3rd on 609 points Eastern Districts 4th on 562 points and Baw Baw 5th on 502 points.

Congratulations to all the Class winners on the day and to all the Beginner and intermediate members that won their respective classes.

Congratulations to the following exhibitors:

- S & T Grech for Best Bird on the day (Hen Class)
- P. Thurn for Reserve Bird (Cinnamon)
- C. Herouvim for Best Beginner (GreyGreen)
- S. Quinn for Reserve Beginner (Opaline)
- M. Brennand for Best Intermediate Bird (GreyGreen)
- S. Zunneburg for Reserve Intermediate Bird (Spangle)

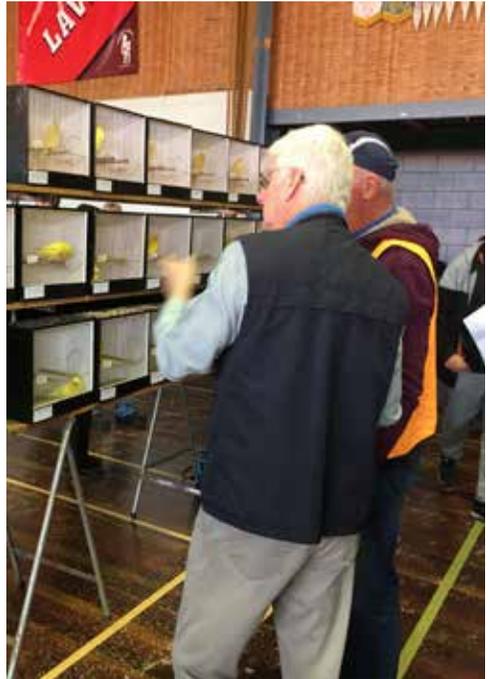
Congratulations to the following exhibitors that had multiple class wins on the day:

- Sheppard & Flanagan with 5 class wins- Green, Violet, Clear wing, Opaline AOSV and Crest
- S & T Grech with 2 class wins- Greywing and Hens
- W. Cachia with 2 class wins- Albino and Fallow
- Rowe Brothers with 2 class wins- Opaline and Spangle AOSV
- A. Rowe with 2 wins- Recessive Pied and Whitecap

Following the completion of the judging, the National team was selected to represent Victoria at the Nationals in Brisbane the following week. A Huge thank you must go to the Team carers- Bruce Wilson, Phil Hoadley, Greg Rowe and Peter Thurn.

Thank You.

Mrs. Kathryn McCalman
Reserve Show Secretary



RESULTS OF - YOUNG BIRD STATE CHAMPIONSHIP - MAY 19TH 2019

Rank	Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Totals	
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2	Koumant Districts	30	28	27	32	25	32	9	36	1	30	14	17	39	4	23	35	10	38	10	7	25	14	16	29	6	36	39	29	635	
3	Wilton	27	14	37	2	9	13	27	32	21	15	17	30	0	35	31	27	3	22	28	34	30	29	16	11	19	28	9	27	601	
4	Eastern Districts	33	22	8	8	25	14	26	0	15	19	15	11	26	17	16	0	25	30	17	31	17	22	6	27	7	14	25	26	499	
5	Baw Baw	18	17	19	20	29	6	31	19	11	16	0	9	31	0	5	4	39	21	7	0	35	14	20	32	30	16	31	16	483	
6	Riverina	0	7	17	33	39	36	0	23	34	0	7	39	19	13	14	30	10	16	17	17	0	17	24	3	15	27	0	1	468	
7	Dandenong	2	2	10	9	1	5	24	22	0	29	25	30	13	34	22	5	0	4	23	8	27	5	2	7	19	16	20	0	372	
8	Western Suburbs	19	6	28	19	13	0	5	11	4	5	37	6	0	13	0	3	11	2	8	30	24	7	21	4	9	10	9	8	313	
9	Benlurg	11	35	0	24	0	15	24	0	0	3	17	0	0	0	13	0	14	1	25	14	5	12	0	25	25	11	19	17	311	
10	Gawking	16	13	4	32	13	17	0	4	17	0	19	0	18	0	0	10	0	0	39	19	0	19	26	0	0	0	0	0	35	269
11	Colac	0	1	25	0	0	9	0	35	3	20	15	0	0	0	22	25	0	32	0	15	0	20	17	26	5	0	0	21	286	
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16	Geppaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
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BCV Young Bird Championship Show

Panel Discussion Pairing Up



Pairing Up

Jeff Leong, Allan Rowe & Stephen Mow

Questions from the floor:

Do you line breed or in-breed?

Allan Rowe

I only line breed to fix a certain feature in the bird. The rest is visual compatibility. I won't breed birds closer than cousins and nieces. Line breeding is no good unless they have the features to start with.

Jeffrey Leong

Consolidate your foundation then line breed. Pairing up is important, you can fix problems over time. Every bird has faults. Consider shape, shoulder, thick neck and feathers. Look for big stock hen.

Stephen Mow

Every other species of domesticated animal has been line bred but you can only use it effectively once you have established the features you want to lock in. Line breed with the best you have. It will only perpetuate what you've got, it fixes features both good and bad. Cull vigorously if stock is not that great until you get the feature you want. I line breed but cull hard. Your standard has to get higher and higher. Definition: pairing genetic relations together. If you breed too close mother nature will say it's too close.

Is Queens Birthday weekend universally accepted as the best time to pair up?

Allan Rowe

Different climate conditions may influence when you pair up.

Jeffrey Leong

Breeds a bit later in the year: December and January. Prefers the hotter part of the year. The birds breed better for me. In the hotter summer I believe they feed the babies better. More robust chicks. Uses antibiotics only if birds are sick.

Stephen Mow

Autumn start. First rain. Testicle size shrinks in winter cold and impacts cock fertility. Spring is the best time according to mother nature. Whatever works for you as long as birds are fit and healthy. Cocks need to be fit and full of vigour. Once the temperature gets below 10 degrees, you'll struggle.



Allan Rowe

I don't have an issue with the Queen's Birthday weekend. Traditionally they moult in April. I look after them with a bit extra Soluvet D. Spray with vetafarm insect liquidator. Easier to do once through April moult. Budgies don't mind the hot weather.

How do you deal with the heat if breeding in summer?

Jeffrey Leong

Purchased a misting fan hooked up to a hose and it drops the temperature by 15 degrees and cools down.

Stephen Mow

I don't breed over the summer due to the heat. Issues with moisture and the shells. North of the divide, humidity tapers off.

Allan Rowe

Does nothing special to control humidity. I have no trouble. Erwin Baker would spray water on the floor of the aviary to generate humid conditions.

Do you consider visual or genetic background when pairing?

Stephen Mow

Best to best.

2nd to 2nd and down to 5.

6 and 7 best birds I put aside.

Then start again.

Make sure you have hens put aside because only a third will produce.

Use the top 5 cocks and have back up hens.

If you get to the end and find birds not breeding you have hens on stand by.

This is good to establish your stud.

Jeffrey Leong

You need reserve hens.

If you have a good cock bird, look at what's wrong and go out and buy hens to fix up any problems.

Look at examples of cocks at the Nationals come home and buy hens that might help develop that feature. Pick the right hen.

You have to find out what's wrong with your birds.

Deep mask indicates long feather.

Get deep mask to give you feather length then focus on cap feather.

Allan Rowe

Beginner put trust in the experienced breeder.

Only one in 3 hens as a rule of thumb will breed.

You need a backup, as Stephen Mow said The birds have got to be in condition. Good body weight. If no body weight I won't put it in the breeding box. Nice width and cobby hens will breed you the better bird.

Jeffrey Leong

Must build the one feature in until it is in the entire shed.

Stephen Mow

When cocks are chatting up cocks you know they are in condition.

What is a cobby hen?

Allan Rowe

Shortish, thickset and stocky.

They do not have fine features.

They are wide between the eyes.

Doesn't have to have top skull or blow.

It does have to have shoulder.

Has to come from a family with good features.

Usually these birds are the best breeders but need to have the features genetically

If you look at a cobby horses, they are like a small draught horse.

How do you determine if bird has not got enough body weight?

Allan Rowe

If you can feel the keel bone, there is not enough body weight. The national team selectors will feel this bone, if no body weight they won't make the team.

I like my birds to get into condition naturally in the aviary, they get the rain and sunshine.

Extra oats will help increase bulk.

How do you intend to manage flecking inside your own shed?

Stephen Mow

You need to have flecking in your breeding but not in the majority of your birds.

In the UK birds have no flecking but the masks have gotten shorter and spots are smaller.

Now I'm seeing flecked birds in videos from the UK

and the mask depth and spot size have improved.

Don't breed two birds with flecking.

It's only a fault to be used and paired to a clean headed bird.

You need to use them because they have depth and width of mask and spot size.

Allan Rowe

Stephen is right. Flecked birds overseas are not allowed to win. The spots have become smaller

Best bird to get rid of flecking is a clean headed opaline. He's a valuable bird.

Jeffrey Leong

I use flecked hens but not flecked cocks.

Cocks will produce a lot more and are harder to control. Jeffrey credited Daniel Lutolf for this insight.

Do you use small flecked birds?

Stephen Mow

I look at the feather first.

Don't just use a flecked bird that doesn't have the feather you are after.

Allan Rowe

It has to be an exceptional bird to use a flecked bird.

Further down the track you can then go looking for the features that you want. First establish best to best.

Do you change diet in the lead up to the breeding season to get weight on?

Stephen Mow

One month before I increase protein level in seed and keep this going through out the breeding season.

I also use an oil additive. Keep your cages clean.

Jeffrey Leong

I agree with Stephen on keeping the aviary clean, I clean droppings every day.

Precaution is better than cure. I stick with basics.

Only use oats when they feed babies. Comes down to good house keeping.

Allan Rowe

I don't do anything special. Soluvet D in water and they start to get really chatty.

What do you do when putting breeding pairs in cages?

Jeffrey Leong

I put the cock in first for 1 week. When the cock has settled, I introduce the hen.

Jeffrey believes the cocks are more fertile.

The breeding box is withheld. After 3 or 4 days if the pair has not bonded, he removes the pair.

Allan Rowe

Has nest boxes on the cage from the start.

Introduce the two at the same time.

If the hen wants to kill the cock, he will change his mind and remove the pair.

Stephen Mow

Puts birds in at the same time then the nest box in the next day.

Do you remove feathers from vents?

Stephen Mow

I pluck and strip the cocks, but I don't do the hens. I handle the birds regularly. I strip again if needed during the season.

Jeffrey Leong

Trims and believes this lasts until the next cycle.

Allan Rowe

Short back and sides for both cock and hen.

Trim long feathers around but not on the vent.

Do you look at a change in the cere colour of the hen to determine if the bird is ready to breed?

Stephen Mow

I have birds where the cere colour doesn't change and they breed.

Jeffrey Leong

I agree. It's just the condition.

Do you use birds missing tail feathers?

Stephen Mow

Treat it like a fault and don't double up on the feature. Recessive for no tail, you need two seasons to correct that fault not one.

Allan Rowe

Don't double up on faults.

Do you use round perches or square perches?

Stephen Mow

I have a flat board going around from a round perch to the square perch.

Jeffrey Leong

I have both and they mate on both.

Allan Rowe

I have a mix of perches, and bigger ones away from the nest box. No rules you can have different sizes.

Most important thing is to get the birds into condition.

Do you cull a bird if it only lays two eggs?

Yes. All agree.

Do you use one cock over two hens?

Stephen Mow

I use one cock over multiple hens during the course of the season.

Jeffrey Leong

One hen and one in reserve to be used later.

Allan Rowe

Doesn't use one cocks over more than one hen.

Would you breed with a bird if it had French moult?

Stephen Mow

I use them if haven't grown back feathers as long as they came out of the nest complete.

If they come out of the nest with a lack of feathers – no I wouldn't use them.

Jeffrey Leong and Allan Rowe

Agree.

The theory is they can develop an immunity but not too sure about that.

Do you leave your best cock birds with the hens to help raise the chicks?

Jeffrey Leong

Yes.

Stephen Mow

Let the hen hatch out and then start to foster them out. Will do that three times to get the cycle moving.

Maximise your results.

Allan Rowe

I let them feed out. There are a few things you can do.

If you have 5 or 6 chicks, you can move some to a pair of good feeders.

Is the buffalo effect dominant or recessive?

Stephen Mow

I don't think anyone knows because it is still fairly new.

When Lutolf came out to Australia and showed us videos and we started to become aware of it.

Is it a mutation?

Stephen Mow

I don't think so. But the ones overseas I think could be. The buffalo effect is the start of that evolution.

Allan Rowe

I'd like to think it is dominant. When we went overseas to buy them 30 years ago they told us it was recessive but they may have been trying to sell us lesser birds.

Our birds don't have the push of the overseas birds. Oz birds are good though.

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Winning Birds BCV Young Bird Championship Show



1st Green
Sheppard & Flanagan



1st Grey Green
R Keetelaar



1st Blue
D Broughton



1st Violet
Sheppard & Flanagan



1st Grey
J Orlandi



1st Yellowfaced
Menev & Muller



1st Goldenfaced
E Cooke



1st Black Eyed
R Slade



1st Dilute
V Murray

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1st Lutino
J Leong



1st Albino
W Cachia



1st Dark Eyed Clear
A Dixon



1st Clear Wing
Sheppard & Flanagan



1st Grey Wing
S & T Grech



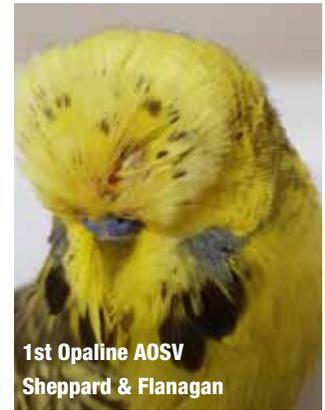
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P Thurn



1st D/F Spangle
A Baxter



1st Opaline
Rowe Brothers



1st Opaline AOSV
Sheppard & Flanagan

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1st Clearbody
J Ennis



1st Lacewing
G Stagg



1st Fallow
W Cachia



1st Spangle Normal
M Huth



1st Spangle AOSV
Rowe Brothers



1st Dominant Pied
B Martin



1st Recessive Pied
A Rowe



1st Whitecap
A Rowe



1st Crest
Sheppard & Flanagan

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1st Hens
S&T Grech



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A.N.B.C. HISTORIAN REPORT



NATIONAL COMPETITION 2019.

Brisbane South Queensland.

The Grand Chancellor Hotel in the heart of Brisbane was the venue for the 45th. National Championship Show on the fourth weekend in May. Another very successful weekend of Exhibition Budgerigars with the seven Zones from around Australia competing. Organized and managed by the S.Q.B.B.A. efficiently and with a minimum of fuss by a very enthusiastic management committee and a great band of helpers. Congratulations to them for effort. The Twenty Eight Classes with the inclusion of the Australian White Caps as an Exhibition class was a great two day show, again featuring some very powerful Budgerigars. Some great results were achieved with again a couple of regular Hall of Famers featuring in the placings, including Sheppard & Flanagan partnership winning two, P. Thurn, and J. Leong, all (B.C.V.) H. George (SQBBA) & Kakoschke & Rice (B.S.S.A.) with the rest of the classes being won by twenty two individual exhibitors including the exhibition class. With the B.C.V. recording a close win. Congratulations to B.C.V. and all the exhibitors and especially their team carers in fact all zones team carers for dedicated work with their team Budgerigars. Great registrations and Friday and Sunday nights totally booked out. Friday night meet as with all functions was in the Hotel. The accommodation was very good in house. The Saturday night dinner was not well supported and this section of arranged entertainment, need again to be looked at if it is to proceed. Not helped by an add on late inclusion. Sunday nights presentation dinner was very well supported

was enjoyed by all who attended. The presentations went mostly very smoothly. The A.N.B.C. allowed the presentation of a second place medal by the S.Q.B.B.A. but it is not an ongoing allowable presentation as it is not in our constitution and I believe deflects from the evening. The viewing of the Judging on Saturday and Sunday was a great packed affair but the viewing of the judged exhibits was restrictive not only by lack of space but a few inconsiderate patrons who insisted on congregating along the birds and would not move. But in birds it takes all types.

The Judging format worked well. There was precise explanations, as to bird placings which in the main was very well received. Most exhibitors very satisfied with the comments. Saturday morning and afternoon makes for considerable more work for the carers, but it is unavoidable with 28 classes. We allow the fourth carer in to assist which helps. The early start and an early Judges recommendation not to procrastinate made for good timing completion on both days. Thank you to all the team carers who accepted the changes and worked extremely hard to make the Show the success it was.

The container compliments of a hard working Dave Ganzer arrived on time and from all reports was for a second year of use successful and efficient in unloading and set up the equipment. A big thank you to Simon from Golden Cob for his ongoing support and supplying the 16 bags of seed for the teams usage as with 588 birds in attendance to be fed and the show cages changed three times we do use a lot, plus the Auction birds. All teams chose to arrive early on Thursday, again.

Friday night Official Opening again saw the Officiating Judges presented to the exhibitors and guests. They were introduced early which allowed the huge crowd present to enjoy the night of fine dining, light imbibing, and conversation. A lovely night.

S.Q.B.B.A. had plenty of volunteers along with Dave Ganzer show manager. On the computers, led by the Bournes, and

photographer Dale Cameron, Carol & Keith Gough (STH. QLD) collating and transferring the Judge's comments along with the photo's to Luke Fletcher (TAS) for his streaming to the world.

SATURDAY.

The Judging teams were introduced being Peter Glassenbury (B.S.S.A.) with Alan Baxter (B.C.V.) and Roy Blair (B.C.T.) partnered Rod Turnbull (B.C.V.) on his first assignment. Started early. Odd numbered classes by ten. One and a half hours break for lunch then the final odd number classes plus even numbered classes rounding out the day leaving 10 classes for Sunday. After 18 classes B.C.V. held a very good lead. Viewing was crowded, but bird change overs from morning to afternoon went smoothly ably directed by a great team of stewards. The in house video was average and scoring put up quickly needed some work.

Sunday morning with an early start again with the B.C.V. holding a large lead which was whittled away quickly but the B.C.V. eventually managed to hold on for a win. Congratulations to all the class winners.

Congratulations to all the VIC. exhibitors, with ten Logies won. To the seven zones, team carers for presenting their teams in their best possible condition. The now firmly entrenched Auction was held on the Sunday afternoon and the quality of birds was good and the prices even better.

Final Results.

1. VIC.	579.
2. N.S.W.	569.
3. STH.QLD.	489.
4. NTH.QLD.	351.
5. S.A.	340.
6. W.A.	307.
7. TASSIE.	185.

27 Classes. All point scoring. 1.Exhibition Class no points.

A multiple winner was again successful in the Sheppard & Flanagan partnership leaving 26 Individual winners giving exhibitors a wide spread of Logie distribution including the Exhibition class.

Congratulations to the Judges Peter Glassenbury (B.S.S.A.), Alan Baxter (B.C.V.), Roy Blair (B.C.T.), and Rod Turnbull (B.C.V.)

The delayed streaming of results, photos, and comments was greatly received as far away as the U.K.

Sunday night's Presentation Dinner in the same venue was impressively set up for a great evening completely sold out. A very nice buffet meal. The Official program sponsors acknowledged Logies presented all in a timely manner even with some interference by I guess some well, meaning people. The A.N.B.C. Secretary Leigh Downey did the M.C. work while the President Neale Love along with James Bader had the pleasure of awarding the presiding judges on the weekend with their commemorative plaques for their work in Judging the weekends competition.

Everything finished exceptionally well for the hosts S.Q.B.B.A.

The Colour & Standards business was decided earlier and approved by the Delegates on Monday. The Judges meeting while convoluted was also finalised just in time for the dinner.

The A.N.B.C. Delegates met on the Monday as is the requirement and a few notices of business were dealt with. Neale Love chaired the meeting, and all business was conducted in a timely manner.

There is ongoing discussion as to electronic movement into the management of the A.N. B.C.

There were some great tours on offer around Brisbane and the surrounding area, with the Monday night river cruise being the highlight of a beautiful city.

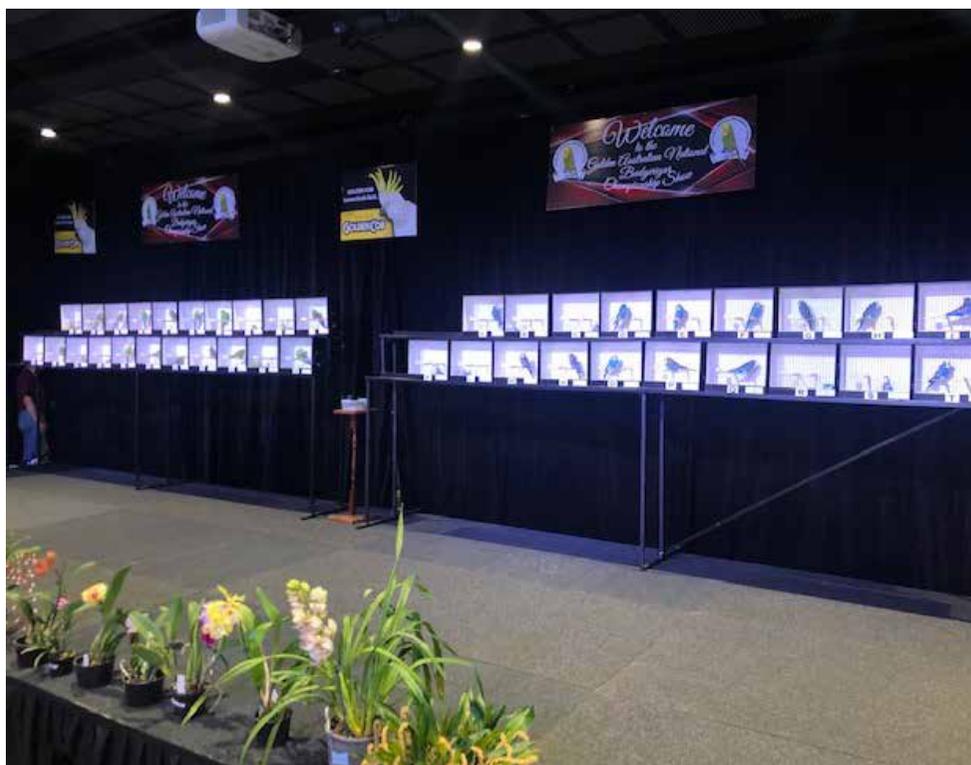
A very successful four days in Brisbane. Again congratulations to the S.Q.B.B.A. Neale Love, Carol Gough, the Sedgwick's, and all the people from the Zone that committed and produced a great event. Bendigo Victoria is the city for 2020 and everyone is looking forward to challenging the B.C.V. for bragging rights to try to wrest the Shield away.

Mr. Leigh A. Downey.

45th Australian National Budgerigar Championships - 2019

Class Score Card by Zone

	1: NORMAL GREEN	2: NORMAL CRIST GREEN	3: NORMAL BLUE	4: NORMAL VIOLET	5: NORMAL GREY	6: YELLOW FACE	7: AUSTRALIAN GOLDEN FACE	8: BLACK EYED/SID	9: DILUTE	10: LUTINO	11: ALBINO	12: CLEARWING	13: GREYWING	14: CINNAMONWING	15: SPANGLED DOUBLE FACTOR	16: CRABLINE	17: OPALINE BODY	18: CLEARBODY	19: LARKWING	20: FALLOW	21: SPANGLED	22: SPANGLED BODY	23: COGNAC/PINK	24: RECESSIVE PINK	25: CRISTED	26: DARK EYED CLEAR	27: HIN	28: AUSTRALIAN WHITE CAP	29: ZONE TOTALS	30: GRAND TOTAL
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2019 ANBC National Winners

Images from 2019 Nationals supplied by Dail Cameron.





1st Normal Grey
H George



1st Yellow Face
J & N Goodale



1st Australian Golden Face
E Cooke



1st Black Eyed Self
G Russell



1st Dilute
V Murray



1st Lutino
G Hibberd



1st Albino
T Gleeson



1st Clearwing
P Dodd



1st Greywing
J Matthews



1st Cinnamonwing
P Bayliss



1st Spangle DF
C D'Costa



1st Opaline
Kakoschke & Rice



1st Opaline AOSV
Sheppard & Flanagan



1st Clearbody
T Gleeson



1st Lacewing
G Stagg



1st Fallow
P Thurn



1st Spangle
R Wilson



1st Spangle AOSV
Troy Family



1st Dominant Pied
M Gearing



1st Danish Recessive Pied
Hall & Rice



1st Crested
C Francis



1st Dark Eyed Clear
M Faddy



1st Hen
E&L Miller



1st Whitecap
O'Callaghan Family

Victoria's 2nd & 3rd placed birds



2nd Normal Blue
D Broughton



3rd Normal Violet
J Leong



2nd Normal Grey
J Orlandi



2nd Black Eyed Self
M&R Randall



2nd Dilute
V Murray



2nd Clearwing
Sheppard & Flanagan



2nd Greywing
S&T Grech



2nd Cinnamonwing
P Thurn



2nd Opaline AOSV
Rowe Brothers



2nd Lacewing
R Slade



3rd Lacewing
S&T Grech



3rd Clearbody
J Ennis



2nd Spangle
M Huth



2nd Danish Recessive Pied
A Rowe



3rd Hen
Sheppard & Flanagan



3rd Dark Eyed Clear
A Dixon

The Journeyman



Bob Keetelaar is a journeyman of the hobby. He has experienced the ups and downs but persistence has led to his first Nationals win in Brisbane, 2019. I asked Bob what does he look for when pairing up his birds.

The Big Five Bob looks for before pairing his own or someone else's birds is CFBWD.

What is CFBWD?

There are 5 key elements outlined below.

C) Cull.

Cull heavy for features to try and create the modern budgie.

F) Facial Features.

Don't even think about using birds that don't have long masks and facial features that you can use as building blocks to improve your young birds from last year.

B) Body.

Body means the closest you can get to a carrot shaped bird. The length of the overall bird, the ideal is 9 ½ inches from tip of tail to top of head. The bird must have plenty of back skull and a tucked in beak.

Image above: Bob watching Grey Green judging at BCV 2019 Young Bird Championship Show.

W) W is for Wing.

Look for a tight wing,

The secondary feathers should look like they have been cut in a straight line by a pair of scissors and the other feather lines should be a neat and complete pattern. These feathers are hard to find in any aviary, but you must aspire to create the best wing possible with what you have when pairing.

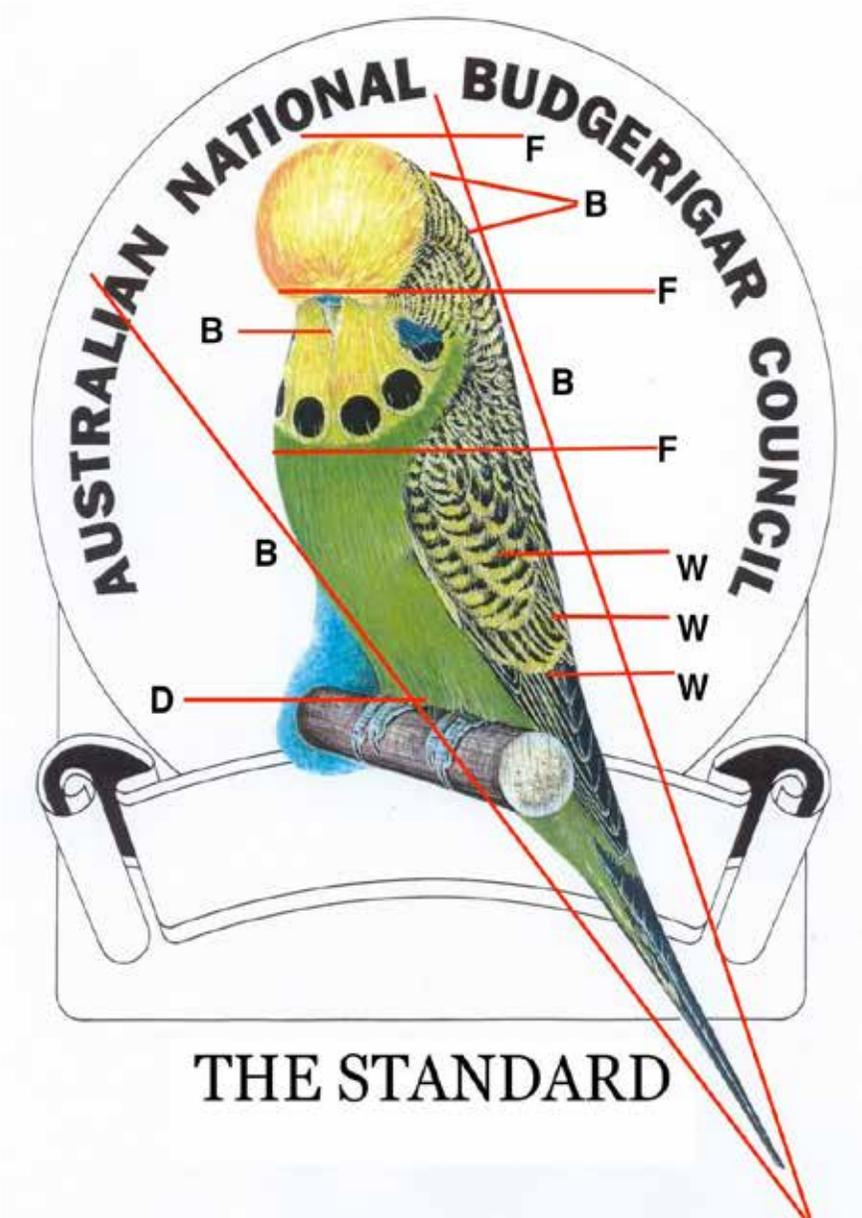
D) Department.

The bird must sit on the perch at a slightly forward angle. He or she must have the straightest backline possible from the birds you have to choose from. Don't ever pair birds together that have bumps on their neck and swayed backs but in saying that you should not have birds in your aviary like this, if you have culled heavy for faults and features. The birds paired must show some attributes of a show bird; while perched they must blow their heads, roll their feathers forward and have a tucked in beak. The flights should overlay each other to create the appearance of one flight and must not hang down like Venetian blinds. They must hold their wing carriage perfect, not above the rump or hanging down. They must not have a hinged tail, this fault is hard to eradicate in any aviary. Look at the toes and feet and make sure all toes face the right direction and their feet are on the perch even. If one is further out on the perch it could indicate hip problems of which may be hereditary. Department can come with a lot of show cage training but the birds in your aviary that are natural showers are a big bonus. Birds with long secondary feathers sticking up above the backline should not be paired up. This is a dominant problem so get rid of these birds.

Buy wisely for feathers. Don't forget flecked birds are still an important part of your aviary. The flecking can be hidden in 3 varieties: Double Factor Spangle, Lutino and Albino.

So, don't be afraid to buy them if they have the features mentioned above, if you are trying to improve these varieties.

To illustrate Bob's comments here is a marked up of the ANBC Standard looking at the elements F, B, W, D.



Who's Judging Who?

Do you ever wonder what it takes to be a National Judge?

Well let's take a look at our Victorian Judges that represented us at this year's Nationals in Brisbane.

There are always four judges, by invitation from the State/Zone hosting the show, working in pairs. Sometimes they swap the judges on the second day. This is up to the show manager, but at this year's show they stayed together for the two days



The four judges this year were (L to R) Roy Blair from Tasmania, Peter Glassonbury from South Australia, and the Victorian Judges Alan Baxter and Rod Turnbull.

Let's find out about these Victorians.

Alan Baxter

After having budgies in his teenage years, it wasn't until about 1980 when Alan and his wife Barb were living in Bundoora that he decided to build another aviary and get some more birds.

He joined "Diamond Valley club" and stayed there until 1988 when he built their new house, with aviary, in Diamond Creek where they still live. Alan changed clubs and moved to "United".

Although Alan is a Champion breeder, he points out that it is not easy to win at the top

level. He won the 2015 National Greywing in Mandurah W.A. He emphasises that patience is one of the requirements of the hobby.

Alan became a BCV committee member in 1994, Vice President in 1996 with 9 years in that role before becoming President in 2005, a position he held for 10 years until his retirement in 2016.

He has been a team carer for the State's National team numerous times, and Delegate to the ANBC many times, sometimes in this dual role, on the Victorian National organising committee 3 times. He was awarded Life Member status by the BCV in 2015.

Alan became a judge in the mid 1990's and is nationally accredited. He Judged at the 2004 Nationals in Coffs Harbour.

Alan felt this year's Brisbane Nationals were a bit more challenging because of the extra classes and the long Saturday.

However, he had complete confidence and enjoyed working with Peter Glassonbury and the joint decision making process.

Asked about the need for more judges, Alan says he would encourage anyone interested, but emphasises the need for an in depth knowledge of the Standard, as most failures that occur at the judges tests are on the technical aspects not the physical judging of the birds, plus the need for time commitment.

Alan says that apart from judging, the time spent in the birdroom, pairing up and trying to breed "that champion" also gives him a great amount of enjoyment and satisfaction.

He enjoys sharing his hobby with a great circle of friends he has made.

Although Barb is not interested in the birds, she also enjoys the friendships they have made, especially the trips to the Nationals every year.

Rod Turnbull.

Rod started his involvement with budgies about 1980 at Western Suburbs where he met James Bader, forming their current successful partnership in 1995. Many years on Western Suburbs committee and with 11 years as President has resulted in Life Membership at the club.

Rod became a BCV committee member about 20 years ago and was Vice President for 10 years. During this time he has been BCV Delegate at the National approximately 10 times.

He has been State Championship Show Secretary for 17 years and has managed over 50 State Shields in that time.

Rod started judging in 2005 and is a nationally accredited judge.

He admits he was pleased, excited and nervous about being invited to judge at this year's National, being his first.

Rod says that after the first class, and getting used to working together with Roy, having never done dual judging, it was a most satisfactory experience bouncing idea's and reaching consensus decisions. A terrific weekend of judging and enjoying the wonderful National event.

He found doing the commentary a major factor in that it was important to accentuate the positives in the birds on the bench as judged.

In his words of encouragement to prospective judges, he strongly recommends stewarding at every opportunity and to gain a thorough knowledge of the Standard.

Rod would be happy to discuss his experiences with anyone thinking of taking up judging.

Photography of winning birds at National shows since Busselton, State Shows since 2004 and any shows that he attends at either judge or exhibitor brings much pleasure to Rod and he is happy to share these photos with people to promote the fancy.

Rod's extensive involvement in the hobby includes not only Judging, but the enjoyment he gets from photography and educating fellow fanciers.

His wife Karina has a connection to the hobby as well, painting budgies, two of which have been auctioned at the last Nationals to raise money to help run these events.



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Obituary - Gerald Binks

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Gerald Binks, on 19th July 2019 aged 86, following a long illness. He and Joyce celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary this year.

Gerald started in budgerigars in November 1945, buying his first bird at the age of 12 and started as a Novice exhibitor at Molesey Cage Bird Society. Winning a first at his first attempt - he was "bitten"! He re-joined the BS in 1956 following a lapse caused by studies and National Service.

Gerald remained keenly interested in the hobby despite having to give up his birds in 2014 due to ill health and continued to help fanciers everywhere with their problems and difficulties with his writing and through hundreds of calls and emails.

As a former President of London & Southern Counties BS, he realised that Judges needed help and guidance with all the complexities of administration as well as a fair testing system to see if they were either very good prospective judges, or otherwise. The L&SCBS judges training scheme was consequently introduced.

Gerald both Judged and Lectured all over the World for 43 years, stopping in the 2000 to make way for younger fanciers. He served on the Budgerigar Society General Council for two sessions.

Gerald resigned from his post at BP at the age of 49 (formerly British Petroleum Co Ltd) where he was Head of Administration for Exploration. This was to begin what he hoped would be a radical change to the UK hobby with the creation of Budgerigar World magazine in 1982.

Budgerigar World spoke for itself with its in-depth articles and photography; the latter

he had to learn fast at the time. This included how to "remove" the bars and developing a photographic cage now used World-wide. Gerald edited the first 100 editions.

The first Budgerigar World Exhibition at Sandown Park Racecourse was in 1983 with 4500 entries. It was a huge success as were the other events to follow in Blackpool and Stoke-on-Trent. These shows also set a benchmark for all future shows in the UK.

Soon after this he began the Budgerigar World Specialist and Rare Variety Show at Luton with BW sponsoring the initial event for £3000.

In 1974, Gerald wrote Best in Show which sold over 30,000 copies. In 1997 and after 18 months work, he self-published The Challenge. This was followed in 2006 by the second edition following another 8 months updating. It is regarded by the hobby as "The Bible".

Gerald's innovation in the birdroom were also adopted by fanciers around the world including his box within a box design of nest box.

In 2004 feather changes and directional feather had emerged. A chance penciling on a Daniel Lutolf bird around the cere suddenly revealed a line shaped like the horns of a buffalo. Gerald immediately published what is now accepted as the "Buffalo Effect" so highly desired by breeders World-wide.

In 2010, Gerald began what was probably his last major concept in an effort to promote the hobby to the world and the budgerigar. co.uk website began, this then become the budgerigarworld.com web site.

For Gerald, the high point from an exhibition viewpoint was in the 1980's when a certain pair 16 comprising two grey green normals

just happened to breed an outstanding nest of awesome birds for their day. The top bird was a grey green cock, BA23-43-86. He showed it at the Budgerigar World Open Championship at Blackpool and won Best Budgerigar in Show with a 4500 entry.

In 2015, the Budgerigar Society recognised Gerald's contribution to the hobby over a period of 70 years by awarding him the Silver Bird. This was followed in 2018 by the World Budgerigar Organisation presenting him with the Gould Award.

I have known Gerald for some 40 years and consider him to be my mentor so far as my writings are concerned. I acknowledge that there have been plenty of times when he has "rocked the boat" however this has always been with the interests of the hobby as his number one priority. Without having people like Gerald in our hobby we would still be breeding using coconut husks in open flights.

Condolences to Gerald's wife Joyce, their sons Craig and Duncan and respective families at this very sad time.

Terry A Tuxford



Joyce & Gerald Binks at the Budgerigar Society 2015 Annual General Meeting where he was awarded the Society Silver Bird for contributions to the hobby over a 70 year period.

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