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**FRONT COVER**

2025 GEELONG & DISTRICT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

GRAND CHAMPION & BEST ADULT IN SHOW

Variety:
Spangle AOSV

Breeder:
Heath Chasemore

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**2025 GEELONG & DISTRICT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Diploma & Opp Sex to Grand Champion**
**Ian Hunter**

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# COUNCIL REPORT

The beginning of 2025 has been eventful for our small budgie community. Many of us are still mourning the loss of our dear friend Bruce Sheppard only to be met with the news of the passing of Leigh Downey and Richard Hiscock. Tributes to Leigh and Richard can be found in this magazine. Added to that is the news that one of our Councilors, Greg Rowe, sadly lost his house and possessions in a fire. As if the hobby hasn't had enough tragedy to deal with. It is times like these that highlight the importance of having a hobby like budgerigar breeding as a way of managing our own mental health – an escape from the challenges life throws at us (although it could be argued that budgie breeding comes with its own stresses).

The show season is now in full swing with a number of Diploma shows and even the first live auction for the year done and dusted. Congratulations to the newly minted South West Budgerigar Club (an amalgamation of the old South West and Colac clubs) on another successful "Budgies in the 'Bool" weekend. Visitors from QLD, WA, NSW, SA and Tasmania made their way to Warrnambool for the weekend and from all reports had a great time. The club ran a community event on the Saturday morning preceding the Diploma Show with the Best Pet Budgie in Warrnambool crowned by Warrnambool's Young Person of the Year, Sharna Rogers. As a result of this, the club now has a new Junior member and a new Senior member. The BCV would encourage all clubs to create events that engage with the community and provide platforms to further promote the hobby. We need the clubs to grow the membership – the BCV can't do it by themselves.

An extract of the Code of Practice for the Housing of Caged Birds, the state government rules for birdkeeping has been published in this edition. The extract contains guidelines for the transport of birds. Please make yourself aware of this as it is your duty to ensure that these rules are complied with. That includes ensuring that your transport agents comply as well. As bird keepers, the welfare of our birds needs to be our number one priority!

Many would be aware of the Avian Influenza outbreak in several poultry farms in the Euroa region. It is pointless publishing anything in a magazine like this as it would be out of date before it is printed, such is the fast-moving nature of this issue. The BCV will publish the latest advice from the Department of Agriculture on this issue as soon as it is received on the BCV Facebook page. Please make sure you are aware of this and please keep up to date. At present this is not affecting us directly, but this could change rapidly.

In closing, let's reflect on the contributions of Leigh and Richard. Let's reach out to their friends and make sure they are ok. Let's support Greg and any other members who may be doing it tough for whatever reason. One of the great aspects of our hobby is the friendships that we make. Let's make sure that all our friends are ok.

# 2025 SHOW & AUCTION CALENDAR FOR THE BUDGERIGAR COUNCIL OF VIC

| Date | Club | Event | Venue | Contact | Phone |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **February** | | | | | |
| Sat 1 | Colac | Club Champ | Warrnambool Table Tennis Hall, Cramer St, Warrnambool | Ray Slade | 0419 122 713 |
| Sun 2 | Colac | Auction | Warrnambool Table Tennis Hall, Cramer St, Warrnambool | Peter Thurn | 0417 575 986 |
| Sat 8 | Melton | Club Champ | Melton Catholic Regional College, 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West | Hedra Kamel | 0401 751 050 |
| Sun 16 | Geelong | Club Champ/UBC | Geelong Showgrounds, Breakwater Rd, Geelong East | Karen Deller | 0439 558 168 |
| **March** | | | | | |
| Sun 2 | BCV | Adult S/Champ | Rowville Community Centre, Fulham Rd, Rowville | Rod Turnbull | 0400 354 178 |
| Sat 15 | Ballarat | Club Champ | Brown Hill Hall, Humffray St Nth, Ballarat | Simon Meagher | 5335 5454 |
| Sun 16 | Riverina | Club Champ | Barooga Community Centre, Banker St, Barooga, NSW | Rob Randall | 0438 095 995 |
| Sat 22 | United | Club Champ | Plenty Hall, 21 Memorial Dr, Plenty | Alan Baxter | 0418 359 217 |
| Sun 23 | Border | Club Champ | Lavington Hall, 488 Urana Rd, Lavington, NSW | Darrin Roulston | 0467 205 469 |
| **April** | | | | | |
| Sat 12 | Bendigo | Club Champ | Lockwood Sth Community Hall, Lockwood South | Brett Ricardo | 0409 572 442 |
| Sun 27 | Geelong | Auction | Geelong Showgrounds, Breakwater Rd, Geelong East | Karen Deller | 0439 558 168 |
| **May** | | | | | |
| Sun 18 | BCV | Young Bird S/Champ | Rowville Community Centre, Fulham Rd, Rowville | Rod Turnbull | 0400 354 178 |
| Sat 24 | ANBC | National Show | Brothers Leagues Club, Cairns, QLD | Bruce Schuster | 0426 731 339 |
| Sun 25 | ANBC | National Show | Brothers Leagues Club, Cairns, QLD | Bruce Schuster | 0426 731 339 |
| **June** | | | | | |
| Sun 15 | Eastern | Auction | Central Ringwood Community Centre, Bedford Park Rosewarne Ln, Ringwood | Rob Dagg | 0493 553 321 |
| Sun 22 | Riverina | Auction | Barooga Community Centre, Banker St, Barooga, NSW | Rob Randall | 0438 095 995 |
| **July** | | | | | |
| Sun 13 | Bendigo | Auction | Lockwood Sth Community Hall, Lockwood South | Brett Ricardo | 0409 572 442 |
| Sat 26 | Melton | Auction | Melton Catholic Regional College, 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West | Hedra Kamel | 0401 751 050 |
| **August** | | | | | |
| Sun 17 | Western | Auction | Werribee Masonic Hall, 223 Watton St, Werribee | Wayne Cachia | 0412 969 848 |
| Sat 23 | United | Auction | Plenty Hall, 21 Memorial Dr, Plenty | Alan Baxter | 0418 359 217 |
| **October** | | | | | |
| Sun 5 | Eastern | Club Champ/UBC | Central Ringwood Community Centre, Bedford Park Rosewarne Ln, Ringwood | Rob Dagg | 0493 553 321 |
| Sat 11 | Clyde | Club Champ/UBC | Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 31 Marcus Rd, Dingley | Con Herouvim | 0412 277 775 |
| Sat 18 | Geelong | Ag Show | Geelong Showgrounds, Breakwater Rd, Geelong East | Karen Deller | 0439 558 168 |
| Sun 19 | Geelong | Ag Show | Geelong Showgrounds, Breakwater Rd, Geelong East | Karen Deller | 0439 558 168 |
| Sun 26 | BCV | UBC S/Champ | Rowville Community Centre, Fulham Rd, Rowville | Rod Turnbull | 0400 354 178 |
| **November** | | | | | |
| Sun 9 | Western | Club Champ/UBC | Werribee Masonic Hall, 223 Watton St, Werribee | Wayne Cachia | 0412 969 848 |
| Sun 16 | Baw Baw | Club Champ/UBC | Yarragon Public Hall, 7 Campbell, St Yarragon | Darren Macfarlane | 0418 507 379 |

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| NEW MEMBERS | | | | |
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**ANYONE NOT GETTING MAILCHIMP FROM COUNCIL, PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY**

# EXHIBITOR STATUS 2025

| CHAMPION EXHIBITORS 2025 | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Appleton, T & S | Bader & Turnbull | Baxter, A | Bradley Family | Brennand, M |
| Cachia, W | Clay, Borg & Skivington | Dickson, G & P | Duffin, G | Ennis, J |
| Grech, S & T | Hunter, I | Kamel, H | Kirby, R | Leong, J |
| Macfarlane, D | Meale, J | Mifsud, C & A | Murray, V | Paoli, M |
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| Sheppard & Flanagan | Slade, R | Smith, P & D | Spink, D | Taylor, D |
| Thurn, P | Wilson, R | | | |

**Promoted from Open Status to Champion Status through accumulated points:**
G & P Dickson, D. Taylor

**Promoted from Intermediate Status to Open Status through accumulated points:**
Carnick Budgerigars, D, Galea, J & J Mastwyk, D & M Vremec

**Promoted from Beginner Status to Intermediate Status through accumulated points:**
P. Anderson (PA2), A & E Fitzpatrick, M. Mann, R. McLean, T. McMahon, B. Thomson

**Promoted from Beginner Status to Intermediate Status through elapsed time:**
M. Accadia, L. Barber, R. Morris, S. Wong

Judging underway at the 2025 BCV Adult Bird State Championship

# DEREK POOLE

**The Roving Reporter 2024**

The Roving Reporter posed some questions to Derek Poole from Tasmania recently. Having just finished helping to run the Nationals in Tasmania, Derek was looking forward to relaxing back with the budgies.

**Background**

*When, why and how did you start with Budgerigars, what was your first set-up like? Describe your current birdroom and birds.*

I Started in 1978, I was 18, had just finished racing push bikes and after too many accidents I needed something to fill in my time. I went with a friend to look at some budgies that were advertised in the paper and before I knew it, I was in a club and going to the meetings. My first aviary had two cages with one flight. Now I have 50 breeding cages, two holding cages, 6 flights with fly-outs, hot and cold water with a sink and wooden floor. The aviary is 6m by 11m, my wife says I should move in some days because I don't tend to come out much.

*How do you think the hobby has changed during the years - good and bad? What fanciers have had the greatest influence on you through the years?*

In the old days the birds were small and you really had to look hard to tell the difference. These days a lot has changed, everyone is trying to breed this super bird and they tend to cost a lot of money which is hard for some to start off. Over the years I have had some good mentors, Jim Fletcher, Graeme Tuthill, Alistair Home and Roy Blair. We all see the same type of bird we like to breed and bounced ideas off each other.

**Management**

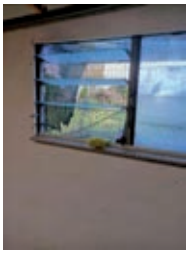
*Please describe your daily routine outside of the breeding season. What is your non-breeding diet? What supplements do you use?*

My routine is a bit different, I don't give my birds whole oats because it makes them too fat, nor sunflower in the summer. I vacuum my flights and aviary every day and scrape the floors as well. The water is changed every day but I have two water containers that I use which I leave overnight to let the chlorine evaporate, because I don't like to feed it to my birds. To that I add Soluvite D Breeder once a week, Calcium Water Supplement once a week, Apple Cider Vinegar two times a week and chickweed from my garden two times a week. All my birds get a mixed Budgie seed that consists of plain canary 50%, white millet 20%, jap millet 20%, red panicum 5% and yellow panicum 5% which I change daily.

*How are your birds flighted - mixed sexes or separate and what ratio of cocks and hens do you keep?*

All the young birds are flown in one 6m long by 1.5m wide flight and all the stock birds are in a 1.5m long by 3m wide. No ratio though, they are kept all together. I don't separate the sexes, I run them together all year around. Once the cock bird has been paired up with a hen that I like, the pair will break that bond that may have been in the flight.

*How important do you think outside flights are, open to the weather?*



It is especially important in summer due to the heat. My open flights are fly outs with louvres on each side and sliding windows on the other side, that way I can get a better airflow throughout the Aviary.

**The Breeding Season**

*What type of breeding cages and nest boxes do you use? Have you ever tried other types of nest boxes or cages?*

I use melamine breeding cages, that way it's easy to keep them clean. I also have wooden nest boxes, with huon pine nest bottoms. I have previously used wire cages with a perspex slide underneath but I don't use them anymore due to the fact that if a bird lays an egg or it hatches, it falls on the floor and dies from the cold. I have also used cardboard nest boxes, as you can burn them at the end of the season. But now I just prefer to use the wooden cages.

*Please describe your daily routine through the breeding season? What is your breeding season diet? What supplements do you feed?*

Daily routine is as follows:

- Clean out the trays with the waste
- Change all the seeds, they get fresh seed every day
- Fresh water
- Fresh Chickweed
- In the finger drawers I give greens and grains (this is a small millet), Murphy's minerals, red-granite grit
- I also mix up a ratio of 2 cups of whole oats, 1 cup of striped grey sunflower and 2 cups of budgie mix. To that I add 20ml of hemp oil, this gets mixed together. I then add 2 teaspoons of TummyRite and 3 teaspoons of Prosperity.
- As the chicks start to hatch, I then cut the TummyRite down to 1 teaspoon and give them an extra 2 teaspoons of Prosperity, some extra chickweed and extra greens and grains.

*Is atmosphere important in the breeding room? How do you create it? How do you know the birds are in breeding condition?*

Atmosphere is very important in the breeding room, I find that by not separating the sexes, the birds get better atmosphere chasing each other around.

I have a radiator in the breeding room that is on a timer. It switches itself on and off when needed. Similarly, the lights are also on a timer that switches on at 7am for the birds to feed, they turn off at 7pm also.

I know the birds are in breeding condition, as I have hollow logs hanging up in the flights. When the hens are inside the logs chewing, they are wanting to breed. Also keeping an eye on the cock birds and if they are chasing each other, they are also wanting to breed.

*How do you actually pair up? Visually or pedigree, approx. percentage of both?*

Firstly, I mate them and put them together for a week, then I put the cock bird in the breeding cage by himself for another week with the nest box on. I trim the vents of the hen and the cock, then I introduce the hen. This is because in the wild the cock bird will sit in the dead tree with a hollow in it and call for a hen to come and have a look at the nest area.

I pair both visually and pedigree; I bring in a cock bird, check out its pedigree, then bring in a hen to that cock bird with the features I am looking for. If both birds have got a feature like depth of mask, I'll pair them together to implant depth of mask, so their offspring will come out with that feature. I try to not go too close to pedigree as this can result in inbreeding. The closest I would pair is cousins, I have done father to daughter but found genetically the birds seemed smaller. Line breeding is breeding to a genetic feature that you want whereas inbreeding is breeding to relation birds. I prefer to be a line breeder as you find you have more blood stock to choose from. But I always keep in mind the family that I am using to get the features that I want, because I know how that family throws the feature. It's knowing your birds and how they breed. I am a breeder of birds, not a buyer of birds. I'm less interested in buying birds from auctions, I only buy them from a breeder that I know has the feature that I am looking for.

*Do you handle or mark eggs or use fosters, and if a complete clutch of clear eggs is laid what do you do?*

I don't mark or handle eggs as your fingers have bacteria on them and eggs are porous, this can result in dead-in shells. I do use fosters; if a pair has six full eggs, I then look at my records to see when the first egg was laid and find a pair that has a clear round that has laid the same time. I then place the first one or two eggs underneath, from that you can usually get six young to hatch.

*Do you handle the chicks in the nest? Also, do you grade your chicks while they are still in the nest, if so how and how do you spot a promising youngster? How do you wean your chicks? Do you make any diet changes?*

I don't do anything special with the young, just using my hands I can check them over to make sure they've been fed. If they're not fed then I mix up some budgie starter and crop feed them.

I grade them as they are about to come out of the nest and check the ring number, then put an x alongside. That way I know to check the young one as it's developing, to see how much promise it's got.

I usually give the chicks rolled oats, chickweed and millet sprays. I leave the cock bird in the cage as long as I can. If the hen wants to go back into the nest, I take her out of the cage.

*Tell us about your record keeping.*

My record keeping is as follows:

- Nest Cards - I write as much info as I can, e.g. how many eggs are laid, if they're clear or full. What date they lay, what date they hatch, then what colour and variety they are as they come out, their ring number. If they look like good chicks, I mark them with an X.
- After this, the info is put into a computer program, which gives me the bloodlines of all my birds for the last 30 years. So, then I can look up how they are related and how they might throw different features.

**Exhibiting**

*What is your Favourite Variety, where did it originate and how do you go about improving it?*

My favourite variety is Clearwings, I've had them since 1978. They are a very hard variety to improve as they tend to breed back to the smaller bird, so you've got to select the larger one that has better wing clarity that you need to improve them. You also have to keep an eye on the body colour. I've tried outcrossing to pure Normals, next year you'll get Normal split Clearwing. The following year you put the split back to a Clearwing, you get dirty washed out wings that look like a Greywing. The following year you put the dirty washed out Clearwing back to a good Clearwing, then you'll get reasonable Clearwings but not as good as what you started with. The fourth year you put it back to Clearwing and then you'll get something you want. I find that method very tiresome and not worth the trouble. Instead, I've tried to break the gene of inheritance, where Clearwing tends to breed back to the wild type budgie, it's smaller in size but with selective breeding you can get them larger and with the wing variety you want. This is more enjoyable to me, as you can see the steps moving forward.

*What preparation would your team have? Do you use any specific training methods?*

When the chicks are weaned, I put them into a training cage for half an hour a day to learn how to sit in the show cage properly, with correct moving backwards and forwards in the cage. Then as they get older, I bring my show team in and do the same training, they all get time in the show cage each day. At four weeks, I bring the show team in and start spraying them with cold water, every second day, for a period of two weeks. Then on the third week they get sprayed every day, then they are started to spot out. (So take the outside spots out first, leave them for a day to settle and give them a spray. Then take the underneath spots, leave them for a day to settle. Finally, any other spots that need to be removed).

*Do you do anything special for the birds when you return from a show?*

I like to put them in the holding cage to settle down, I give them some oats and greens and grains. They also get some fresh water.

**General**

*How and when do you choose what to keep and what to sell?*

I like to go through my birds after the national show, that way I can see how they've improved. Then I put the parents up of the birds, have a look at all the young birds they have bred and work out how I can improve on that pair. Then I cull the bottom end of the birds off and keep the best three or four. If the young ones are better than the parents, then I will sell the parents after a period of time.

*What is the best tip that you have ever been given?*

When pairing up, pair up on a new moon. (This is a moon that is opposite to a full moon). That way the cock birds fertility is on the rise with a new moon and it's more active.

*Do you have any special gadgets?*

I have a training cage that runs on a metal bar from the roof. I can get six birds in it, to use for training methods or pairing. The training cage can slide from one end of the aviary to the other.

I also have a special spoon which has been bent in such a way that I can use it to fill the finger drawers.

*Thanks for your insights, do you have anything to leave us with?*

Breeding good birds is a slow process, work on features that you want to work on first. Try not to breed a perfect bird first, e.g. Work on depth of mask or spot size first. Eventually all the features will come together. This hobby should be more pleasure than a chore!

# VALE - RICHARD HISCOCK NOVEMBER 29, 1954 – FEBRUARY 2, 2025

**Richard was a long-term avid bird fancier and one of the foundation members of Dandenong Budgerigar Club. His wit, loyalty and friendship will be greatly missed. RIP.**
(Words from Richard's close friend Martin Paoli).

*A message from Richard's daughter, Bec Hiscock:*
My beloved Dad, Richard Hiscock, aka Bud Regar passed away at home on Sunday night, after a short battle with motor neurone disease.

Dad was a kind and generous, big-hearted, funny, giant of a man. He made a friend in every room he walked in to, with his big smile, daggy jokes, and eagerness to know you. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of everything, an easy laugh, and would do anything for a friend.

Growing up, I thought all Dads were like my Dad; doing all he could to spend time with us kids, showing us how to do things (even when we didn't want to learn), telling us he loved us nearly every day. Over the years I realised how rare that is, and how special that made him. It made me love him even more.

He was an athlete, a musician, a businessman, a "wine wanker", a trivia king, a bookworm, a Hawthorn supporter, a cricket tragic, an Australian champion budgie breeder, a handyman, a BBQ pro, a lover of a good yack, a friend and mentor to many, and so much more. But most of all, he was a family man; a husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He loved us all enormously, and we loved him back. Dad leaves a hole in our family even bigger than his 6'3 size.

Per Dad's wishes, in the days ahead we'll be having a private burial, and at a later point, an old fashioned Irish Catholic wake for those close to him, to "drink all the good red" that he left behind. Over the coming days, we will get in touch with the people Dad wanted to attend.

If you're feeling generous, consider making a donation to MND Australia in his name.

Dad was a lapsed Catholic, but loved to say that he was "hedging his bets" about it all. So in that spirit, I'm hedging my bets that he's now somewhere drinking and cracking bad jokes with his long list of family and mates that have passed before him.

Rest in peace Dad.

A list of just some of Richard's contributions and achievements during his time involved with our great fancy:

- **BCV Champion Status Exhibitor** *from 1994 to 2012.*
- **BCV Councilor for two terms** *from 1994 to 2001 & 2018 to 2021.*
- **Winner of the Black Eyed Self Breeder Award/Variety Challenge Certificate** *on 4 occasions.*
- **8 x BCV Shield Class wins,** *7 of those in the Black Eyed Self class.*
- *Whilst on the BCV Council played an integral role in the organisation of the BCV hosting the 1997 ANBC National Championship Show and was instrumental in securing the Melbourne Town Hall for the event.*

# COASTAL BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW 2025 – TAS

***In early February BCV Judges Malcolm & Rob Randall flew across the strait to judge at the Coastal Budgerigar Society's Annual Show as part of their 50th Year Anniversary celebrations.***

The show was staged on Saturday the 1st of February at the Don Memorial Hall, Don, Tasmania, just outside of Devonport.

The event showcased just under 200 birds from members right across the State. A great day was enjoyed by all with some Life Members and past members of the Coastal club in attendance to join in the festivities.

Whilst judging the Novice section Rob made special mention of the numbers of birds exhibited and depth of quality throughout many of those classes. This can only bode well for the BCT (Budgerigar Council of Tasmania) into the future and shows that the hobby is alive and well at the grassroots over there.

Congratulations must go to ***Jim & Judy Fletcher*** who exhibited the Grand Champion of Show with a very impressive Any Age Grey Green cock bird and also to ***Phillip & Catherine Charlesworth*** (*Charlesworth Family*) who took out Champion Young Bird in Show (our BCV Diploma equivalent) with a super Cinnamon Grey Green cock.

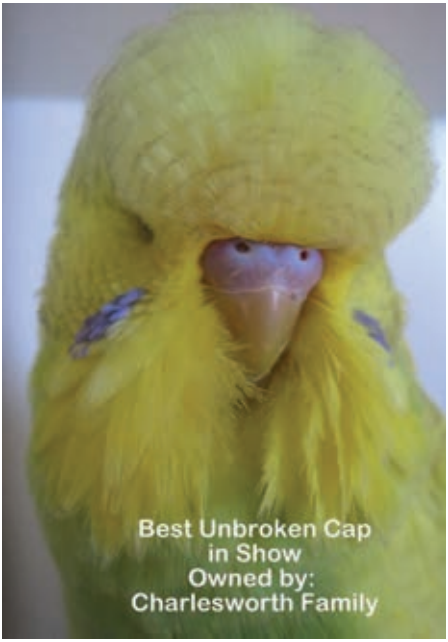
We enjoyed another great trip across to Tassie with pleasant weather and were welcomed by some great people whenever given the opportunity to judge over there.

Special thanks to Phillip & Catherine Charlesworth for picking us up from the airport, accommodating us for the two nights of our stay (no venturing down to their aviary until after the show was over of course) and dropping us back at the airport for our flight home.

Thanks also to ***Brett Dean*** for hosting us for an aviary visit before we flew out on Sunday. Well done to the Coastal Club on hosting a great event and celebrating 50 years – quite an achievement, here's to another 50 more!

*Catherine Charlesworth, Alan Geddes, Graeme Tuthill and Phillip Charlesworth cutting the cake as part of their 50th Year Anniversary Celebrations*

# COASTAL AWARD WINNERS



# COASTAL ANNUAL SHOW 2025

Jim & Judy Fletcher receiving their awards for
Grand Champion Bird of Show

Phillip & Catherine Charlesworth (Charlesworth Family) receiving their awards for
Champion Young Bird in Show

# COASTAL ANNUAL SHOW 2025

Graeme Tuthill presenting Ian Murfett with the G & M Tuthill Memorial Award for Best Young Red Eye in Show

Rob judging the Dilute class while working through some strong entries in the Novice Status Section

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# CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS (DIPLOMA) 2025

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| **Society:** | **South West** |
| **Date Held:** | **1st-February-2025** |
| **Number of Young birds benched:** | **205** |
| **Number of Adult birds benched:** | **63** |
| **Judges:** | **Mr. Derek Poole & Mr. Derrin Ray** |

| **Major Results:** | **Exhibitor** | **Variety** | **Sex** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Grand Champion Budgerigar | Peter Thurn | Spangle | C |
| Opposite Sex To Grand Champion Budgerigar | Peter Thurn | Cinnamon | H |
| Champion Young Budgerigar (Diploma) | John Ennis | Spangle | C |
| Opposite Sex To Champion Young Budgerigar | Peter Thurn | Cinnamon | H |
| Champion Adult Budgerigar | Peter Thurn | Spangle | C |
| Opposite Sex To Champion Adult Budgerigar | Peter Thurn | Grey Green | H |
| Best Pair In Show | Peter Thurn | Cinnamon | C & H |
| **Sectional Results:** | **Exhibitor** | **Variety** | **Sex** |
| Champion Status | | | |
| Best Young Budgerigar | John Ennis | Spangle | C |
| Opposite Sex To Best Young Budgerigar | Peter Thurn | Cinnamon | H |
| Best Adult Budgerigar | Peter Thurn | Spangle | C |
| Opposite Sex To Best Adult Budgerigar | Peter Thurn | Grey Green | H |
| **Open Status** | | | |
| Best Young Budgerigar | Mike Huth | Cinnamon | H |
| Opposite Sex To Best Young Budgerigar | Mike Huth | Cinnamon | C |
| Best Adult Budgerigar | Heath Chasemore | Cinnamon | C |
| Opposite Sex To Best Adult Budgerigar | Heath Chasemore | Spangle AOSV | H |
| **Intermediate Status** | | | |
| Best Young Budgerigar | Peter Owen | Spangle | C |
| Opposite Sex To Best Young Budgerigar | Rod Morris | Spangle DF | H |
| Best Adult Budgerigar | Terry Anderson | Spangle AOSV | H |
| Opposite Sex To Best Adult Budgerigar | Terry Anderson | Grey | C |
| **Beginner Status** | | | |
| Best Young Budgerigar | David Carter | Lutino | C |
| Opposite Sex To Best Young Budgerigar | David Carter | Lutino | H |
| Best Adult Budgerigar | David Carter | Lutino | C |
| Opposite Sex To Best Adult Budgerigar | David Carter | Cinnamon | H |

**SERIES AWARDS - YOUNG BIRDS ONLY**

| **Variety** | **Exhibitor** | **Status** | **Variety** | **Exhibitor** | **Status** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Green | Peter Thurn | CHAMP | Opaline | Ray Slade | CHAMP |
| Grey Green | Stephen Carroll | INTER | Opaline AOSV | Heath Chasemore | OPEN |
| Blue | G & P Dickson | CHAMP | Clearbody | Peter Thurn | CHAMP |
| Violet | Rod Morris | INTER | Lacewing | Ivan Mamic | OPEN |
| Grey | Ray Slade | CHAMP | Fallow | Ray Slade | CHAMP |
| English Yellowface | G & P Dickson | CHAMP | Spangle | John Ennis | CHAMP |
| Australian Goldenface | Robin Kirby | CHAMP | Spangle AOSV | Peter Thurn | CHAMP |
| Blackeye | Ray Slade | CHAMP | Dominant Pied | Ray Slade | CHAMP |
| Dilute | Bader & Turnbull | CHAMP | Recessive Pied | Mitch Parr | INTER |
| Lutino | Ray Slade | CHAMP | AOSV | Michael Smith | INTER |
| Albino | Peter Thurn | CHAMP | Australian Whitecap | Mike Huth | OPEN |
| Dark Eyed Clear | David Taylor | CHAMP | Rainbow | Mitch Parr | INTER |
| Clearwing | Robin Kirby | CHAMP | Coloured / Bush | N/A | N/A |
| Greywing | Michael Smith | INTER | Crest | N/A | N/A |
| Cinnamon | Peter Thurn | CHAMP | AOV | Bader & Turnbull | CHAMP |
| Spangle DF | David Taylor | CHAMP | Pair Class | Peter Thurn | CHAMP |

# SOUTH WEST DIPLOMA AWARD WINNERS

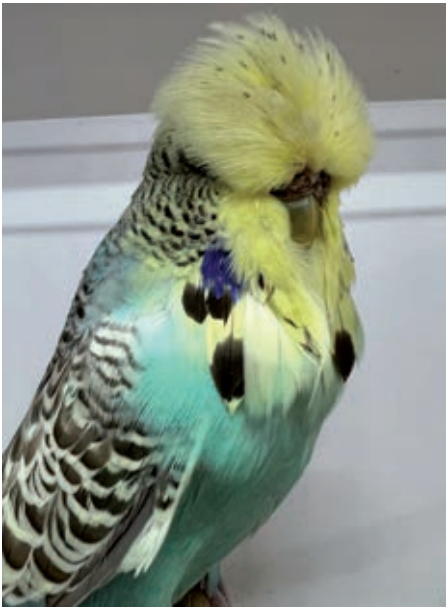
**MAJOR AWARD GRAND CHAMPION & BEST ADULT IN SHOW**
**Peter Thurn**

**MAJOR AWARD OPP SEX TO DIPLOMA & OPP SEX TO GRAND CHAMPION**
**Peter Thurn**

**MAJOR AWARD DIPLOMA & CHAMPION STATUS BEST YOUNG**
**John Ennis**

**MAJOR AWARD OPP SEX TO BEST ADULT IN SHOW & CHAMPION STATUS OPP SEX ADULT**
**Peter Thurn**

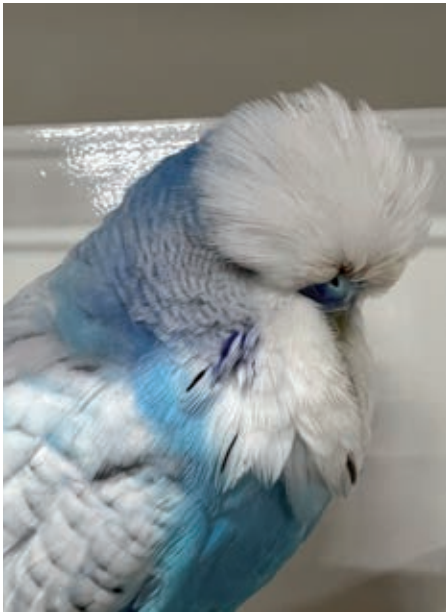
# SOUTH WEST DIPLOMA AWARD WINNERS



**OPEN STATUS BEST YOUNG**
**Mike Huth**

**OPEN STATUS OPP SEX YOUNG**
**Mike Huth**

**INTERMEDIATE STATUS BEST ADULT**
**Terry Anderson**



**INTERMEDIATE STATUS BEST YOUNG**
**Peter Owen**

# SOUTH WEST DIPLOMA AWARD WINNERS

**BEGINNER STATUS BEST YOUNG**
**David Carter**

**BEGINNER STATUS OPP SEX YOUNG**
**David Carter**

**BEGINNER STATUS BEST ADULT**
**David Carter**

**INTERMEDIATE STATUS OPP SEX YOUNG**
**Rod Morris**

# CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS (DIPLOMA) 2025

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|---|---|
| **Society:** | **Melton & District** |
| **Date Held:** | **8th-February-2025** |
| **Number of Young birds benched:** | **194** |
| **Number of Adult birds benched:** | **66** |
| **Judges:** | **Mr. Heath Chasemore, Mr. Derrin Ray & Mr. Con Herouvim** |

| **Major Results:** | **Exhibitor** | **Variety** | **Sex** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Grand Champion Budgerigar | Ian Hunter | Cinnamon | C |
| Opposite Sex To Grand Champion Budgerigar | Hedra Kamel | Spangle | H |
| Champion Young Budgerigar (Diploma) | Ian Hunter | Cinnamon | C |
| Opposite Sex To Champion Young Budgerigar | Hedra Kamel | Spangle | H |
| Champion Adult Budgerigar | S & T Grech | Green | C |
| Opposite Sex To Champion Adult Budgerigar | Michael O'Connell | Cinnamon | H |
| Best Pair In Show | Martin Turner | Grey Green | C & H |
| **Sectional Results:** | **Exhibitor** | **Variety** | **Sex** |
| Champion Status | | | |
| Best Young Budgerigar | Ian Hunter | Cinnamon | C |
| Opposite Sex To Best Young Budgerigar | Hedra Kamel | Spangle | H |
| Best Adult Budgerigar | S & T Grech | Green | C |
| Opposite Sex To Best Adult Budgerigar | S & T Grech | Spangle | H |
| **Open Status** | | | |
| Best Young Budgerigar | Bates & Haddick | Grey Green | C |
| Opposite Sex To Best Young Budgerigar | Ivan Mamic | Lutino | H |
| Best Adult Budgerigar | Dom Galea | Cinnamon | C |
| Opposite Sex To Best Adult Budgerigar | Vella & Thomas | Opaline | H |
| **Intermediate Status** | | | |
| Best Young Budgerigar | Stephen Carroll | Cinnamon | H |
| Opposite Sex To Best Young Budgerigar | Stephen Carroll | Dominant Pied | C |
| Best Adult Budgerigar | Michael O'Connell | Cinnamon | H |
| Opposite Sex To Best Adult Budgerigar | Michael O'Connell | Cinnamon | C |
| **Beginner Status** | | | |
| Best Young Budgerigar | Matt Jones | Cinnamon | C |
| Opposite Sex To Best Young Budgerigar | Tim Purches | Cinnamon | H |
| Best Adult Budgerigar | David Carter | Lutino | C |
| Opposite Sex To Best Adult Budgerigar | David Carter | Lutino | H |

**SERIES AWARDS**

| **Variety** | **Exhibitor** | **Status** | **Variety** | **Exhibitor** | **Status** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Green | Ian Hunter | CHAMP | Opaline | G & P Dickson | CHAMP |
| Grey Green | Ian Hunter | CHAMP | Opaline AOSV | Hedra Kamel | CHAMP |
| Blue | G & P Dickson | CHAMP | Clearbody | Cathy Godden | BEG |
| Violet | Ante Zupan | BEG | Lacewing | Ivan Mamic | OPEN |
| Grey | C & A Mifsud | CHAMP | Fallow | Dom Galea | OPEN |
| English Yellowface | Tim Purches | BEG | Spangle | Hedra Kamel | CHAMP |
| Australian Goldenface | N/A | N/A | Spangle AOSV | S & T Grech | CHAMP |
| Blackeye | Martin Turner | OPEN | Dominant Pied | C & A Mifsud | CHAMP |
| Dilute | Martin Turner | OPEN | Recessive Pied | Jeff Wright | OPEN |
| Lutino | David Carter | BEG | AOSV | N/A | N/A |
| Albino | N/A | N/A | Australian Whitecap | Vella & Thomas | OPEN |
| Dark Eyed Clear | Jeff Wright | OPEN | Rainbow | Cathy Godden | BEG |
| Clearwing | Cathy Godden | BEG | Coloured / Bush | N/A | N/A |
| Greywing | Allan Brown | OPEN | Crest | Cathy Godden | BEG |
| Cinnamon | Ian Hunter | CHAMP | AOV | N/A | N/A |
| Spangle DF | Michael O'Connell | INTER | Pair Class | Martin Turner | OPEN |

# MELTON DIPLOMA AWARD WINNERS

**MAJOR AWARD DIPLOMA & GRAND CHAMPION & CHAMPION STATUS BEST YOUNG**
**Ian Hunter**

**MAJOR AWARD OPP SEX TO DIPLOMA & OPP SEX TO GRAND CHAMPION**
**Hedra Kamel**

**Melton Club Championship - Diploma Show Trophies 2025**

# GEELONG & DISTRICT BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY DIPLOMA SHOW 2025

For those in the hobby, the Geelong Showgrounds was the place to be on Sunday 16th February, as the Geelong club hosted their Annual Club Championship – Diploma Show.

The Hall of Agriculture was abuzz with activity and the aroma of breakfast filled the air, as exhibitor vehicles arrived in a steady stream to get cage stickers on their entries ready for benching. With the sheer amount of staging laid out and erected you could sense that the occasion was going to be one of considerable scale.

Once 10am rolled around and the last of the birds had been placed into their respective sections ready for judging, there was 564 entries on the bench from 40 exhibitors. This comprised of 342 Young birds, 121 Adults & 101 UBC's.

# GEELONG & DISTRICT BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY DIPLOMA SHOW 2025

With the large amount of birds to sort through it was just as well the club had invited 5 BCV Judges to adjudicate on the day. As it was, the Judges still had a decent amount of birds to work through with over 100 each, to select their class winners and in turn, their eventual Best in Section winners to go up for the Major Award final judging.

Once all sectional judging had been completed and all the winners were assembled on the final bench there was a terrific display of exhibition budgerigars from end to end, right through all sections and age groups. The major winners were certainly going to earn their awards amongst such strong competition. The birds were meticulously assessed and the eventual overall winners were decided upon and awarded.

Upon talking with some of the exhibitors and executive members of the Geelong club, this is an amount of birds many believe have not been seen at an event in Victoria outside of our State Championship Shows for quite some time.

# GEELONG & DISTRICT BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY DIPLOMA SHOW 2025

***A big congratulations goes to the following breeders and exhibitors –***

***Ian Hunter*** on taking out the Diploma for Best Young Bird in Show with a powerful Cinnamon Light Green Cock bird.

Unbeknown to many until announced by Rex Stephens during presentations, this was Ian's fourth consecutive Diploma win at Geelong since 2022. Certainly a remarkable achievement and one unlikely to be replicated – well done Ian!

Congratulations to ***Heath Chasemore*** on winning the highest accolade awarded on the day of all exhibits being Grand Champion & Best Adult in Show with a stunning Spangle Cinnamon Sky Hen (reflected on the front cover of this edition).

Congratulations also to ***Ray Slade*** on winning Best UBC in Show with a lovely Grey. All in all the show was a resounding success and a great day for the hobby in general, as fanciers came together to share and discuss common interests in pursuit of our aspirations and goals. To the Geelong club and all their members involved on the day: - Well done!

# GEELONG & DISTRICT BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY DIPLOMA SHOW 2025

When you are attracting exhibitors from all corners of the State, spanning from the Western Districts right across to Gippsland and up to towns over the border in the north you are obviously doing something right.

Thanks to everyone for coming out and making it such a great event.

# HOUSING OF CAGED BIRDS

*The BCV encourages all members to make themselves aware of the Code of Practice for the Housing of Caged Birds, a copy of which can be found on the*

BCV website
https://www.bcv.asn.au/animal-welfare.html

With Auction and Show season ramping up, we wish to highlight the rules around the transportation of birds. Below is an extract from the Code of Practice:

## 5.1 Carry cages

### General

- Any container used to convey a live bird for any purpose by any means of transportation, should conform to the following measurements. (Note: A bird is measured from the tip of its beak to the tip of its entire tail when held in the hand.)

### Length

- No less than 20% (one fifth) longer than the longest bird to be carried in it.
- No more than twice the length of the longest bird to be carried in it.
- Width - 50% of the minimum length providing that if more than one bird is to be transported, the container should be wide enough for all birds to stand shoulder to shoulder.
- Height - should be high enough for the birds to stand normally and no higher than 50mm above the bird's head when standing in a normal posture. The exception to this is for small finches (cage 1) where the height will be 150mm.
- Height should be such that the birds standing on the floor cannot obstruct ventilation holes.
- No bird should be transported in a container together with a bird of a different species.
- Birds that fight should be shipped in separate containers.
- The floor of the carry cage should be such that birds can obtain a secure footing.
- Adequate ventilation should be provided by drilling or clipping holes 0.8-1 cm diameter in a line along both sides and both ends of the container at intervals not exceeding 4 cm. The holes should be near the top edge but care must be taken that they are not blocked when a cover or lid is in place.
- Ventilation holes must be clipped out or drilled out. (Holes which are made by perforating with a spike easily become blocked).
- One side of solid timber or metal carry cases should have bird wire or welded fabric of a size that prevents the head of a bird from protruding, on a minimum of one half of the area of that side.
- Containers should be darkened, taking care not to obstruct ventilation.
- Birds in containers should not be left unattended or exposed to high temperatures, wind or rain.
- To reduce undue stress, birds should not be confined in a carrying container for more than a minimum amount of time
- Food and water should be provided if transport is longer than two hours. Water should not be placed in a container during transport unless it is in a non-spill container.
- Every vendor of birds should provide containers appropriate to the kinds of birds he offers for sale.

### (a) Short period carry cages

- A strong, clean cardboard box may be suitable for some kinds of birds. Larger parrots and cockatoos may chew through cardboard or softwood and for those species a substantial hardwood box or metal cage is necessary.
- Containers should be of new material. Containers such as milk cartons, jars, plastic ice cream boxes, paper and plastic bags, etc. must not be used.
- Containers should be sufficiently robust for the species they contain and should be securely closed during transport to ensure no injury or escape is possible.
- Exemptions. Show cages of a size specified for individual species by the governing body of the organisation conducting an exhibition may be used for transport to and from an exhibition.
- To simplify the measurement requirements, the following five cage sizes are recommended and examples of the size of birds suitable for each cage are provided. Cages for birds in excess of 550 mm in length will be determined by the above formula and will contain only one bird.
- Short period carry cage dimensions can be found in the Code of Practice document https://www.bcv.asn.au/animal-welfare.html

### (b) Interstate carry cages

- All cages should be of wood or metal and should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between consignments of birds, and should be sufficiently sturdy to prevent the escape or injury of birds contained therein. Floors should be solid.
- Carry cages should be stowed in a manner and position to provide adequate ventilation to all cages during transport.
- Where carry cases are stacked for transport, 5cm square spacer blocks are to be placed between consecutive tiers of cages (both vertically and horizontally) to ensure adequate air movement between cages.
- For cages six and seven adequate ventilation should be provided by drilling 1cm diameter holes at 10cm centres in two staggered rows along the back and each side of the carry cage. The holes are to be in the upper one third of each side.
- Birds should not be delivered to the dispatch point more than two hours prior to the scheduled departure time.
- Wild, trapped birds must be held for two weeks after capture before being transported interstate.
- Each carry cage being consigned interstate (apart from those carried in a private motor car by the consignee or consignor) must carry a label measuring at least 10cm x 15cm upon which is legibly printed the following details:
- the consignee's name and address;
- the consignor's name and address;
- The number of birds and the time and date the birds were placed in the container.
- The words "live birds" should be displayed on similar sized labels on at least two sides of the container.

# CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS (DIPLOMA) 2025

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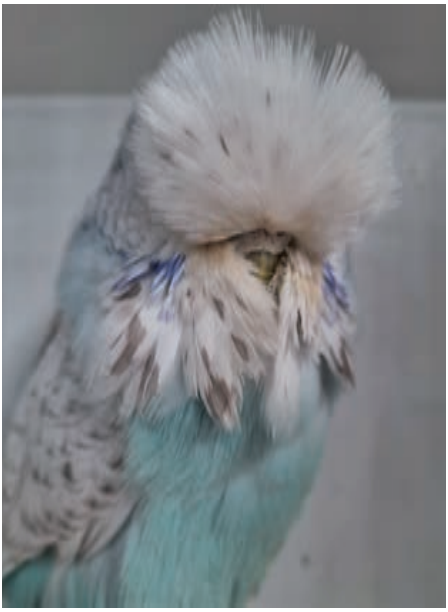
|---|---|
| **Society:** | **Geelong & District** |
| **Date Held:** | **16th-February-2025** |
| **Number of Young birds benched:** | **342** |
| **Number of Adult birds benched:** | **121** |
| **Judges:** | **Mr. James Bader, Mr. Steve Grech, Mr. Peter Thurn, Mr. Glenn Mannix & Mr. James Smith** |

| **Major Results:** | **Exhibitor** | **Variety** | **Sex** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Grand Champion Budgerigar | Heath Chasemore | Spangle AOSV | H |
| Opposite Sex To Grand Champion Budgerigar | Ian Hunter | Cinnamon | C |
| Champion Young Budgerigar (Diploma) | Ian Hunter | Cinnamon | C |
| Opposite Sex To Champion Young Budgerigar | Mike Huth | Cinnamon | H |
| Champion Adult Budgerigar | Heath Chasemore | Spangle AOSV | H |
| Opposite Sex To Champion Adult Budgerigar | Ian Hunter | Grey Green | C |
| Best Pair In Show | Ray Slade | Grey | C & H |
| **Sectional Results:** | **Exhibitor** | **Variety** | **Sex** |
| Champion Status | | | |
| Best Young Budgerigar | Ian Hunter | Cinnamon | C |
| Opposite Sex To Best Young Budgerigar | Ian Hunter | Green | H |
| Best Adult Budgerigar | Ian Hunter | Grey Green | C |
| Opposite Sex To Best Adult Budgerigar | John Ennis | Lacewing | H |
| **Open Status** | | | |
| Best Young Budgerigar | Mike Huth | Cinnamon | H |
| Opposite Sex To Best Young Budgerigar | Ray & German | Blue | C |
| Best Adult Budgerigar | Heath Chasemore | Spangle AOSV | H |
| Opposite Sex To Best Adult Budgerigar | Mike Huth | Grey | C |
| **Intermediate Status** | | | |
| Best Young Budgerigar | Terry Anderson | Grey | C |
| Opposite Sex To Best Young Budgerigar | Terry Anderson | Spangle AOSV | H |
| Best Adult Budgerigar | Penny Gillespie | Grey | C |
| Opposite Sex To Best Adult Budgerigar | Mick Mann | Recessive Pied | H |
| **Beginner Status** | | | |
| Best Young Budgerigar | Greg Culell | Dominant Pied | H |
| Opposite Sex To Best Young Budgerigar | Ante Zupan | Violet | C |
| Best Adult Budgerigar | Cathy Godden | English Yellowface | C |
| Opposite Sex To Best Adult Budgerigar | Ante Zupan | Spangle DF | H |

**SERIES AWARDS - YOUNG BIRDS ONLY**

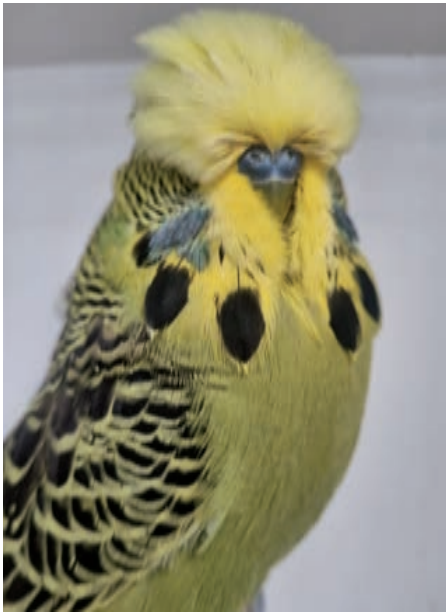
| **Variety** | **Exhibitor** | **Status** | **Variety** | **Exhibitor** | **Status** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Green | Ian Hunter | CHAMP | Opaline | G & P Dickson | CHAMP |
| Grey Green | Ray Slade | CHAMP | Opaline AOSV | Heath Chasemore | OPEN |
| Blue | Ray & German | OPEN | Clearbody | John Ennis | CHAMP |
| Violet | Ante Zupan | BEG | Lacewing | John Ennis | CHAMP |
| Grey | Ray Slade | CHAMP | Fallow | Dom Galea | OPEN |
| English Yellowface | G & P Dickson | CHAMP | Spangle | John Ennis | CHAMP |
| Australian Goldenface | ROC Partnership | OPEN | Spangle AOSV | M & R Randall | CHAMP |
| Blackeye | John Ennis | CHAMP | Dominant Pied | Greg Culell | BEG |
| Dilute | M & R Randall | CHAMP | Recessive Pied | Mick Mann | INTER |
| Lutino | Ray Slade | CHAMP | AOSV | Ray Slade | CHAMP |
| Albino | John Ennis | CHAMP | Australian Whitecap | M & R Randall | CHAMP |
| Dark Eyed Clear | David Taylor | CHAMP | Rainbow | Rex Stephens | OPEN |
| Clearwing | Ray Slade | CHAMP | Coloured / Bush | N/A | N/A |
| Greywing | ROC Partnership | OPEN | Crest | Cathy Godden | BEG |
| Cinnamon | Ian Hunter | CHAMP | AOV | N/A | N/A |
| Spangle DF | John Ennis | CHAMP | Pair Class | Ray Slade | CHAMP |

# GEELONG DIPLOMA AWARD WINNERS



**MAJOR AWARD GRAND CHAMPION**
**& BEST ADULT IN SHOW**
**Heath Chasemore**

**MAJOR AWARD DIPLOMA**
**& OPP SEX TO GRAND CHAMPION**
**Ian Hunter**



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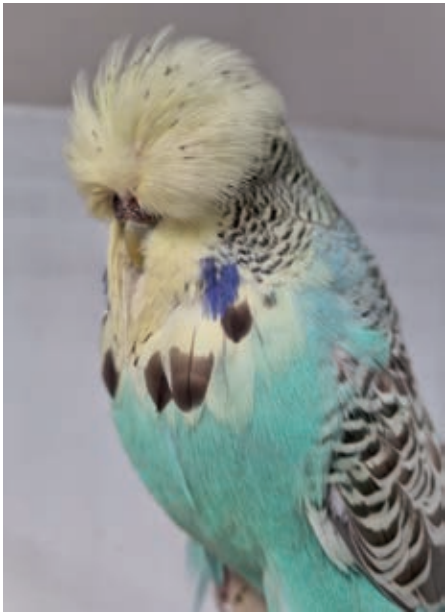
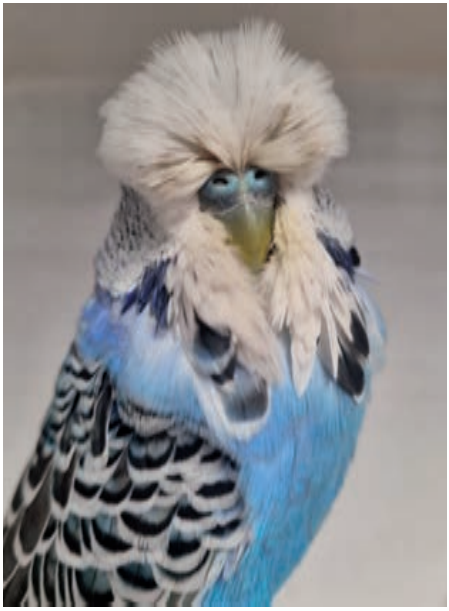
**& CHAMPION STATUS BEST ADULT**
**Ian Hunter**



**MAJOR AWARD OPP SEX TO DIPLOMA**
**& OPEN STATUS BEST YOUNG**
**Mike Huth**

# GEELONG DIPLOMA AWARD WINNERS

**CHAMPION STATUS OPP SEX YOUNG**
**Ian Hunter**



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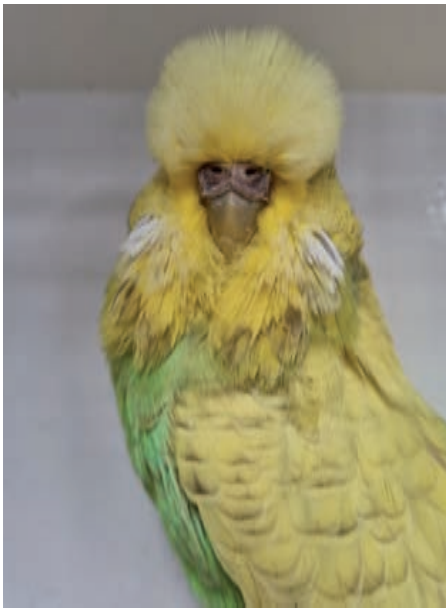
**Terry Anderson**



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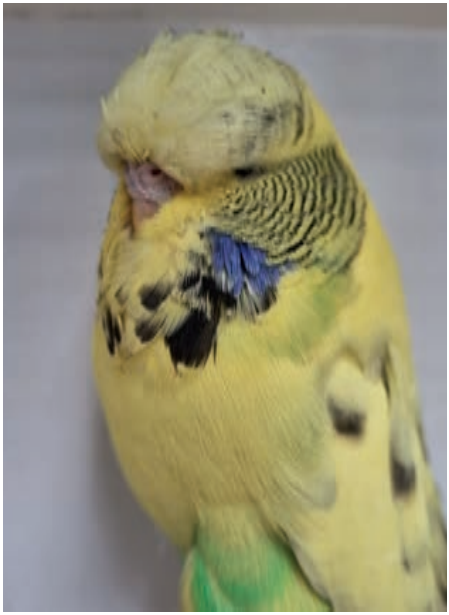

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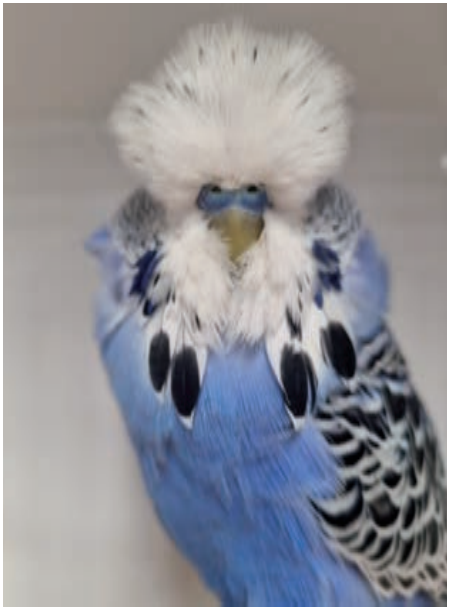

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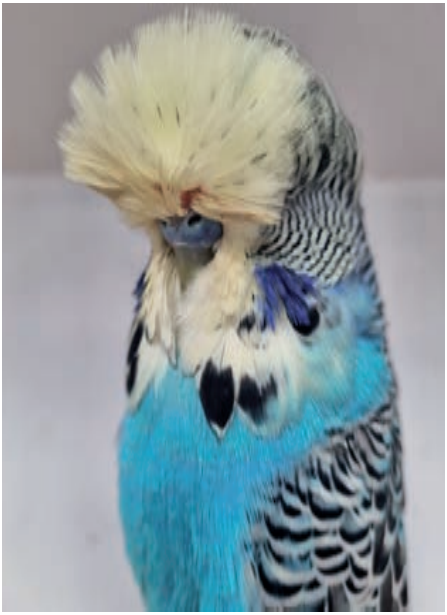

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# UBC SHOW RESULTS 2025

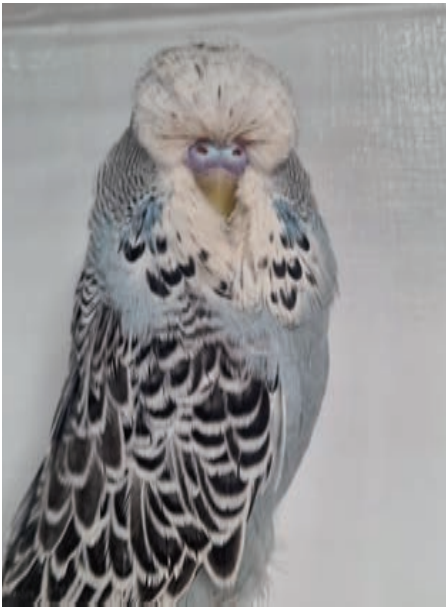
| | |
|---|---|
| **Society:** | **Geelong & District** |
| **Date Held:** | **16th-February-2025** |
| **Number of UBC birds benched:** | **101** |
| **Judges:** | **Mr. James Bader, Mr. Steve Grech, Mr. Peter Thurn, Mr. Glenn Mannix & Mr. James Smith** |

| **Major Results:** | **Exhibitor** | **Variety** | **Sex** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Best UBC in Show | Ray Slade | Grey | |
| Reserve UBC in Show | Greg Culell | Blue | |
| Best Pair UBC | N/A | N/A | |
| **Sectional Results:** | **Exhibitor** | **Variety** | **Sex** |
| Champion Status | | | |
| Best UBC | Ray Slade | Grey | |
| Reserve UBC | Ian Hunter | Grey Green | |
| **Open Status** | | | |
| Best UBC | Ken Pullen | Australian Whitecap | |
| Reserve UBC | Bates & Haddick | Cinnamon | |
| **Intermediate Status** | | | |
| Best UBC | Penny Gillespie | Blue | |
| Reserve UBC | Stephen Carroll | Spangle | |
| **Beginner Status** | | | |
| Best UBC | Greg Culell | Blue | |
| Reserve UBC | Greg Culell | Australian Whitecap | |

**SERIES AWARDS - YOUNG BIRDS ONLY**

| **Variety** | **Exhibitor** | **Status** | **Variety** | **Exhibitor** | **Status** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Green | G&P Dickson | CHAMP | Opaline | Ian Hunter | CHAMP |
| Grey Green | Ian Hunter | CHAMP | Opaline AOSV | Rob McIntosh | INTER |
| Blue | Greg Culell | BEG | Clearbody | N/A | N/A |
| Violet | Ante Zupan | BEG | Lacewing | ROC Partnership | OPEN |
| Grey | Ray Slade | CHAMP | Fallow | Ray Slade | CHAMP |
| English Yellowface | M & R Randall | CHAMP | Spangle | Stephen Carroll | INTER |
| Australian Goldenface | K & P Brien | BEG | Spangle AOSV | Wayne Cachia | CHAMP |
| Blackeye | Ray Slade | CHAMP | Dominant Pied | Ray Slade | CHAMP |
| Dilute | M & R Randall | CHAMP | Recessive Pied | George Ilic | OPEN |
| Lutino | M & R Randall | CHAMP | AOSV | N/A | N/A |
| Albino | ROC Partnership | OPEN | Australian Whitecap | Ken Pullen | OPEN |
| Dark Eyed Clear | N/A | N/A | Rainbow | N/A | N/A |
| Clearwing | Bates & Haddick | OPEN | Coloured / Bush | Birthisel Family | INTER |
| Greywing | Penny Gillespie | INTER | Crest | Cathy Godden | BEG |
| Cinnamon | David Spink | CHAMP | AOV | N/A | N/A |
| Spangle DF | ROC Partnership | OPEN | Pair Class | N/A | N/A |

# GEELONG UBC AWARD WINNERS



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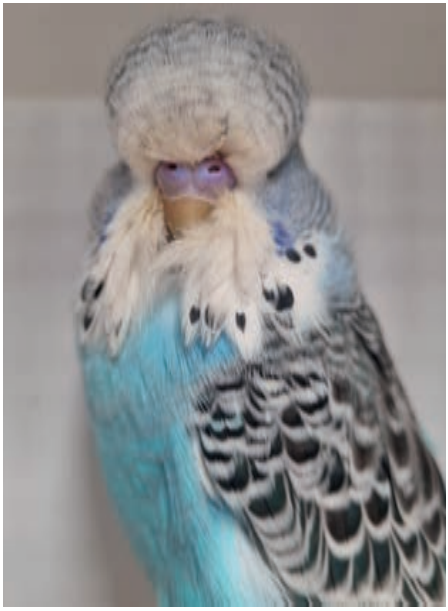
**& CHAMPION STATUS BEST UBC**
**Ray Slade**



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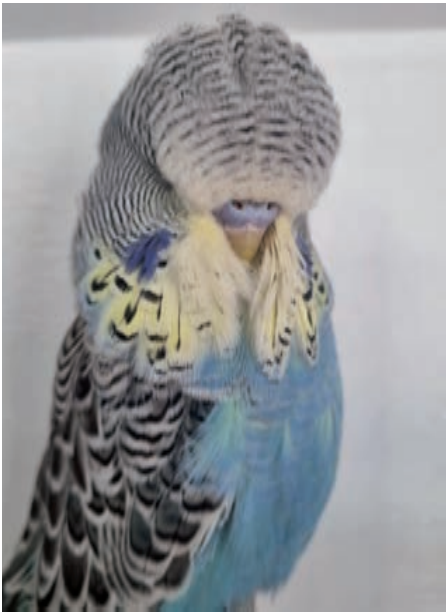

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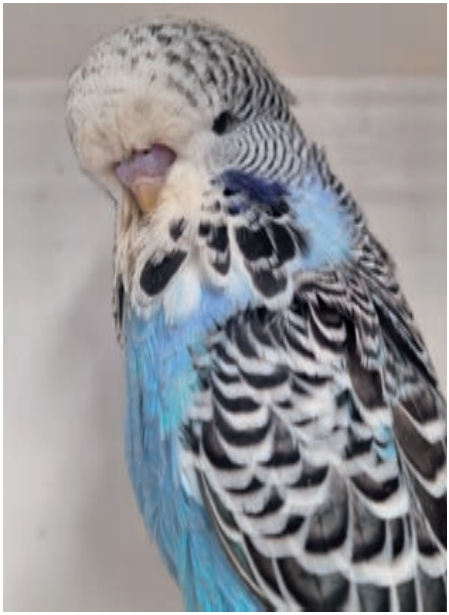

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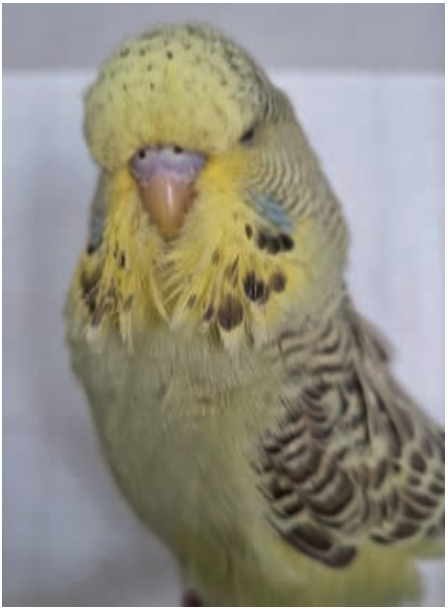

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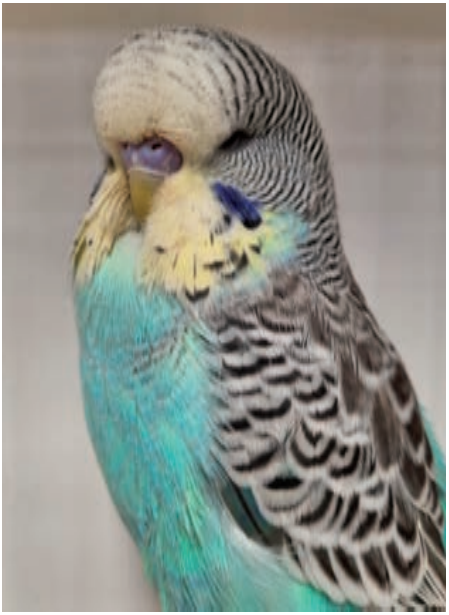

**BEGINNER STATUS RES UBC**
**Greg Culell**

# VALE - LEIGH DOWNEY SEPTEMBER 10, 1946 – JANUARY 16, 2025

**The Budgerigar Family has lost another of its great contributors. Mr Leigh Downey passed away on January 16, 2025 at the age of 79.**

There was an outpouring of condolences on social media following the announcement of his passing, with much of the commentary highlighting his hard work, dedication and commitment. One comment stood out that described Leigh's acerbic wit: "If you've not been insulted by Leigh, you haven't lived.

In 2023 Leigh was inducted alongside his great mate Alan Rowe into the ANBC Hall of Fame Services Division.

Leigh was always there. If there was a BCV event, you just knew he was going to be there. The hardest thing for many of us will be accepting the fact that he won't be there at the Shield, firing off comments and trying to get a reaction.

He was a mentor, a leader and a friend. A larger than life character who made an enormous contribution to the hobby. There will never be another one like him.

Leigh started in budgies over 40 years ago with the Batman club and finished his budgie time with the Dandenong club. During that time he was:

- **BCV Show Manager** *for the State Shield shows for 18 years*
- **BCV President** *for over 10 years*
- *Editor of* **"Budgie News"** *for 3 years*
- **ANBC President** *twice*
- *Helped to organise 4* **National Shows** *in Victoria*
- **ANBC Secretary** *for 8 years*
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- *Won 4* **National Logies** *including 3 for the Clearwing variety.*

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# YOU BE THE JUDGE COMPETITION IS ON AGAIN

Thanks to Alan Baxter for judging the previous "You Be The Judge Competition".

Have you ever thought about becoming a judge and joining the ranks of the BCV judging team or looking for an opportunity to sharpen your skills and identify what makes a winning bird?

The competition is open to all BCV members, regardless as to whether they are Beginner, Intermediate, Open or Champion Status exhibitors.

If you want to be in for a chance to win the bag of Budgie Gold seed, then email your results in the order you would place the birds on the show bench (please use the letter designated to each bird to reflect your ranking).

Emails can be sent to the BCV State Championship Show Secretary Rod Turnbull at rod.turnbull@opalanz.com

The rules are simple. Place the eight birds that follow in order from 1st place to 8th place as you believe that they would finish on the show bench.

A BCV judge will also rank the birds from 1st place to 8th place, and if your ranking is the same, you will be up for a chance to win a bag of Budgie Gold seed from Green Valley Grains.

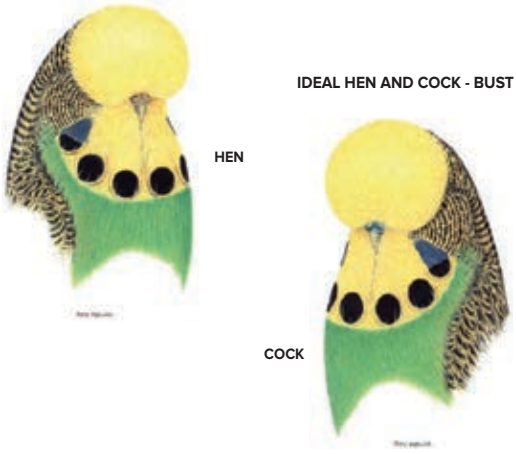
We have also included a copy of the pictorial Standard for reference when making your selection.

If there are more than one correct entry received, then the winner will be drawn out of a hat. If no correct entries are received, there is no winner. The judge's results, along with comments as to why they were selected in that particular order will be published in the next edition of Budgie News.

This edition's class is eight Yellowfaced on the next two pages.

Entries must be in by the 27th April 2025.

**IDEAL HEN AND COCK - BUST**




Sexual differences to be allowed for throughout *The Standard*.
The ideal Hen has slightly less frontal rise, less rounded top skull, a wider pelvis and a brown cere.

**THE IDEAL**

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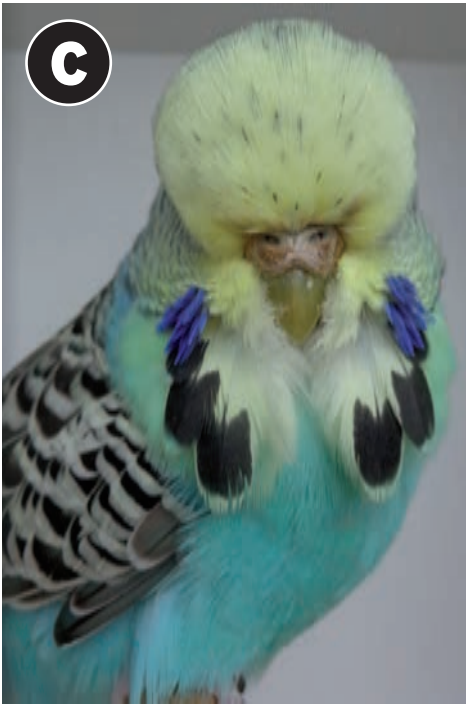
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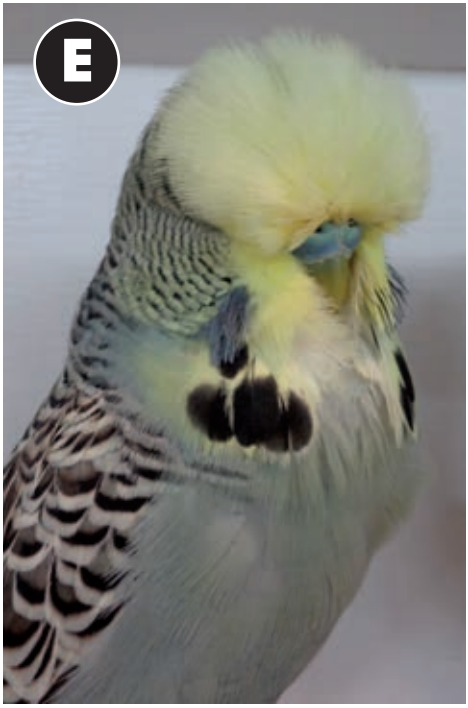
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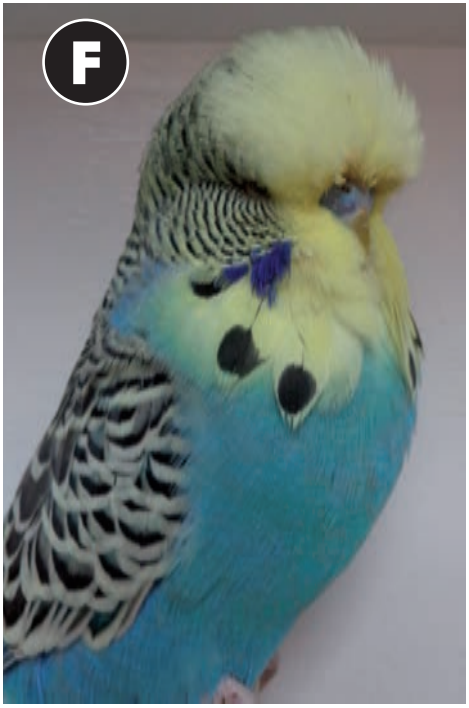
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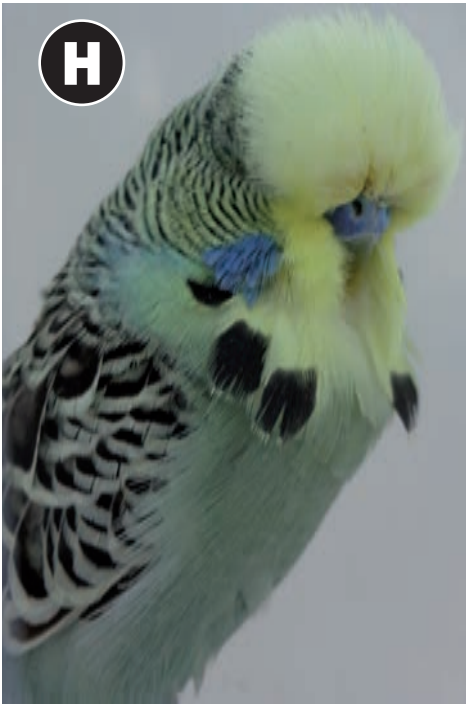
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# JUDGING COMPETITION
# RESULTS FROM 4TH QUARTER EDITION OF BUDGIE NEWS

Judge's comments by Alan Baxter as follows:

**1st Place: C** - Grey Green Hen. Appears to be a very nice show bird, supporting great mask and spots as well as nice directional feather. Plenty of head above the eye and thickness through the neck. A lot to like about this bird. A very nice hen in top condition.

**2nd Place: E** - Grey Cock. Lovely show bird with great masks and spots. Plenty of head above the eye and beak disappearing into mask, something we like to see. Without having the benefit of assessing bird in real life, possibly the best variety. Overall very little to separate the first two.

**3rd Place: D** - Sky Cock. Appears to be a good show bird. Lovely feather direction as well as thickness through the neck. Condition and messy mask let him down. Otherwise, if in condition could have been knocking on the door.

**4th Place: G** - Grey Green Cock. Another bird with impressive directional feather. Impressive around the mask and spot area. Doesn't appear to have the same thickness down through the neck as the previous birds. In very nice condition.

**5th Place: F** - Light Green Hen. A big, solid bird in great condition and thickness through neck. A little messy around the mask. Variety could be suspect without seeing the bird. More of a stock hen.

**6th Place: B** - Light Green Hen. This bird is in top condition with very nice thickness down the neck. Nice around the mask and spot area. Another hen that is more of a stock hen.

**7th Place: H** - Sky Cock. Lovely condition, however, the head quality such as head above the eye, cap feather and thickness through the neck not up to the previous birds.

**8th Place: A** - Sky Cock. This bird appears to be pinched off between the eyes compared to the previous ones. Not spotted which doesn't help. Nice depth of mask.

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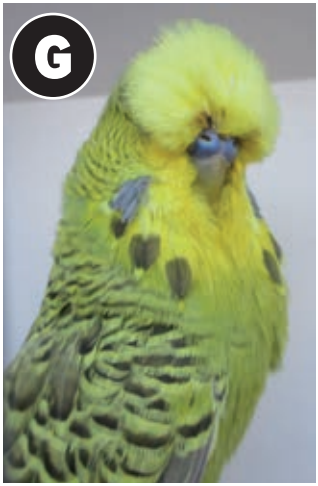
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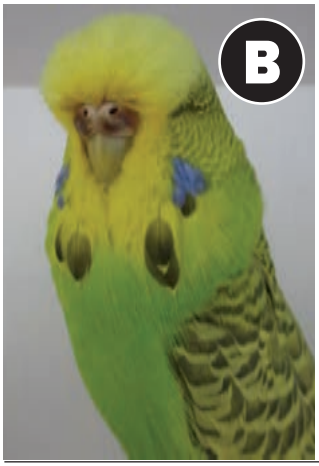
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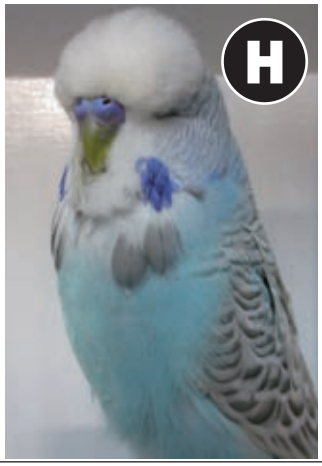
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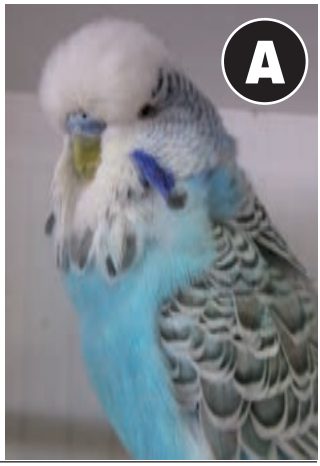
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# BUDGERIGAR PENALTY AND DISQUALIFICATION CLAUSES FOR GUIDANCE OF ANBC JUDGES AND EXHIBITORS

(THESE GUIDELINES ARE SET AND MAINTAINED BY THE ANBC JUDGES PANEL, WHO RETAIN SOLE OWNERSHIP OF THE CONTENT

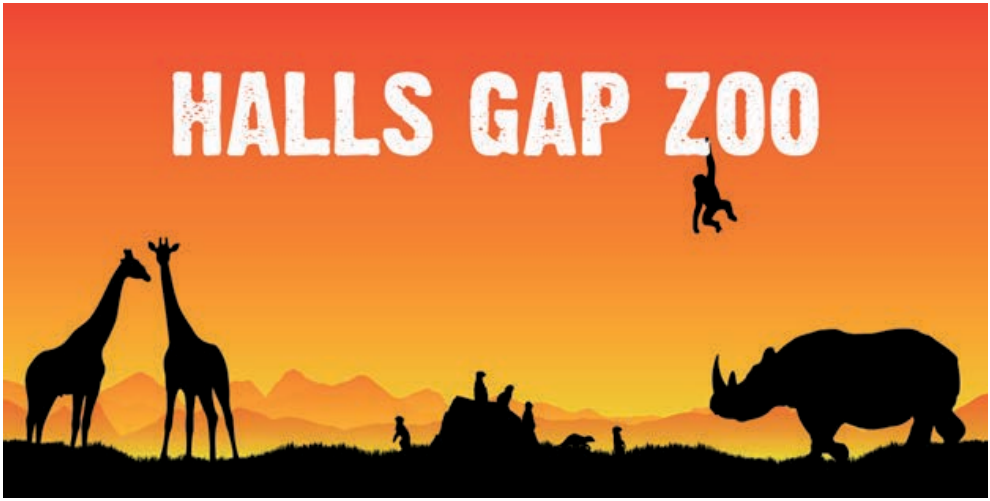
| Variety | **Disqualification**<br><br>**Heavy Head Flecking:**<br>• Intensity and distribution of melanin in the Frontal, Forehead or Crown equal to or greater than any of the examples show below. Borderline cases difficult to classify as heavy or light are to be very heavily penalised. |
|---|---|
| | |
| | **Penalty**<br><br>**Birds of any variety or colour with:**<br>• Light Head Flecking – Intensity and distribution of melanin in the Frontal, Forehead or Crown lighter than any of the examples listed under Disqualification above. Penalty to be based on the heavier the flecking the heavier the penalty. Borderline cases difficult to classify as heavy or light are to be very heavily penalised. |

The above is an extract from the current ANBC Standard Penalty and Disqualification clauses relating the Head Flecking.

The BCV hopes that this information helps exhibitors understand the rationale judges are using for the determination as to how to judge a bird with flecking. It should also help exhibitors determine which birds will be accepted on the show bench, which ones will be penalised and ultimately help the breeder build and select their show team.

Please be accepting of the judge's decision, as there will be many reasons as to selecting or not selecting certain exhibits over other exhibits on the day, including different interpretations of The Standard Penalty and Disqualification clauses and their application.

## THE BCV WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THE

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# BCV JUDGE'S FEES

**Judge's Fees for Senior, Probationary and Aspiring Judges (Minimum Fee)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Normal Club Show or Interclub | $30.00 |
| Club Championship (Diploma) Show | $50.00 |

**Travelling Expenses**

- From Judge's residence to show venue to be calculated at 50c per kilometre
- **Distance can be calculated using GOOGLE MAPS!**
- Return trip to residence of judge travelling expense will not apply
- Judges travelling together to same show only one travelling expense will apply

**Example**

| | |
|---|---|
| Diploma Show Fee | $50.00 |
| Travelling Expense to Show - 120km | $60.00 |
| | Total $110.00 |

***Note***

Clubs inviting Aspiring Judges to judge at any show can apply to the BCV for a rebate of judging fees plus 50% of travel expenses.

**Clubs must calculate judging fee before the show.**

These fees are effective as from January 2024.

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