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From the Editor

Welcome to the last issue of the Budgerigar for 2016, the plan for the next issue is to have submissions to the Editor by the 1st January 2017 with the publication ready to be distributed by mid-January 2017.

I would encourage you to take pictures at your end of year celebrations and send in your club's news for publication in the December – January 2017 issue.

Remember that the BSNSW offers each club a free advert for their events. This advert usually appears in the magazine and on the BSNSW website a few months before the show. The front cover of your schedule or catalogue can often make a good advert for your event.

Prior to your show arrange for someone to take pictures during the show. When sending your show results to be published in the magazine, please include the pictures (with captions if possible). This makes for a more interesting report to share your results.

Please contact me if you have ideas or stories for the magazine. I will reply to your email from editor@budgerigar.com.au to confirm that I have actioned your request before publication of the magazine. Thanks to those members who have provided ideas or articles for the magazine.

Thanks to everyone who has assisted me to produce this magazine especially Andrew Bourne and Mark Hawke; as always it is a team effort.

I would also like to thank Nola and Bruce Bradford for proof reading the magazine. They always find a few corrections.

Maureen Bourne, BSNSW Editor

Could Branches and Associated clubs please provide Club reports plus any adverts for your upcoming events by 1st January 2017?

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What's on in 2017

January 2017	
1st	"Budgerigar" submissions deadline
	Royal Cage Bird Show – Entries open
February 2017	
5th	Illawarra Annual Show
12th	Shoalhaven Annual Show
19th	St George Branch Annual Show
mid	Royal Cage Bird Show – Entries close
26th	Canberra Branch Annual Show
26th	Newcastle Budgerigar Club Young Bird Show
March 2017	
12th	New England Annual Show
19th	BRASEA Auction - Bexley, Sydney
26th	South Western Budgerigar Society Annual Show in Junee
April 2017	
5 - 7th	Royal Cage Bird Show Homebush Sydney
May 2017	
7th	Macarthur Annual Show
20th	State Team Challenge & State Team Selection
27th & 28th	ANBC Nationals – Mackay, QLD
June 2017	
11th	BRASEA Auction – Bexley, Sydney
July 2017	
TBC	BSNSW Annual Show
August 2017	
19th	Aviculture's Annual Social Night & Guest of Honour Dinner, Canary & Cage Bird Federation of Australia – Five Dock, Sydney
September 2017	
11th	Northside Annual Show
October 2017	
15th	BRASEA Auction – Bexley, Sydney
22nd	New England Young Bird Show
30th	Hunter Annual Show
November 2017	
26th	Sydney Lawn Show
December 2017	
Advertise your Christmas function here	

If your event is missing from this "What's On in 2017" list please email the BSNSW Editor (editor@budgerigar.com.au) and the Web Master (webmaster@budgerigar.com) to advertise your event.

BSNSW Committee

The table below lists the current BSNSW Office Bearers after the BSNSW Management Meeting that was held on 14th November 2016 at the Blacktown RSL following the resignations of various Office Bearers.

Current BSNSW Office Bearers for 2016-2017	
Position	Name
President	Casual Vacancy
Vice President (2)	Andrew Bourne Casual Vacancy
General Secretary	Ian Manton
Treasurer	Casual Vacancy
Membership Registrar	Myles Henke
Ring Registrar	Steve Cummins
Show Manager	Jim Baker
Publicity Officer	Mark Hawke
Advertising Manager	Casual Vacancy
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NON OFFICER BEARER POSITIONS	
Trustees (2)	Bruce Bradford Col Morgan
Web Master	Fehmeed Bilgrami
Auction Coordinators	Craig Buckingham Mario Capasso
Auditor (2)	Steve Wackwitz John Carter
Public Officer	Ian Manton
Minutes Secretary	Casual Vacancy
SUB COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	
Chairperson Colour & Standards Committee	Andre Ozoux
Chairperson Judges Committee	Jean Painter

These **Casual Vacancies** will be voted on at the **Special General Meeting** to be held on **10th December 2016** at **The Galston Club**.

You should have received a Meeting Notice in the mail with details and a request for a Postal Vote.

Contact the Secretary for further information..

General Secretary's Report

Ian Manton, General Secretary & Public Officer

It has been tumultuous times for the Society in the weeks after the AGM with the **President, a Vice President, General Secretary, Minute Secretary and Treasurer** all resigning from their positions on the Society's Management Committee.

This has resulted in the Public Officer becoming the General Secretary under the Society's Objects, Rules and By-Laws.

A huge amount of time and energy expended by the remaining Office Bearers working to ensure the Society continues and at all times ensuring that our Objects, Rules and By-laws were being observed.

The Management Committee was "requisitioned" by members to hold a Special General Meeting. "The purpose of the meeting is to allow the members to vote on vacant positions on management".

The cost to the Society is approaching \$1,000 to hold this Special General Meeting (includes postage of notice to every member, stationery and printing costs).

The Management Committee was then obligated to convene a Special General Meeting in accordance with the Society's Objects, Rules & By-Laws which means it has to be held prior to Christmas. The Secretary has to, at least 14 days prior to the Meeting, send by pre-paid post to each Member (at the Member's address appearing in the Register of Members) a notice specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the business to be transacted (ie. agenda).

Please note that no other business other than that specified in the "Requisition" can be transacted at the Special General Meeting.

As time was very limited nominations were called for and had to be received in by **14 November 2016**. It was certainly encouraging, for me anyway, to see the number of nominations received.

The members who have accepted nominations are:-

President (Two nominees declined)	Steve Cummins
Vice President (Two nominees declined)	Jean Painter Barry Wise
General Secretary (One other nominee declined)	Ann Hand Andrew Bourne
Minute Secretary (One other nominee declined)	Ann Hand
Treasurer (Three other nominees declined)	Ian Cocks

On 14/11/16 Management Committee held its regular meeting with many people attending both in person and online. The main points arising from the meeting:

A Special General Meeting has been set for 10.00 am on 10th December 2016 at The Galston Club, 21 Arcadia Rd, Galston.

There was discussion about the Bird Club Legislation in Vic where Birds Sales to the Public are being banned. **Branches & Associates are to remind members not to overcrowd sale birds at shows.**

The Society is to consider purchasing its own software for the live streaming of meetings (costs \$108 per month, payable 12 months in advance \$1,084). Thanks to Harry Charalambous for providing the software & equipment for live streaming past meetings.

ANBC 2017: We need nominations for Team Carers and Delegates (they need to be confirmed at the Jan. 2017 meeting).

Blacktown RSL needs to be contacted to book a room for future meetings.

STCC 2017: Seven Hills Sports High hall is being looked at for the 2017 STCC.

Ring Registrar has about 3,000 rings for 2016 left if anyone needs any. Also Steve has been authorised (by ANBC) to mail out the 2017 rings on 15 December 2016.

ANBC have referred some matters that have to be discussed with members.

These have been sent to Branch & Associate contacts for comment.

Action on the "AGM motion" deferred until January 2017 meeting to give the incoming Office Bearers the opportunity to familiarise themselves with recent reports and recommendations.

The meeting was conducted in good spirit with a good "vibe" feel. In the car park afterwards there was an air of optimism.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the SGM at Galston on the 10th December.

Ian Manton
General Secretary

Profiles for Nominees

The following nominees have provided a short profile for positions on the Management Committee.

JEAN PAINTER

I have been nominated and accepted the nomination for the position of BSNSW for Vice President.

I've been a member of the BSNSW since 1975 - the BSA (Budgerigar Society of Australasia) days.

Almost from the beginning I have held positions at Branch, Society and National Level including President of the BSNSW, NSW Delegate and Team Carer, ANBC Secretary and Judges Panel.

At present, I am the St. George Branch Secretary, a member of the Colour & Standards Committee, a member of the Society Show Committee and Chairperson of the Judges Panel.

I have always been keen to do my best to support this wonderful hobby of ours in any way.

At present if elected as Vice President, I would support our incoming President to help make our members wishes of unity a reality, mend bridges, and run a great National event in 2018.

It has been a difficult time in recent months for all of us, but now we must work together and continue the positive atmosphere which prevailed at our November Management Meeting so we can move forward and achieve our goals. Please help.

ANN HAND

I have been nominated and accepted the nomination for the position of BSNSW for Secretary and Minute Secretary.

I joined the Canberra Branch approximately 12 years ago with my husband, Geoff. I have held various positions in Canberra Branch including Secretary, Show Secretary and Branch Delegates.

I am also a member of SWNSW (June) and have previously held the position of Secretary. Geoff & I were on BSNSW Show Committee and were involved in the organisation and lead up to the Nationals being held in Canberra, after which we moved to the Northern Territory, only returning back to NSW last year. We have re-joined BSNSW, SWNSW (as Show Secretary), and am also Show Secretary of the Canberra Budgerigar Club with Geoff as Chairperson.

Most of my working life (now retired) has been spent in offices in accounting and cash office areas. I started up Bungendore Fine Art Gallery set up the accounting system which is still used today 10 years later. In public organisations, I am a life member of the Artists Society of Canberra (350 members). I have been on the committee in many areas of this organisation: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer (turnover \$180K p/a), art workshops and also annual art exhibition organiser.

IAN COCKS

I have been nominated and accepted the nomination for the position of BSNSW Treasurer.

I along with my wife have been members of the BSNSW for about three years. I am currently the Secretary of the Macarthur Branch of the BSNSW.

I have held several positions in different not for profit organisations. These have included Secretary of the Macarthur Woodturner Inc., Secretary/Treasurer of the Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc. and Treasurer of the Campbelltown Senior Citizens.

I believe I have the necessary experience to be able to carry out the duties of Treasurer of the BSNSW. I also had over 10 years in the IT Sector before retiring in 2009.

ANDREW BOURNE

I have been nominated and accepted the nomination for the position of BSNSW for Secretary.

I was a member the BSA for a number of years from 1974 until I moved overseas to live. I re-joined as a member of the BSNSW in 1996. I held various positions with the Canberra Branch for many years; I am currently the Show Manager for the Canberra Branch. I am also currently the Vice President of the Society, a BSNSW Judge as well as Secretary of the Judges Panel and a member of the Colour & Standards Committee. I have previously served on the BSNSW Show Committee for several years and I was on the organising committee for the 2004 and 2011 NSW hosted ANBC Nationals. I am a keen supporter of the ANBC Nationals. I haven't missed a National since 2003.

I am keen to assist the BSNSW to continue as an important source of services for its members.

STEVE CUMMINS

I have been nominated and accepted the nomination for the position of BSNSW for President.

I've been a member of the BSNSW since 2013; I am also currently the Ring Register of the Society.

I have held positions in other Incorporated Associations. These have included Secretary for 5 years and President for 2 years of the Australian National Pigeon Association. I was the Show Manager in 2015 and organised and ran the 2015 National Pigeon Show at Penrith Arena with 3800 exhibits.

I kept budgies in the 80 and 90's where I was a member of the Tamworth Caged Birds Society where I held the position of treasurer for a number of years.

I am extremely passionate about my budgies and want to ensure that the BSNSW continues to move forward in the future. I am aware that there are some problems in the BSNSW but know that with the help of the members we can overcome these.

I look forward to being a part of the organising of the 2018 National at Homebush and know that the people that have been nominated to leads us through to the next stage are going to ensure the BSNSW succeed.

BARRY WISE

I have been nominated and accepted the nomination for the position of BSNSW for Vice President.

I have been a member of BSNSW for approximately 26 years and member of the Hunter Branch since 2000; I have held every position except chairman. I was the President of the Muswellbrook Budgerigar Society from 1994 to 2000.

I'm married to Maree; we have three adult children and are carers to our three grandchildren. I retired after 30 years in the underground mining industry and we have owned and operated two small businesses.

Moving forward the BSNSW needs people with the desire to see the society unite all peoples in our hobby.

Front Cover Story

2016 National Yellow Face

I originally had birds as a boy and won a Junior Budgerigar Champion at the Dubbo Agricultural Show. I left the hobby for around 20 years but started back with mixed birds only because there was a cage already there. It was only after we returned from visiting my wife's parents in Holland 20 years ago that I got serious about exhibition budgerigars.

I started by buying all the better birds from the local pet shops. I did buy the entire flock of Peter Williams, but only retained a few. I also got the odd bird off Henry Briggs, Garry Forester, Steve Draper, Wayne Cusack, John Barden and Peter Baker. But I was still always buying birds from local pet shops.

I built them up over the next few years and exhibited at the local shows in Dubbo, Gulgong and Parkes. When I became very successful against the open breeders that's when I knew I was ready to have a go at the BIG BOYS at points shows. That was in 2006, going straight through novice in my first year and intermediate in my second also breaking through to my first ANBC National show in 2010 with a second place in the Cinnamonwing class at Rockhampton.

My two National winners at the 2014 ANBC Adelaide National were in the Hen Class with a Super Grey Spangle Hen and in the Albino Class with an Albino Hen. Coincidentally both had the same mother.



2014 ANBC National
1st in the Hen class

Photographed by Nola Bradford



2014 ANBC National
1st in the Albino class

Photographed by Rod Turnbull

Mark Hawke

My latest National winner was in Hobart 2016 in the Yellow Face Class with a Yellow Face Grey Cock, which I was lucky enough on two points, one to be there to accept my Logie thanks to Harry and Helen Charalambous and the other to have bred this National winner from a hen I bought from the pet shop.



2016 ANBC National
1st in the Yellow Face class
Photographed by Mark Hawke



Mark Hawke accepting the 2016 Yellow Face Logie
from Catherine & Phil Charlesworth

Photographed by Rod Turnbull

I have had 22 birds as National Reps, Grand Champions and STCC wins.

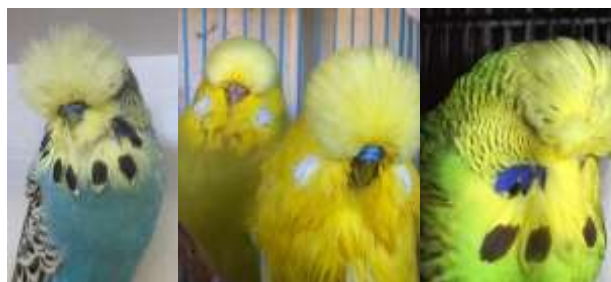
I have been very successful at society shows winning many Grand Champions, Opposite Sex and variety awards.



Mark Hawke's Trophies & Ribbons

Winning at Orana (OAS) and Opposite Sex at Mid-State (MBC) Shows were highlights for me because there's nothing like winning at your own club shows against your mates.

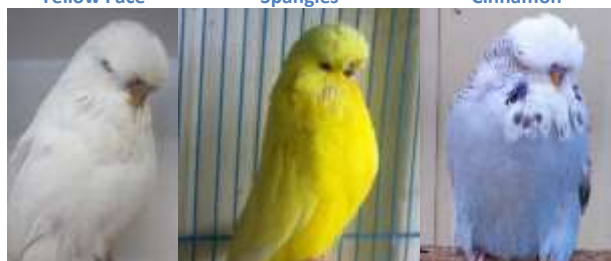
I breed Yellow Face, Spangles, Cinnamons, Albinos, Lutinos, Fallows, Normals, Opalines, Dominate Pieds, Dark Factors and lately even a few Texas Clearbodies.



Yellow Face

Spangles

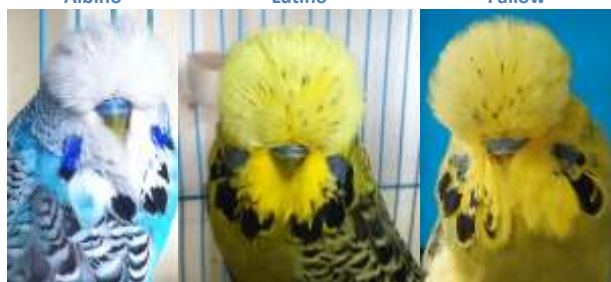
Cinnamon



Albino

Lutino

Fallow



Normal Blue

Opaline

Dominate Pied

I'm presently the Publicity Officer for the BSNSW, MBC and OAS and also the Vice President of the two associate clubs. I'm an administrator for the Official BSNSW FaceBook group and many others for the hobby; those being Exhibition Budgerigars Soapbox, Exhibition Budgerigars Oz, Show Birds ONLY, MBC and OAS and my new FaceBook group of my own Birdsville - MH60 - Budgerigars.

I believe in helping beginners and often loan birds to help them out. I believe all clubs should help their own members first and foremost.

I also think the hobby is dominated by money and I understand clubs need funds to run but it's hard for the beginner to obtain quality birds at reasonable prices.

One of the reasons, I rarely buy birds from auctions is to prove that with hard work and patience you can achieve.

It's a hobby and friendship is what makes it. Sharing and talking about our hobby with friends plus growing the hobby are things I'm very passionate about. It's very enjoyable for me personally.

The best overall stud I've seen in Australia would have to be Cec & Brenda Gearing; they are just lovely people.

My all-time favorite bird would have to be my Spangle Grey hen. A true showgirl never leaving the perch and a monster filling the box, winning everything from the Nationals Hens class, STCC, Grand Champion and never losing against another hen after the nationals till the day she died.

On a personal note, I'm married to Diane with two lovely children, Lydia and Ken. My other hobbies are Fishing, Motorcycles, Charity Volunteering and Social Media.



Mark Hawke the Fisherman

State Team Challenge (STCC) Highlights

Year	Class	Places
2010	Cinnamonwing	Representative
2014	Hens	1st & 2nd
2015	Normal Blue	1st
2015	Fallow	1st
2016	Lutino	1st 2nd 4th

ANBC National Championships Highlights

Year	Class	Places
2010	Cinnamonwing	2nd
2014	Albino	1st
2014	Hen	1st & 4th
2015	Normal Blue	4th
2016	Yellow Face	1st
2016	Lutino	4th

Since 2010, I've had 22 birds go to the Nationals; my top twelve places from 2016 to 2010 at the ANBC Nationals are shown below.



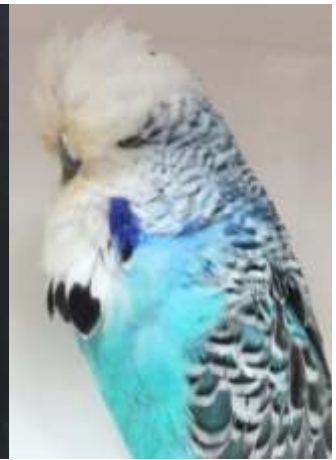
2016 ANBC National in TAS
First Place with a Yellow Face
Photographed by Mark Hawke



2016 ANBC National in TAS
Fourth Place with a Lutino
Photographed by Nola Bradford



2016 ANBC National in TAS
Eight Place with a Yellow Face
Photographed by Mark Hawke



2015 ANBC National in WA
Fourth Place with a Normal Blue
Photographed by Nola Bradford



2014 ANBC National in SA
First Place with an Albino
Photographed by Rod Turnbull



2014 ANBC National in SA
First Place with a Hen
Photographed by Nola Bradford



2014 ANBC National in SA
Fourth Place with a Hen
Photographed by Mark Hawke



2013 ANBC National in Sth QLD
Seventh Place with a Dom Pied
Photographed by Mark Hawke



2012 ANBC National in VIC
Second Place with an Albino
Photographed by Rod Turnbull



2012 ANBC National in VIC
Fourth Place with an Albino
Photographed by Mark Hawke



2012 ANBC National in VIC
Sixth Place with a Yellow Face
Photographed by Nola Bradford



2010 ANBC National in Nth QLD
Second Place with a Cinnamon
Photographed by Rod Turnbull

Review of the Objects Rules & By-Laws

Andrew Bourne, Vice President BSNSW Inc.

The final report was tabled at the 2016 November BSNSW Management Meeting.

The first step in understanding why the BSNSW has its Objects, Rules & By-Laws (OR&BLs) is to understand why we are an Incorporated not for profit Association.

As an Incorporated Association the BSNSW can raise and manage MONEY in the name of the BSNSW Inc. instead of the name of private individuals who could abscond with the money; we can hold bank accounts, we can take out insurances, we can enter into contracts, and most importantly our members have limited liability when it comes to being successfully sued for an accident or injury to someone at one of our events.

Without incorporation, insurance is almost impossible to obtain; if someone was to fall at one of our shows and be seriously injured, any or all of the members could find themselves out of pocket for very large sums of money - enough to bankrupt individuals. It is almost impossible these days to run events in leased premises without the sort of cover incorporation enables. The two options to protect members are to incorporate or affiliate with someone who is incorporated and obtain cover from them by obeying aspects of their constitution.

The BSNSW Inc. does have an annual turnover of many thousand dollars and peaks in the year in which we run the National Show. We simply could not operate without incorporation. A very big part of the incorporation is that we are not taxed on the MONEY raised by us.

Disclaimer: Do not rely on this as legal advice.

What this means for members?

The BSNSW Inc. is incorporated with NSW Government Office of Fair Trading. You can check it out at http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/Cooperatives_and_associations/Charitable_fundraising/Starting_a_charity/Governing_instrument_of_a_charity.page; from this page you can find everything that you need to know.

Along with the privileges listed above comes a bunch of responsibilities.

We must firstly state to the Office of Fair Trading why we exist as an incorporated association. From this comes the ability to raise funds for the stated purpose. This purpose is identified in the OBJECTS of the association. The OBJECTS are registered with Fair Trading and available to all interested organisations or individuals.

Then we must state how we manage the 'business' side of our hobby. We must do this in the form of a constitution. We currently call our constitution our RULES.

We also need to guarantee that the money raised is correctly accounted for and not just used as income for the members. We must keep accurate records of the members plus all our income and expenditure. We are also required to state in our constitution how we manage the association and how the managing committee is set up and how we manage complaints and a few other things.

Lastly we need to supply an audited report of our financial position to Fair Trading each year. That report is required to contain all income and expenditure of the BSNSW Inc. including that of the Branches.

Findings of this review

The BSNSW Inc. OBJECTS, RULES and BY-LAWS are out of date, inadequate, and need replacing or significant updating.

Why did the Management Committee request a review?

The Management Committee of the BSNSW currently has thirty nine positions on it; twenty six of those positions are representatives of Branches. The Branch Representative positions outnumber the Office Bearers by nearly two to one and have the majority say on everything that happens. We still get complaints that members just do not know what is going on. If we had two representatives from each of the thirteen Associate Societies, we would have sixty five positions on the Management Committee.

The most obvious problem is that the business of running the BSNSW (managing the MONEY, the MEMBERSHIP RECORDS and the day to day operations of the incorporated body) and the running of the hobby aspect of the BSNSW are far too entwined in the current Objects, Rules & By-Laws.

There has to be reform here to make this work much better.

It is safe to say that most people simply do not care about the issues that the constitution and the Management Committee should mostly cover - managing the MONEY, recording the MEMBERSHIP and the day to day operations of the incorporated body. They are mostly interested in what it means for them when it comes to the hobby aspects of the society. The current situation, with the hobby aspects embedded in the constitution needs to change.

The BSNSW Inc. has issues relating to MONEY from membership costs, the COSTS of being in formal association with the BSNSW; and the COSTS of running the BSNSW not being shared equally between all the breeders who use the BSNSW services, particularly the team selection and National Show COSTS.

Another issue that plagues some of us is the issue of MONEY raised and held by Branches and who has or should have control over it.

A lot of this has been expressed as a "them & us" situation.

Our OBJECTS start the "them and us" in the BSNSW. Clauses 8, 9 & 10 refer to Branches with no mention of other clubs in which we have financial members of the BSNSW. A few simple changes to these clauses to include all members of the BSNSW would easily fix the problem.

The OBJECTS also need to be reviewed or replaced to ensure they accurately reflect our real purpose for existing as an Incorporated Association. Are we here solely for the ANBC standard budgerigars or do we need to expand to cover other budgerigar standards such as "Birds of Colour"? Instead, do we need to specifically exclude other facets of the hobby than the ANBC standard budgerigars?

Our constitution is out of date by many years. It is based on legislation that has been replaced and/or updated several times over. Our constitution (Rules) also contains a number of items that bear no relationship to the running an Incorporated Association. These items should come out of the constitution and moved into the By-Laws where they can be managed more efficiently. We currently need to report to Fair Trading when we change the name or role of the Judges Committee. This is a hobby aspect that should not be in the constitution.

The very big distances between members mean that people in outlying areas do not get to meetings held hundreds of kilometres away from their homes. For meetings at least we can improve this with the Model Constitution that allows both electronic meetings and electronic voting at meetings including secret voting.

The Rules & By-Laws lack the simple steps that are needed to clear up the MONEY concerns of our Branches.

We currently have a problem where things get changed at one Management meeting and changed back at another depending on who attends a particular meeting. We need to have the concept approved at one meeting and the changes not happen until the actual By-Law changes were approved by the members and written into the By-Laws by the Management Committee.

A little bit more about Incorporation and Branch Funds

All our members need the protection of an Incorporated Association at each and every formal function that they run or attend. This is especially important where the event is held in a place where members of the public are able to attend; even more so when members of the public are invited to attend.

There are two ways to do this - incorporate or affiliate with a body that is incorporated. Several of our Associate Societies are incorporated in their own right. Those who are not incorporated can operate under the protection of any other body such as the Canary & Cage Bird Federation or the BSNSW Inc. after reaching a written agreement with that body.

The BSNSW Canberra Branch Inc. is incorporated in the ACT and all its FUNDS are banked under that ACT Incorporation. Other Branches (or clubs) can also incorporate in their own right and manage their own FUNDS if they choose to do so.

An easy option for most Branches is to just operate the FUND RAISING and banking under the cover of the Incorporation of the BSNSW Inc. FUNDS held this way by Branches belong to the BSNSW Inc. because each Branch is part of the BSNSW Inc. This should not make anyone nervous under normal circumstances. The time to get nervous is when the BSNSW is dissolved or is successfully sued for large sums of MONEY. All BSNSW FUNDS may be part of any settlement against the BSNSW Inc. If the branch FUNDS were held under separate incorporation, this would not be the case¹.

What is missing from the current OR&BLs is the detail of how the FUNDS can be raised held and used; and what would happen in the event that the BSNSW Inc. or any individual Branch was wound up.

It is pretty simple to fix. A new By-Law should be written designating each Branch Committee as a Sub-Committee of the BSNSW with delegations to raise, bank and spend FUNDS on behalf of the BSNSW Inc. There should be a small set of conditions around this arrangement which would be spelled out in the delegation to the sub-committee written into the By-Laws.

First and foremost would be a statement that in the event of winding up of a Branch, the remaining members would submit a statement to the Management Committee designating what would happen with the FUNDS. The By-Laws could state that the Management Committee would be obliged to approve that process if it was lawful and in the best interests of the BSNSW Inc. FUNDS could not for instance be just dispersed to the last few members.

This By-Law should be put in place at a General Meeting and thereby only be able to be altered at another General meeting. This would protect the By-Law from tinkering at the Management Committee level.

NOTE 1: This report should not be regarded as legal advice. It might be wise for the BSNSW or an individual Branch to engage a Lawyer for some advice or check out <http://www.nfplaw.org.au/>

What could change by updating or replacing the OR&BLs?

We could simplify the Management Committee by making it smaller than the current 39 positions.

We could include more members in the hobby decisions that impact them - especially those who are not members of Branches and currently not able to vote on such decisions.

We could purchase and operate an online meetings package (as Harry's package is no longer available and its use is not provided for in the current By-Laws).

We could be more flexible with meeting times.

We could purchase and implement an online voting package to vastly improve General Meetings.

We could ensure that changes to the By-Laws that impact members were taken to the members by their clubs prior to being implemented.

We could protect club FUNDS and assets.

We could simplify the fee structure to make it fairer for all members.

The way forward

The Management Committee could be streamlined with a better flow of information to and from members.

The most efficient way to restructure the BSNSW is to replace the current Rules with the Model Constitution provided by Fair Trading. This one simple step would completely reform the BSNSW. Fair Trading provides the Model Constitutions for use by Incorporated Associations. It is an all-purpose document that satisfies all the legal requirement of a not for profit registered association.

As an alternative, we could tweak it a little for the size of the BSNSW (400 to 500 members) and perhaps add in a couple of clauses for Life members and Family members. A couple of clauses to protect the MONEY raised by branches could also be added here or in the By-Laws. They could be drafted in a few hours. Also something about our relationship with the ANBC could be included but none of these changes are essential. There are pros and cons to adding changes.

The main advantage of adopting the Model Constitution without any changes is that under the law, all legal changes would automatically apply without us having to spend time, effort and money keeping the constitution up to date.

The advantage of changing it a little to tweak it to our needs is that those changes would be protected from being easily altered by the Management Committee. The same protection can be achieved by creating a section of the By-Laws that can only be changed at a General Meeting.

We should also change our OBJECTS to ensure they correctly define the reason for us raising MONEY.

A new smaller Management Committee would still have overall control of the BSNSW but would delegate most of the hobby work to sub-committees. Those sub-committees would be the Judges, & Standards Committees, the Show Committee and a new Committee or Council with representation from all eligible clubs and Branches.

The Management Committee would still be the formal channel in which we communicated with the ANBC and would also oversee and approve all changes to the By-Laws and implement changes to the constitution once passed at a General Meeting.

Positive outcomes from reforming the OR&BLs

The BSNSW Inc. would meet all its legal responsibilities with respect to the ever changing laws on protection of members' rights.

With some new By-Laws, any changes to By-Laws that affect members would be approved at one meeting and the changes would not happen until the actual By-Law changes were approved by the members through their various clubs. Only after approval by members would the changes be written into the By-Laws by the Management Committee.

This process has the great advantage of giving members more say in changes that impact upon them.

New By-Laws should be written so that the Management Committee would delegate most matters relating to the hobby to the new committee or council of clubs or the other formal Sub-Committees. Any club with a requisite number of financial members of the BSNSW would have a seat on the committee or council. A good starting point would be 10 or 15 financial members and the club or branch is a going concern. It would be the responsibility of the council to keep their members informed as to what was happening or changing in their hobby.

A new By-Law would protect the FUNDS and ASSETS of Branches or clubs.
Fees would be altered to make this a fairer organisation.

So please have your say; send you feedback to Andrew on
admin@budgerigar.com.au

Judges News

NEWS FROM THE BSNSW JUDGES PANEL NOVEMBER 2016

It is with great disappointment we advise you of the resignation of Gary Gazzard from the Judges Panel and the Colour and Standards Panel as of the 20th November, 2016. Gary has been a much valued member of both and we sincerely thank him for his many contributions and hope that he will be back with us in the near future.

The good news is that our new Cadet Judges have all received judging appointments at Shows already. They will have a supervising judge on hand for advice if need be but otherwise will work as part of the panel on the day.

The Judges Committee intend to organise a Stewards School soon in liaison with the Society Show Manager and Chief Steward. The Stewards School will run for one full day in 2017 and a revision day in 2018 with location and exact dates to be advised early in the New Year.

Attendance at the Stewards School will be a prerequisite to stewarding at the National in 2018 and an application form will be inserted in "Budgerigar" in January. All members of the BSNSW and Associated Societies may apply regardless of status as not only will this training give us a professional team of stewards for our NSW National in 2018 but will be a great asset to the stewarding at all our Shows.

We now have three new applications for the Judges Training School from Open Exhibitors and we will have a special introductory meeting with them early in 2017. If anyone else in Intermediate or Open Status is thinking about it please get in touch with any of the nominated three members of the Judges Committee below before the end of the year.

Jean Painter48894926jean.painter@bigpond.com

Craig Buckingham98729392ultexp@bigpond.net.au

Andre Ozoux0418272870idandre@iprimus.com.au

Trainee Judges Recruitment for 2017

The BSNSW needs more Judges and would welcome further expressions of interest in our 2017 Trainee Judges Program from our members by 31 December 2016.

You need to be:-

- 1. Willing to commit to the Program (which has been changed to expedite advancement according to ability instead of time).***
- 2. Willing to accept instruction from all five members of the Judges Committee.***
- 3. Willing to undertake both practical and written tasks.
(Initially the Standard can be used to find all the answers for the written assignments).***
- 4. Able to attend training sessions in the Sydney Suburbs on Saturdays and occasionally at the homes of Committee members.***
- 5. Of even temperament, friendly and willing to communicate your decisions.***
- 6. Involved in Budgerigar activities and Branch/Society positions.***
- 7. Familiar with the [ANBC Standard](#).***
- 8. A member of the Budgerigar Society of NSW.***
- 9. Breeding and exhibiting Budgerigars of the ANBC Standard.***
- 10. Enthusiastic and keen to learn.***

If you are interested in the rewarding experience of being a member of the BSNSW Judges Panel contact Jean Painter via email jean.painter@bigpond.com or by phone: 4889 4926

BSNSW Publicity Officer Report

Mark Hawke

What did you plan to do? (In the last period)

I planned to administer the day to day running Facebook group, promote upcoming events, create events, offer help and advice, conduct interviews written with photos and video sessions, and upload photos and show results.

What did you actually do?

All of the above, plus helping Maureen with articles for the upcoming Budgerigar Magazine with stories, interview, photos etc. I have been busy publicizing upcoming shows and meetings, events organizing, giving help and advice as well as doing a short story about Steve Draper being inducted as a life member to Orana and sending it to Maureen for the magazine with photos of the birds.

I attended meetings for MBC and OAS and the On-Line Management Committee. I also ran a few posts about the Combined Budgerigar Society (CBS) model with an overwhelming thumbs up to move on the matter in my other FaceBook group (Exhibition Budgerigar - Soapbox) with some very interesting results and dialogue of responses. I have advised BSNSW members the correct procedures for sending emails or letters about complaints or ideas for the hobby.

I also emailed and rang Fehmeed about show dates and results for the "What's On" page on the BSNSW website. As well as working at the BSNSW show.

I have over 30 birds on loan and have either given away to novice breeders or donated to my clubs for fundraisers. I have organised for the papers in Orange to attend the Mid-State show with a story completed by myself with photos to be published this week in the local papers. I think we have most clubs now aware that they need to send their result to Maureen, Fehmeed, Jim and myself so they can be published in the magazine, on the BSNSW website and on FaceBook.

What do you plan to do? (in the next period)

Much the same as above

Any suggestions (in general)

Lets keep moving forward with the BSNSW Branch and Associates merger as I know it's very hard at the present time because the members are up in arms about it. We need to calm things down so we can refocus on the Nationals. Also I believe we all need to focus on our own roles and not worry about what others do. *Plus no more criticizing each other in the public domain.* It's a bad look.

I still believe if at all possible we need ALL BSNSW Committee Members to try to get on Facebook and Join the BSNSW and Exhibition Budgerigar SOAPBOX groups for feedback from our members and breeders. To follow what I do you only have to log on to Facebook. We now have 661 members in our official Facebook group.

BSNSW Website Stats

Maureen Bourne

The BSNSW website is one of the effective ways the BSNSW keeps the membership informed especially in relation to upcoming events.

The graph below shows the number of unique visitors to the website on a daily basis during October and November 2016. On average there are 50 to 100 visitors to our website daily.



The graph below shows the number of **pages visited** to the website on a daily basis during October and November 2016. Generally varying from 200 to 550 pages visited per day. The What's On page was most popular page with 509 views and the Membership List was the next most visited page with 213 views.



Changes to ANBC Championship Show

Jean Painter

5. Ring Issue

An ongoing issue with the welfare of the budgerigars breeding period the main concern for all States.

This is an ongoing debate and there would be no need for it whatsoever if we had an 'Any Age Bird National'. There is no sensible reason to confine this Show to Young birds only as the change of ring issue date has allowed a range of ages of birds up to 18 months old so why do we keep insisting it is a Young Bird Competition and put our Young Birds under the stress of competition and travel? I know for a fact that some have been only 6 or 7 months old and that is not considering the welfare of our birds.

We cannot determine a young bird's age so why do we make it difficult for ourselves and our birds?

With Any Age birds States/Zones would have a greater selection of birds to select their team from because:-

- Exhibitors would be more willing to allow some birds to compete because they don't have to find only young birds and they'd have more birds to choose from at home.*
- You would then have an increase in the quality of the birds shown as most of them would probably be more mature and 'at their peak'.*
- It would not matter if the same bird s won their classes more than once because they would be the birds to beat and if they won the National two or three times they could go into our Hall of Fame as a Super Bird with a photo and write up acknowledging the bird and owner.*

We will never again have to worry about a ring issue date and have to consider climate conditions.

The competition would be fiercer.

The participation would be greater.

Classes would be filled more easily at Branch/Club and State level.

Please consider this idea when you discuss Item 5 in the ANBC Review 2016 sheet.

News from the Show Manager

Jim Baker

2016 Best of Variety in Show Competition

Now all the 2016 Annual and Young bird shows have been held. The results below don't have Shoalhaven Young Bird Show due to difficulties reporting the variety award and the Mid State Show that was held a few days ago on 19th November 2016.

Our thanks go to all the clubs and members that supported this competition with their show entries.

VARIETY	LEADERS	POINTS As of 15-11-16
Normal Green	A & C Druery	5
Normal Grey Green	James Matthews	7
Normal Blue	Mark Hawke	4
Normal Violet	Jupp & Scheerer	4
Normal Grey	B & M Wise	5
Yellow Face	Mark Hawke	6
Golden Face	Pam Hewitt	11
Blackeyed Self Colour	Ray & Sue Condon	10
Dilute	James Matthews	9
Lutino	Mark Hawke	5
Albino	Mark Hawke	7
Clearwing	G & M Lynch	6
Greywing	James Matthews	15
Cinnamonwing	James Matthews	12
Spangle DF	James Matthews	6
Opaline	Cameron & Myers	7
Opaline AOSV	Cameron & Myers	5
Clearbody	J & E Wallace	5
Lacewing	E & D Wise	5
Fallow	E & D Wise	7
Spangle	James Matthews	14
Spangle AOSV	James Matthews	8
Dominant Pied	Wayne Altman	7
Recessive Pied	Tony Butt	8
Dark Eyed Clear	Joe Elias	7
Saddleback	P & V Giles	4
Darkwing	Ray & Sue Condon	8
Crest	Foster & Corbett Thanh Vu	5
Non Standard	E & D Wise	5

Note: Results are current to 15/11/16 excluding Shoalhaven YBS

For the 2016 season, the winners have been determined by adding the points together for each Variety. **Two points** have been awarded to variety winners of the BSNSW Annual Show, held on 27 August 2016.

A certificate of achievement will be awarded to all winners including any joint winners.

The final results will be published on the website and FaceBook when available.

2016 BSNSW Best of Variety Competition	Points as of 15/11/2016
James Matthews	76
E & D Wise	28
Ray & Sue Condon	23
Anlezark & Bohringer	17
Cliff Cameron	17
Cameron & Myres	16
K & D Mitchell	16
B & M Wise	16
Mark Hawke	15
Mario Capasso	14
Tony Butt	13
A & C Druery	10
Evans Family	10
Dave Butters	10

Note: Results are current to 15/11/16 excluding Shoalhaven YBS

Status Gradings (as of 15-Nov 2016)

Re-graded to OPEN:

Name Branch
Dennis Tipping Shoalhaven
Dennis Henry Macarthur

Re-graded to INTERMEDIATE:

Name Branch
Terry Hammerton Macarthur
Sue & Dan Strinic Illawarra
Troy Cooper New England
Orlando Fox New England
Paul O'Neill Northside
McKinley & Smith Hunter

After the show results have been received by the Show Manager, the Status and Points are updated in the BSNSW Membership Management System and can be viewed on the

BSNSW website at

<http://www.budgerigar.com.au/membership-list.html>

Show Manager's Report, 14th November, 2016

A letter received from Newcastle Budgerigar Club suggesting the Variety Awards for both age groups is not needed. These variety awards have been very successful in attracting entries at a number of shows in the past two seasons. Variety points are awarded for any age or young or in young bird shows, adult feather and nest feather; these points were always optional for clubs to include in their schedules. If they wish to have one overall variety winner this is also available but in my opinion to the detriment of attracting entries in shows.

These multi-variety awards have been widely accepted by most clubs as being successful in attracting birds to the show bench.

2017 STCC is to be held on 20th May. So far we have a number of options:

1. Homebush - cost of \$4,500 per day
2. Whitlam Centre. Liverpool - cost of \$3,000 per day
3. Beaton Park Stadium, Wollongong - cost of \$1,100 per day
4. Seven Hills Sports High School Stadium - cost of \$240 per day.

The Seven Hills venue consists of plenty of parking, staging for 1000 birds is already there for use, which then we will only need to provide the NSW staging to cater for approx. 600 birds. The venue is available for a Friday afternoon setup at no extra costs. I would strongly recommend that we book this venue as soon as possible.

Management approved payment of a deposit, pending inspection of venue by Jim and Jean.

It should be noted that a venue is still needed for the 2018 STCC which will be held on Saturday, 19th May 2018.

The 43rd ANBC National in 2017 will be held in Mackay hosted by the Queensland North and Central Zone from Friday, 26th May to Wednesday, 31st May 2017.

Judges and stewards have been confirmed for the RAS 2017 Show.

BSNSW Annual Show for 2017

This year's BSNSW Annual show although very successful was run manually; it is thought we could improve the next year's show by using a computer system. A suggestion was put forward for awards to be either money or a show cage for each variety winner.

The suggestions of the show dates are either the first or second week in July; this could attract more entries.

Sponsorship for prizes or breeders trophy awards is to be sought much earlier so we can cover all variety awards.

National Show in Sydney for 2018

The Show Committee needs help from the BSNSW Members. We are looking for volunteers to assist or provide suggestions for the following tasks for the 2018 National Show in Sydney.

- Registration/Brochures
- Hosts/Hostesses
- Advertising/Promotions
- Tours suggested:-
Harbour Cruise, Blue Mountains Tour, Flemington Markets Tour, Taronga Park Zoo, Winery Tour, Hunter Valley, Kiama - South Coast.
- Judges/Interstate/International
- National Speaker/Presenter
- Show Cages/Holding cages
- Golden Cob Shirts for Stewards
- Judges Attire
- Stewards
- Computer Team
- Photography Area
- Trade Stands
- MC
- Friday Night Welcome
- Saturday Night Gathering
- Sunday Presentation Dinner
- National Logies, provided by ANBC
- Fund Raising Auction at Event (Birds & Auctioneer sought)
- Veterinarian
- Promotion/items/bags at the 2017 National Show in Mackay, North Qld for interstate Fanciers attending National Show - Welcome to Sydney NSW

This is your opportunity to get involved in the running of 2018 ANBC Nationals hosted by NSW.

Anthracite Budgerigars

Carl Slavin

Introduction

This article has been converted from a presentation given by Carl Slavin, 2011 Canadian Delegate to WBO, to a small group of BSNSW members at the 2011 ANBC National Championships.



New World Budgerigar Variety the Anthracite Budgerigars

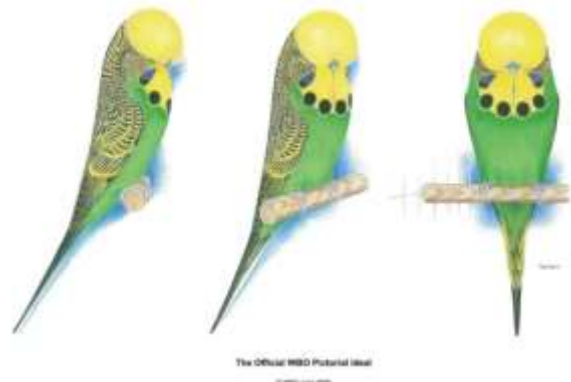
Anthracite Budgerigars



Our Australian origins



WBO Pictorial Ideal



Hans Lenk the original Breeder

My stock came from Gerd Bleicher a personal friend of Hans. Gerd acquired three Anthracite cock birds in 2001. Hans bred two Anthracite cocks and one hen in 1998 from a family of twelve chicks. Parents were a dark green cock and a grey hen. They were thought to be Single factor Anthracites. I received six birds, three of which were destroyed during the PBFD disaster. The cock bird was bred to both hens producing four Anthracites, all cock birds.



Anthracite - main characteristics



Body colour:

Very Dull "Grey"
(approaching Charcoal)

Markings:

"Black"

Tail Feathers:

"Black"

Cheek Flash:

"Dull Black"

Genetic breeding pattern

Anthracite may be thought of as similar to Violet in that it is basically a colour modifier.

Anthracite is considered a dominant as it does impose itself over other colours. In the double factor the true Anthracite basic "black" appears.

Much like violet in the Single factor form, Anthracite can alter the shade of colour. Simply stated there are no Sky Anthracites, visually, they all look like Cobalt's much as Sky Violets do not appear as a normal Sky Budgerigar.

Dominance

- Anthracite is dominant over Grey.
- Anthracite is also dominant over Violet.
- Grey can be single or double factor.
- Violet can be single or double factor.
- Spangle can be single or double factor.
- Anthracite can be single or double factor.

Cheek patches are the Key



- Above: The cheek patch on a double factor Anthracite is "black".



- Above: The cheek patch will appear to dull the normal shade in any other colour.

Cheek Patches



- Above: Normal Sky Blue



- Above: Grey single factor Anthracite



- Above: Normal Grey factor Anthracite



- Above: Grey Green Single Factor Anthracite

Single Factor Anthracite

Three examples of Cobalt, Violet and Spangle all of which are Single Factor Anthracite



Grey, Cobalt or Anthracite?

Body colour will change like Cinnamon



Identity can be difficult



Anthracite Violet Spangle

Cobalt & Anthracite Sky

Anthracite Pairings



Anthracite bred to Anthracite
= All pure Anthracite



Anthracite bred to
Non Anthracite
= All single factor Anthracite

Improving each Year

- Size has been the most difficult issue to improve in a full Anthracite.
- The single factor Anthracite are normal in size.
- The Pure Anthracite tends to revert back to original budgerigar.
- The solution appears to only use single factor birds at present.
- The hobby has seen similar issues with other varieties. Most of those varieties have seen major improvement in the last decade.



2005

2009

Conclusion

- Consider Anthracite as the newest colour that we have received in the budgerigar world and we can take that colour and put it into all other colours.
- With a little bit of imagination you can picture what a Rainbow will look like ...an Anthracite Rainbow
- You are going to see a wealth of colours and varieties coming, and we can certainly confuse the judges with that stuff.

Questions

- Could you to recap on the breeding expectations? Is it a straight dominate?
 - The breeding pattern is exactly the same as Grey.
 - Violet, Grey and Anthracite all breed in the same pattern.
- What was the main feature for identifying Anthracite?
 - The best and simplest way is always the cheek patch.
 - The cheek patch will always be dull and always be dark.

2017 February Events

Illawarra Branch
Budgerigar Society of NSW Inc



Annual Show

Breakfast & Lunch Available
 Schedule coming out very shortly
 Chairman Dan Strick: 02-4283 4355
 email: illabudgies@tgg.com.au
 Show manager Bryan Martin 9488 139 930
 Each exhibitor will receive ticket with entry form for an exhibitor prize
 Raffle on day
 Presentation approx. 2.00pm
 Cash Prizes & Vouchers

Sponsored by **Bird boxes Galore** Illawarra Wire Ropes
Woonona Petfood & produce Vetafarm
 Supported by **the Pied Society** with extra cash prizes for Diamond Pied & Black Eyed Clear
BRASEA Award for Champion Recesive Pied of the Show
 This Show will be a Clearwing Society Challenge Competition Show
 Bush Budgies supported by BRASEA

Sunday 5th February 2017
At the
Bulli PCYC
253 Princess highway Bulli

ST. GEORGE BRANCH of the BSNSW

58th ANNUAL SHOW SUNDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 2017

VENUE: Bexley School of Arts,
 476 Forest Road, Bexley.

Phone entries: Thursday, 16th February 2017
 between 6 pm and 9 pm
 to Jim Baker Tel: 9601-1495

By email: jimandbrendabaker@gmail.com

Lucky Email exhibitor to receive a
 20kg bag of AviGrain Blue Budgie Mix.

Judges: Terry Bevan, Richard Bucior,
 Craig Buckingham, Wayne Doull.

Benching: 7.30 am to 8.30 am 19 Feb 2017.

Enquiries & Schedules from Show Manager
 Jim Baker Tel: 9601-1495

Irene Darman Memorial Award:
 Prize, Perpetual Shield and \$100 cash prize
 for Maximum Specials

CANBERRA BRANCH
43rd ANNUAL SHOW
 for Any Age and Young Birds
Sunday, 26 February, 2017
Show Manager: Andrew Bourne
Schedules available soon

Breakfast, morning tea, lunch
 available at reasonable prices

Phone entries to Show Manager on Thursday,
 23 February, 2017 between 6pm and 10pm
 Email: admin@budgerigar.com.au
 or Phone 61760389
 Featuring
 BSNSW BoV in Show competition 2017,
 Golden Crest Award and Clearwing Challenge Cert
 Don Geary Memorial Shield for Albino
 Elenbee Trade Table
 Bird Sale, Raffle, Door Prize

St Jude's Primary School
 Mulley Street
 Holder ACT

Newcastle Budgerigar Club Inc.

Young Bird Show Schedule



26th February 2017

FREE ENTRIES

Wallsend Community Centre
Cnr Cowper Street & Newcastle Rd, Wallsend

THIS IS A CLEARWING CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE EVENT
 Sponsored by the Clearwing Budgerigar Society of Australia

THIS IS A GOLDEN CREST AWARD EVENT
 Sponsored by the Crested Budgerigar Club of Australia

THIS IS A BSNSW CHAMPION EXHIBITOR EVENT
 Sponsored by Elenbee Bird Seeds

2016 Canberra Budgerigar Club Annual Show Results

The 2016 Canberra Budgerigar Club Inaugural Annual Show was held on the 9th October 2016 at the Yass Showground. There were 220 entries with exhibitors travelling from faraway places as Sydney, Wagga Wagga and Canberra. The hall at the Yass Showground was a great venue with plenty of space to spread out.

With ample space, exhibitors were able to mingle freely adding to the social atmosphere of the day. Many commented on the relaxed, country style feel that the location provided.

While exhibitors had many of their best birds in the breeding cabinets, the show provided an opportunity to exhibit the current rung birds, in their first show.

The judges were Richard Bucior and Allen McCauley with Tony Butt assisting.

The Grand Champion bird was exhibited by Ewing Cooke.



Ewing Cooke presented with Grand Champion trophy.



Darrell Perkiss presented with Champion Any Age trophy.



Geoff Hill presented with Champion Intermediate trophy.



Terry Hammerton presented with Champion Novice trophy.



David Butters exhibitor of Champion Unbroken Cap with President, Geoff Hand



Judges, Richard Bucior and Tony Butt



A point of discussion, Richard Bucior, Allen McCauley and Tony Butt



President, Geoff Hand getting to work.

2016 Canberra Budgerigar Club Inaugural Annual Show Results

MAJOR AWARDS			
GRAND CHAMPION		Ewing Cooke	
CHAMPION ANY AGE	Bendall & Perkiss	CHAMPION NOVICE YOUNG	Terry Hammerton
CHAMPION OPPOSITE SEX ANY AGE	Ken Mitchell	CHAMPION OPPOSITE SEX NOVICE YOUNG	Paul Decker
CHAMPION YOUNG	Ewing Cooke	CHAMPION UNBROKEN CAP	David Butters
CHAMPION OPEN YOUNG	Ewing Cooke	CHAMPION OPEN UNBROKEN CAP	David Butters
CHAMPION OPPOSITE SEX OPEN YOUNG	Ken Mitchell	CHAMPION RESTRICTED UNBROKEN CAP	Matt Monsma
CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE YOUNG	Geoff Hill	BEST CLEARWING	Barbara Wallis
CHAMPION OPPOSITE SEX INTERMEDIATE YOUNG	Diane Pinney	BEST CRESTED	Matt Monsma

VARIETY AWARDS			
NORMAL GREEN	Geoff Hill	OPALINE	Ewing Cooke
NORMAL GREYGREEN	Geoff Hill	OPALINE AOSV	Bendall & Perkiss
NORMAL BLUE	Tony Butt	CLEARBODY	Harro
NORMAL VIOLET	Lance Rodd	LACEWING	Ken Mitchell
NORMAL GREY	Ewing Cooke	FALLOW	Harro
NORMAL YELLOWFACED BLUE	Dennis Henry	SPANGLE NORMAL	Ken Mitchell
NORMAL GOLDENFACED BLUE	David Butters	SPANGLE AOSV	Dennis Henry
BLACKEYED SELF	Bourne & Hand	AUSTRALIAN DOMINANT PIED	Tony Butt
DILUTE	Terry Hammerton	RECESSIVE PIED	Tony Butt
LUTINO	Diane Pinney	DARKWING	No Entries
ALBINO	Ken Mitchell	SADDLEBACK	No Entries
CLEARWING	Barbara Wallis	DARK EYED CLEAR	Tony Butt
GREYWING	Terry Hammerton	CRESTED	Matt Monsma
CINNAMONWING	Dennis Henry	NON STANDARD	Terry Hammerton
SPANGLE DOUBLE FACTOR	Ewing Cooke		

2016 New England Branch Young Bird Show Results

Terry Smart; New England Branch Publicity Officer

The BSNSW New England Branch held their Young Bird Show on Sunday, 23 October 2016 at the Nemingha Hall, in Tamworth. There were 26 exhibitors who benched 267 birds in attendance. The judges were Kathy Manton and Richard Bucior.

A service to the branch award was given to Mr Doug Swanton.

Congratulations to all winners. The Grand Champion Bird of Show was won by E & D Wise. Thank you to those who attended our show, and thank you to the judges who did a great job. Thank you sponsors.

Major Awards

Grand Champion	E & D Wise	Champion Opp. Sex	Orlando Fox
Grand Champion Open	E & D Wise	Opp. Sex Open	E & D Wise
Champion Intermediate	Swift & Wise	Opp. Sex Intermediate	Swift & Wise
Champion Novice	R & M Vidler	Opp. Sex Novice	M Kime
Champion Juvenile	Swift & Wise	Opp. Sex Juvenile	Orlando Fox
Champion UBC	E & D Wise	Opp. Sex UBC	Robyn Cosgrove

Variety Awards

Variety	Exhibitor	Variety	Exhibitor
<i>Green Normal</i>	M Kime	<i>Grey Green</i>	Swift & Wise
<i>Blue Normal</i>	Robyn Cosgrove	<i>Violet</i>	E & D Wise
<i>Grey</i>	Swift & Wise	<i>Yellow Face</i>	T & Y Smith
<i>Aust. Yellow Face</i>	E & D Wise	<i>Black Eyed Self</i>	E & D Wise
<i>Dilute</i>	E & D Wise	<i>Lutino</i>	T & Y Smith
<i>Albino</i>	Troy Cooper	<i>Clearwing</i>	Terry Smart
<i>Greywing</i>	Troy Cooper	<i>Cinnamonwing</i>	W Altman
<i>Spangle Double Factor</i>	W. Mckinlay	<i>Opaline</i>	E & D Wise
<i>Opaline AOSV</i>	Orlando Fox	<i>Clearbody</i>	Orlando Fox
<i>Lacewing</i>	E & D Wise	<i>Fallow</i>	E & D Wise
<i>Spangle</i>	Swift & wise	<i>Spangle AOSV</i>	Orlando Fox
<i>Dominant Pied</i>	W Altman	<i>Recessive Pied</i>	Roby Cosgrove
<i>Dark Eyed Clear</i>	K & D Burgess	<i>Darkwing</i>	E & D Wise
<i>Crested</i>	Bob Cosgrove	<i>Non Standard</i>	E & D Wise
<i>Bush Budgerigar</i>	Bob Cosgrove		
<i>Junior Award</i>	Orlando Fox	<i>Junior Award</i>	L Fletcher

Bird Sale Code of Practice 2015

Canary & Cage Bird Federation of Australia (CCBFA)

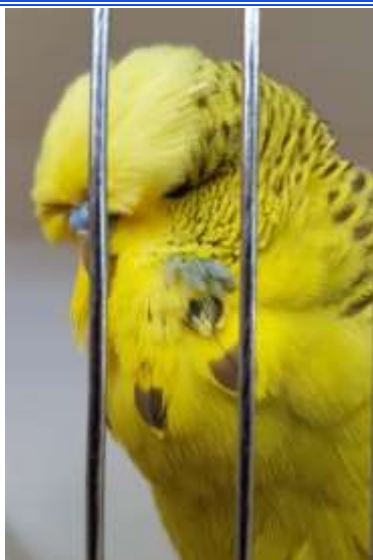
- 1 Copy of this Code of Practice shall be prominently displayed at the venue of the event, and a copy shall be provided to all sellers upon request.
- 2 All animals other than birds are banned from bird sales with the exception of Service/Guide Dogs.
- 3 The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry and/or remove any person from the premises for any reason.
- 4 The Organisers will have a Steward or a recognised Avian Veterinarian inspect any or all of the birds offered for sale by a seller and at its sole discretion shall (upon the advice of the Steward/Veterinarian) determine if the birds shall be allowed to be sold.
- 5 The club operating the event and the Steward/s in attendance shall take all reasonable care to protect the well being of the birds at the sale, but shall not be held responsible for escape, injury, death or physical condition of the birds. The seller is deemed responsible for the sale of his/her birds and all of his/her actions. The stewards shall instruct the seller to remove birds showing signs of injury or stress. **THE DECISION OF THE SALES MANAGER IS FINAL.**
- 6 A start & finish time to be advised.
- 7 All stewards must be clearly identifiable either by clothing or badges.
- 8 All impulse buying of birds shall be discouraged.
- 9 Only birds in good health, full feather and fully sufficient (fully weaned) can be offered for sale. **AT ALL TIMES THE WELFARE OF THE BIRDS IS PARAMOUNT.**
- 10 Appropriate precautions (e.g. **padded roof & solid floors**) (**wire is not permitted**) should be taken for the housing of "flighty" species such as doves, quail and pigeons.
- 11 Wire fronted cardboard boxes, airfreight boxes and carry cages shall not be used. All birds must be displayed in display/show type cages/boxes. All cages/boxes must have a solid base/tray (to prevent droppings and scraps from falling onto table area).
- 12 Only compatible species shall be held in the same cage.
- 13 All cages must be clean and tidy, and in good repair and condition.
- 14 All cages must have at least one perch, and must contain appropriate food and water.
- 15 Cages suitable to the size of the bird must be used. The bird must be able to stand on a perch with the bird's head not touching the roof and the tail not touching the floor.
- 16 Allowing for perch length, the number of birds must not exceed 60% of the perch space used by all of the birds when perched. Therefore the cage should not be visually overcrowded. Overcrowded cages will not be accepted.
- 17 Excessively sized cages should be discouraged.
- 18 All sellers must wear a seller's number and the seller and his/her number must register with the sale organisers. Name, address and phone number must be recorded by the organisers.
- 19 All sellers should supply the buyer with a receipt with the information containing the sellers name, seller's number (the sellers number as supplied by the event organisers), phone number and the type of bird.
- 20 Transfer aviary/room/cage shall be provided and sellers shall be encouraged to use them for all bird transfers.
- 21 A net shall be provided in case of an escape.
- 22 All events must be covered by an appropriate public liability insurance policy.
- 23 Signs must be prominently displayed and loudspeaker announced advising, "All incidents, accidents and injuries must be reported to the sale organisers and/or ambulance officers present" or words similar. A record must be kept of any reports.
- 24 All licensed birds sold or offered for sale should comply with National Parks & Wildlife Services Licensing requirements.
- 25 All care and caution must be taken in the event of extreme weather conditions.
- 26 Payment of seller's fee is agreement to all conditions and rules as set by the Organisers and as set out in the Code of Practice.
- 27 Organisers have the right to refuse any bird or person/s in breach of this Code of Practice, entry to the venue or to take part in the sale.

All cages/boxes **MUST** have adequate ventilation. Sellers must be able to alter a wire cage by adding solid walls (i.e. cardboard, corflute or a towel) if their birds are not comfortable with their surrounds.

2016 Illawarra & St George Young Bird Show Results



Champion Young – James Matthews



Champion Juvenile – Paul Muir



Champion Unbroken Cap - Waseem Youhana



YBS venue at the Bulli PCYC



Judges – Jean Painter & Andrew Bourne



Phillip & Karen – Dan & Sue



Stuart Williams - Bird Boxes Galore



Andrew Bourne judging



View of judging



Barbara Wallis at the YBS



Overall view of the Young Bird Show at the Bulli PCYC



Ken Liley, St George and Dan Strinic, Illawarra

Photographs by Andrew & Maureen Bourne and Darren Burgess, Illawarra Branch, Budgerigar Society of New South Wales Inc. Facebook page

2016 Illawarra & St George Young Bird Show Results

The 40th combined Illawarra & St George Young Bird Show was held at the PCYC in Bulli on 23 October 2016. The judges were Jean Painter and Andrew Bourne. A trade table and show sponsorship was provided by Stuart Williams from Bird Boxes Galore. This show was organised by Sue & Dan Strinic from Illawarra. The show managers on the day were Jim Baker, Allen McCauley & our new up & coming show manager of Bryan Martin. Karen and Phillip Mason recorded the results.

MAJOR AWARDS	YOUNG	JUVENILE	UNBROKEN CAP
CHAMPION	James Matthews	Paul Muir	Waseem Youhana
BEST OPEN	James Matthews	Paul Muir	McCusker & Moyle
BEST INTERMEDIATE	D & R Tipping	S & L Leggett	K E & S Liley
BEST NOVICE	Anthony Starcevic	S & D Strinic	Waseem Youhana

BEST OF VARIETY	ADULT FEATHER	YOUNG	JUVENILE	UNBROKEN CAP
Normal Green	Anthony Starcevic	Anthony Starcevic	Justin Magnee	Cameron & Myers
Normal Grey Green	McCauley & O'Regan	McCauley & O'Regan	James Matthews	Waseem Youhana
Normal Blue	Cameron & Myers	Bob Burgess	Cameron & Myers	Pam Hewitt
Normal Violet	Pam Hewitt	Pam Hewitt	Pam Hewitt	Pam Hewitt
Normal Grey	D & R Tipping	D & R Tipping	McCauley & O'Regan	Pam Hewitt
Yellow Face Blue	Bob Burgess	Bob Burgess	Bob Burgess	James Matthews
Aust. Golden face	Pam Hewitt	G & M Lynch	Pam Hewitt	Pam Hewitt
Black Eyed Self	-	-	-	James Matthews
Dilute	James Matthews	James Matthews	James Matthews	Brian Waters
Lutino	Anthony Starcevic	Anthony Starcevic	Anthony Starcevic	Brian Waters
Albino	Maree Robertson	Maree Robertson	Maree Robertson	G & M Lynch
Clearwing	G & M Lynch	G & M Lynch	G & M Lynch	G & M Lynch
Greywing	James Matthews	S & D STRINIC	James Matthews	K E & S Liley
Cinnamonwing	Paul Muir	D & R Tipping	Paul Muir	Waseem Youhana
Spangle DF	McCauley & O'Regan	McCauley & O'Regan	McCauley & O'Regan	-
Opaline	McCauley & O'Regan	Paul Muir	Paul Muir	Anthony Starcevic
Opaline AOSV	D & R Tipping	D & R Tipping	-	Cameron & Myers
Clearbody	J & E Wallace	J & E Wallace	James Baker	Charlie Halasz
Lacewing	James Baker	James Baker	James Baker	K E & S Liley
Fallow	S & L Leggett	S & L Leggett	-	-
Spangle	James Matthews	James Matthews	McCauley & O'Regan	James Matthews
Spangle AOSV	James Matthews	D & R Tipping	James Matthews	Paul Muir
Dominant Pied	McCauley & O'Regan	McCauley & O'Regan	Paul Muir	Paul Muir
Recessive Pied	Joe Elias	Joe Elias	McCusker & Moyle	McCusker & Moyle
Saddleback	-	-	-	-
Dark Eyed Clear	Joe Elias	Joe Elias	McCusker & Moyle	McCusker & Moyle
Darkwing	Wilson Family	-	Wilson Family	-
Crested	Charlie Halasz	Charlie Halasz	Charlie Halasz	-

2016 Penrith Valley Branch Annual Show Results

On a wonderful spring day 35 exhibitors brought 285 birds for the Penrith Valley Annual Show. We'd like to thank all the exhibitors who travelled from far and wide, including from Newcastle to the north, the Shoalhaven to the south and Gilgandra to the west.

There were a lot of impressive birds on display across a lot of the varieties and the different status.

A good day was had by all with 18 of the 35 exhibitors winning either major awards or best of variety in shows awards.

To show our appreciation of the amount of time and effort that our judges give to the hobby the branch presented each of the judges an original budgerigar painting by Anna Shaw. Craig's was of a DF Spangle White (which he won the BSNSW Annual with a couple of years ago) and Kathy's was of a half-sider (Kathy and Ian have just bred one).

Finally a big thank you to all the branch members and visitors who helped make the day a success, for all the lead-up work and then being there before 6am on show day and those still vacuuming well after most people are well on their way home.



Setting up the show



Benching the birds



Kathy Manton judging the show



Jennifer Bell & Dani Strinic on the desk



BBQ



Judges: Terry Bevan, Kathy Manton & Craig Buckingham



James Matthews & Steve Cummins



Myles Henke



Dennis Tipping



McCusker Family



Grand Champion
owned by James Matthews



Champion Open Juvenile
owned by Cliff Cameron



Champion Opposite Sex
Restricted Juvenile
owned by Dennis Tipping



Variety Winners on Display

More show photos can be found at Penrith Valley's FaceBook page <https://www.facebook.com/PENRITHVALLEYBRANCH/>

Penrith Valley Annual Show Results - 2016

Major Awards

Award	Exhibitor
Grand Champion	James Matthews
Champion Any Age	James Matthews
Champion Opposite Sex Any Age	James Matthews
Champion Open Young	James Matthews
Champion Opposite Sex Open Young	Laurie Cauchi
Champion Intermediate	Dennis Tipping
Champion Opposite Sex Intermediate	Dennis Tipping
Champion Novice	Daniel Child
Champion Opposite Sex Novice	Daniel Child
Champion Open Juvenile	Cliff Cameron
Champion Opposite Sex Open Juvenile	James Matthews
Champion Restricted Juvenile	Myles Henke
Champion Opposite Sex Restricted Juvenile	Dennis Tipping

Best of Variety in Show

Variety	Exhibitor	Variety	Exhibitor
Normal Green	Laurie Cauchi	DF Spangle	Ron Roarty
Normal Grey Green	Ron Roarty	Opaline	Cliff Cameron
Normal Blue	John Boss	Opaline AOSV	Stephen Cummins
Normal Violet	Woolfenden & Da Rosa	Clearbody	Tim Gleeson
Normal Grey	Cliff Cameron	Lacewing	Cliff Cameron
Normal Yellow Face Blue	Mohammed Tiba	Fallow	Nil
Normal Aust Goldenface	Pam Hewitt	Spangle	Daniel Child
Blackeye	Jennifer Bell	Spangle AOSV	James Matthews
Dilute	James Matthews	Dominant Pied	Wayne Altman
Lutino	John Boss	Recessive Pied	McCusker & Moyle
Albino	Cliff Cameron	Dark Eyed Clear	McCusker & Moyle
Clearwing	G & M Lynch	Darkwing OR Saddleback	Jennifer Bell
Greywing	James Matthews	Crest	Nil
Cinnamonwing	James Matthews	Non-Standard	Troy Family

2016 Central Coast Branch Annual Show Results

David Dunn

Central Coast Branch Annual Show was held on 13th November 2016 at the Karing Sports and Recreation Centre, Karing. The judges were Jean Painter, Warren Wilson and John Carter. Judging Warren Wilson style.

It was a great day at the Central Coast show, Barry Wise won Grand Champion with a Grey Cock, I won Best Normal Green & Yellow Face, Champion Opposite Sex Intermediate Young & Juvenile, James Matthews won Best Cinnamon & Spangle and Cliff Cameron won Best Albino & Opaline. Thanks to Ray Condon, Mick Arnold & Terry Atkinson and all the Central Coast Club members who made it a great day.



Warren Wilson judging
Photograph by Paul McCusker



Grand Champion
Normal Grey
Owned by Barry & Maree Wise



Barry Wise with Pam Giles
at the 2016 Central Coast Annual Show



Champion Open Juvenile
Owned by B & M Wise



Champion Opposite Sex
Intermediate Juvenile
Owned by David Dunn



Best Normal Green
Owned by David Dunn



Best Normal Yellow Face
Owned by David Dunn



Best Albino – Cliff Cameron



Best Cinnamon - James Mathews



Dom Pied - A J Sketchley



Recessive Pied - A J Sketchley

Photos provided by David Dunn via Facebook

2016 Central Coast Branch Annual Show Results

Major Awards

AWARD	WINNER	AWARD	WINNER
GRAND CHAMPION	B & M Wise	CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE YOUNG	J & E Wallace
CHAMPION YOUNG BIRD	B & M Wise	CHAMPION INTER YOUNG OPPOSITE SEX	David Dunn
CHAMPION JUVENILE BIRD	B & M Wise	CHAMPION NOVICE YOUNG	McKinlay & Smith
CHAMPION OPEN ANY AGE	J Matthews	CHAMPION NOVICE YOUNG OPPOSITE SEX	Dan Allen
CHAMPION OPEN ANY AGE OPPOSITE SEX	C Cameron	CHAMPION OPEN JUVENILE	B & M Wise
CHAMPION INTER/ NOVICE ANY AGE	A J Sketchley	CHAMPION OPEN JUVENILE OPPOSITE SEX	C Cameron
CHAMPION INTER/ NOVICE ANY AGE OPPOSITE SEX	E E (Mick) Arnold	CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE JUVENILE	G & M Lynch
CHAMPION OPEN YOUNG	B & M Wise	CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE JUVENILE OPPOSITE SEX	David Dunn
CHAMPION OPEN YOUNG OPPOSITE SEX	Jupp & Scheerer	CHAMPION NOVICE JUVENILE	McKinlay & Smith
		CHAMPION NOVICE JUVENILE OPPOSITE SEX	P & E O'Neill
The Joe Sanfilippo Memorial Trophy for CHAMPION ALBINO IN SHOW			C Cameron

BEST OF VARIETY AWARDS

NORMAL GREEN	David Dunn	NORMAL OPALINE	C Cameron
NORMAL GREY GREEN	J Matthews	OPALINE AOSV	B & M Wise
NORMAL BLUE	B & M Wise	CLEARBODY	J & E Wallace
NORMAL VIOLET	Jupp & Scheerer	LACEWING	C Cameron
NORMAL GREY	B & M Wise	FALLOW	nil
YELLOW FACE	David Dunn	NORMAL SPANGLE	J Matthews
GOLDEN FACE	P Hewitt	SPANGLE AOSV	J Matthews
BLACK EYE	Ray & Sue Condon	DOMINANT PIED	A J Sketchley
DILUTE	G Grant	RECESSIVE PIED	A J Sketchley
LUTINO	E E (Mick) Arnold	SADDLEBACK	P & V Giles
ALBINO	C Cameron	DARK EYED CLEAR	H Smith
CLEARWING	G & M Lynch	DARKWING	Ray & Sue Condon
GREYWING	J Matthews	CRESTED	P & E O'Neill
CINNAMONWING	J Matthews	BUSH BUDGERIGAR	nil
SPANGLE DOUBLE FACTOR	McKinlay & Smith	BEST JUNIOR	Katie Simcock
		BEST JUNIOR Runner-Up	Ella Cooper

2016 Mid-State Annual Show Results

The Mid-State Budgerigar Club Annual Show was held on Sunday, 19 November 2016 at the Orange Showground. There were 270 birds entered. What a fantastic weekend and one of the most enjoyable show weekends I've ever had; it really was.

The show managers were Perc Anlezark and our President Reg Bohringer and the judges were Gary Gazzard and Rob Pepper under the tutorage of Richard Bucior.

Congratulations Perc & Reg on winning the Grand Champion at the 2016 Mid-State annual show. Also congratulations to Terry O'Brien winning Intermediate Champion and Rodney Vidler for winning Novice Champion. There were some super birds exhibited at the show.

Congratulations to all the winners as it was very well received by all attending and I must say a top judging display by Gary, Richard and Rob, thanks again boys.

If you don't coming next year you're missing out on what the hobby is all about, FRIENDSHIP with smiles everywhere. So hope to see you all there next year.



Grand Champion won by Anlezark & Bohringer



Grand Champion was a Young Dark Green Spangle cock



Terry O'Brien winning Intermediate Champion



Rod Vidler taking out Novice champion & Opposite Sex Novice Champion



Gary Gazzard judging in what was his last appointment as BSNSW Judge. Thanks for your years of service Gary.

Photographs by Mark Hawke

Check out Mark Hawke's slideshow on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/edit?video_id=f3ALF-pBtLQ

2016 MID STATE MAJOR AWARDS

Grand Champion		Anlezark & Bohringer		
Champion Opposite Sex		G & M Chandler	Champion Young Bird	Anlezark & Bohringer
	Champion Bird	Champion Opposite Sex	Reserve Champion Cock	Reserve Champion Hen
Any Age	G & M Chandler	G & M Chandler	W Cusack	W Cusack
Open Young	Anlezark & Bohringer	J Matthews	G & M Chandler	Anlezark & Bohringer
Intermediate	T O'Brien	K Kerney	G Tilse	T O'Brien
Novice	R & M Vidler	R & M Vidler	G Oates	G Oates

2016 MID STATE BEST OF VARIETY AWARDS

VARIETY	BEST OVERALL	BEST YOUNG	BEST ANY AGE
Normal Light, Dark or Olive Green	Darren Mason	G & M Chandler	Darren Mason
Normal Grey Green	Anlezark & Bohringer	M Goldsmith	Anlezark & Bohringer
Normal Sky Blue, Cobalt or Mauve	G & M Chandler	D & G Pymont	G & M Chandler
Normal Violet	D & G Pymont	D & G Pymont	
Normal Grey	G & M Chandler	D Kellaheer	G & M Chandler
Normal Yellow Face Blue	M Hawke	L Fardell	M Hawke
Normal Aust. Yellow Face Blue	P Hewitt	P Hewitt	B & M Wise
Blackeyed Self ASC	W Cusack	W Cusack	W Cusack
Dilute	W Cusack		W Cusack
Lutino	T Gleeson	T Gleeson	M Hawke
Albino	D Mason	M Hawke	D Mason
Clearwing ASC	G & M Lynch	G & M Lynch	M Pangalos
Greywing ASC	Anlezark & Bohringer	J Matthews	Anlezark & Bohringer
Cinnamonwing ASC	J Matthews	T Gleeson	J Matthews
Spangle Double Factor ASC	J Scoble	J Scoble	J Scoble
Opaline ASC	G & M Chandler	G & M Chandler	W Cusack
Opaline AOSV, ASC	Anlezark & Bohringer	Anlezark & Bohringer	
Clearbody ASV, ASC	M Troy	M Troy	T Gleeson
Lacewing ASV, ASC	D Kellaheer	D Kellaheer	
Fallow ASV, ASC	M Hawke		M Hawke
Spangle (Non Compound) ASC	Anlezark & Bohringer	Anlezark & Bohringer	W Cusack
Spangle AOSV	J Matthews	J Matthews	B & M Wise
Dominant Pied ASV, ASC	T Gleeson	T Gleeson	T Butt
Recessive Pied ASV, ASC	T Butt	T Butt	T Butt
ASOV - Saddleback, Dark Wing & Dark Eyed Clear	Anlezark & Bohringer	T Butt	Anlezark & Bohringer
Crested ASV, ASC	D & G Pymont		D & G Pymont

2016 Shoalhaven Branch Young Bird Show Results

The 2016 Shoalhaven Branch Young Bird Show was held on Sunday, 30th October 2016 at the Illaroo Road Primary School in North Nowra. The judges were Jean Painter & Richard Bucior.

	Champion	Champion Opposite Sex
Adult Feather	James Matthews	James Matthews
Adult Feather Open	James Matthews	James Matthews
Adult Feather Intermediate	D R Tipping	Love Family
Adult Feather Novice	Chenhall Family	Chenhall Family



Champion Adult Feather won by James Matthews



Champion Adult Feather Intermediate Opposite Sex won by Love Family

	Champion
Unbroken Cap	Jupp & Scheerer
Unbroken Cap Open	Jupp & Scheerer
Unbroken Cap Intermediate	Foster & Corbett
Unbroken Cap Novice	Chenhall Family



Research Project into Megabacteria

BRASEA @BOBBIEBUDGIE Sep 28, 2017

New research project into [#Megabacteria](#). Researchers require faecal samples from birds suspected of having Megabacteria.

We are currently undertaking a large study looking at *Macrorhabdus ornithogaster* (avian gastric yeast or Megabacteria) and are looking to develop a better treatment for aviary birds.

In order to do so, I need as many samples of the organism as possible from as many different species as possible to determine whether or not there are different strains that affect different species. And whether geographic location plays a role in the species affecting the birds.

I am putting the call out to anyone who thinks they may have, or has had issues in the past with megabacteria in their birds.

Any birds showing signs of weight loss, lethargy, vomiting, all in the face of a good appetite are the birds that we want faecal samples from.

If anyone wants to get in touch with me I am happy for them to email in confidence (hamish.baron@sydney.edu.au). Basically we are after any fresh faeces that may contain macrorhabdus so that I can grow it and sequence the DNA to determine whether different strains affect different species of birds and ultimately find a better treatment to eliminate it from budgie flocks.

I'd appreciate any help you can provide!



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Dietary Iodine for Budgerigars

Source: <http://forums.budgiebreeders.asn.au/index.php?showtopic=26264>

Where do I start?

Iodine is an important part of any bird's diet and a deficiency in this vital nutrient can lead to serious health problems.

Unfortunately budgerigars are much more susceptible to iodine deficiency than most other aviary birds and need higher levels to keep them in peak condition.

Iodine is needed for normal functioning of the thyroid gland. Hormones produced by the thyroid are vital in controlling the metabolism of the body and help regulate many functions in the body including growth, digestion, heart rate, body temperature, the nervous system and the reproductive system.

Symptoms of iodine deficiency

Iodine deficiency leads to a decreased production of thyroid hormone and the body responds by increasing the release of Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH). This in turn causes enlargement of the thyroid gland.

The main sign of iodine deficiency in budgerigars is difficulty in breathing, caused by pressure of the oversized thyroid on the trachea (windpipe). The affected bird typically develops a "clicking" noise or audible whistling or squeak as it breathes. If left untreated it can lead to death by suffocation.

In domestic poultry, iodine deficiency in breeding hens results in reduced egg iodine levels, reduced egg production, decreased hatchability, prolonged hatching time, and thyroid enlargement in the embryos.

Since a deficiency of iodine will decrease breeding performance, some budgerigar breeders use iodine supplements to enhance the metabolism of budgerigars and stimulate the birds to breed, to accelerate the moult of young birds and to ensure birds are at their peak for showing.

Prevalence of iodine deficiency

Iodine deficiency tends to be a regional problem as natural exposure to iodine is greater in coastal areas. Although wild budgerigars predominantly inhabit inland areas of Australia (and eat a diet based on seeds from a wide variety of species of ground plants) they are thought to balance their diet by foraging in dirt and river edges in search of minerals and trace elements.

Pet budgerigars are thought to be at increased risk of iodine deficiency due to their natural reluctance to supplement their diets with additional foodstuffs, particularly when fed on seed-based diets. The iodine content of the various seeds fed to budgerigars varies with the climate and location where they are grown. Australian birdseeds tend to be naturally low in iodine, although marked regional variations occur due to differing soil types and salt deposits.

Until the 1960s, symptoms of iodine deficiency were commonly seen in domesticated budgerigars fed on all-seed diets. The [WALTHAM Centre for Pet Nutrition](#) (WCPN) was responsible for establishing the incidence of iodine deficiency in budgerigars, where researchers found that 85 percent of budgerigars suffered from thyroid disease and 24 percent died as a result.

In light of the fact that seed-based diets may be deficient not only in iodine, but in a number of other vital nutrients, responsible birdseed companies supplement their seed mixes to increase the levels of certain minerals and vitamins. For example GOLDEN COB Budgerigar diets are supplemented with a number of essential vitamins and minerals, including iodine.

Treating Iodine deficiency

Treatment for iodine deficiency should only be carried out on the advice of your veterinarian. The usual program consists of a drop of iodine put into the drinking water daily for two weeks, then once a week thereafter. This should continue for at least eight weeks.

Iodine toxicity

Excess iodine can be just as harmful as a deficiency and interferes with normal thyroid gland function - particularly in young birds.

Iodine toxicity is rare in birds and animals since it requires a regular elevated intake of iodine and is most likely to occur in an aviary through misuse of disinfectants containing iodine or over-zealous use of iodine supplements.

The safe upper limit for iodine in poultry food has been set at 10mg/kg by EU legislation. The concentration of iodine in the TRILL budgerigar formulation exceeds the minimum requirements established by the WCPN and is below the EU safe upper limit for poultry.

Iodine toxicity has not been well defined in caged birds, but has been observed in poultry fed a ration with an iodine content of 625mg/kg. Broiler chickens showed signs of iodine toxicity, including poor growth and reduced food intake, when fed a diet containing 900 or 1,200mg/kg iodine for nine to 13 days. Excess iodine in grower diets can prevent sexual maturation in male and female fowl.

In breeding poultry, fertility of female breeders is unaffected by high iodine intake, but hatching of fertile eggs is reduced, hatching time is extended and embryonic mortality and dead-in-shell proportions are increased.

In contrast, male fertility is decreased because of an increased incidence of dead spermatozoa, although hatchability of eggs from normally fed hens is unaffected. All reproductive variables, together with feed intake and body weight, have been shown to return to normal within seven days of feeding a diet with normal iodine levels.



Avian Iodine Deficiency

Source:

http://www.petmd.com/bird/conditions/digestive/c_bd_Iodine_Deficiency

Avian Iodine Deficiency

If pet birds are not given a proper diet, they can suffer from nutritional disorders. One such nutritional disorder is iodine deficiency, which is common in budgerigars.

Iodine deficiency affects a bird's thyroid gland -- enlarging it from its usual size of three millimetres, to about one centimetre, or more. (The swelling of thyroid gland, due to iodine deficiency, is called Goitre.) For birds, the thyroid gland is located in the neck and is one of the glands that maintain proper function for various bodily organs.

Symptoms and Types

Birds deficient in iodine will have a lump on its neck; this is due to the enlarged thyroid gland. The animal will also have difficulty breathing, usually recognized as loud and harsh breaths, wheezing, and clicking. Some birds will have difficulty eating or regurgitate food, while others will be less tolerant to stress and express behavioural problems.

Treatment

As always, follow your veterinarian's advice to reverse the iodine deficiency. Lugol's iodine -- one drop for 250 ml (1 cup) of water -- is used often to combat this condition.

Prevention

Including iodine in your bird's diet will help prevent iodine deficiency, as well as goitre.



Charcoal

Charcoal could be used as avian digestive aid; it may deactivate toxins produced by pathogenic bacteria in the gut. Charcoal may be offered as a first aid treatment where the bird has eaten or you think the bird has eaten toxic plants or other substances prior to getting advice from an avian veterinarian.

Charcoal is not a food source; it has no nutritional value so only use it sparingly. Large amounts of Charcoal can cause black droppings which may be taken as a sign of disease.



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Branch & Associate Reports

South Western NSW Budgerigar Report, Wendy McGlynn

On Sunday 30th October SWNSW held their club's own young bird spring show. This show is usually a friendly competition between us and Border Districts but we invited members from Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area Breeders (MIA) and Canberra Budgerigar Club (CBC) to participate. With 15 exhibitors bringing along 150 birds to our new refurbished hall to be judged by Gary Watson a good day was had by all. The winners are as follows.

- Best Young Bird in Show – Brian Goldsmith
- Res Young Bird in Show – Kevin Osmand
- Best Young Bird Open – David Kelleher
- Best Res Young Bird Open – Mal Goldsmith
- Best Young Bird Intermediate – Brian Goldsmith
- Best Res Young Bird Intermediate – Brian Goldsmith
- Best Young Bird Novice – Kevin Osmand
- Best Res Young Bird Novice – Kevin Osmand
- Best Unbroken Cap – Tony Butt



Daryl Perkiss



SWNSW Young Bird Spring Show



Gary Watson judging with stewards Tony Butt and Geoff Hand



Gary Watson judging Geoff Hand as steward

Canberra Branch, Rita Corbett

Canberra Branch has already commenced preparations for our 43rd Annual Show in February, 2017. We invite everyone to come along and show and support the hobby in Canberra.

Four of our members benched birds at the Shoalhaven Show on 30 October. We thank the Shoalhaven members for putting on a great day for their Young Bird Show and we invite them to come to our Annual Show on the 26 February 2017.

Our members each achieved success at Shoalhaven. Ladies first, Tess Kilpatrick continued with her success taking Best Yellow Face Blue in Show and Best Normal Blue in Show; Stuart and Rita Best won Intermediate Unbroken Cap and Markos Pangalos took Best Clearwing in Show. The Bourne and Hand partnership took out Best Black Eyed Self in Show, Best Dilute in Show, Best Fallow in Show and Best Yellow Face AOSV in Show.

The Canberra Branch continues to have good meeting attendance with lots of mentoring for our novice breeders. We are now embarking on a series of discussions with regard to supplements and genetics.

We invite anyone interested in budgies in the Canberra area to contact us via the BSNSW web site at <http://www.budgerigar.com.au/canberra-branch.html>

At the Canberra Branch AGM on Sunday 6 November 2016 the following persons were elected:

Chairman:	Stuart Foster
Vice Chairman:	Marissa Harris and Luke Dodge
Show Manager:	Andrew Bourne
State Delegates:	Rita Corbett and Stuart Foster.

Orana Avicultural Society, Mark Hawke



Steve Draper

Take a bow, Steve Draper and Congratulations for being inducted in as honorary life member of the Orana Avicultural Society (OAS) club.

Steve Draper is the President of Orana and has been working tirelessly for club and the hobby in general for years. OAS club is a mixed bird club and with that comes a whole lot more responsibility. Steve has always stepped up to the plate in everything we do and is a role model to everyone he meets especially me as we have been friends and workmates since 1981.



Once again Congrats mate and well deserved. Three Cheers

Mid-State Budgerigar Club, Mark Hawke

What a fantastic weekend; one of the most enjoyable show weekends I've ever had. It really was.

We got things underway earlier in the week with a quick call to the local media in Orange to arrange a photo shoot at Lindsay Fardell's place with that completed it was full steam to Saturday's show day.

*After a check of entries with the show manager Perc Anlezark and President Reg Bohringer things were under way with 270 entries and with our judges hooking into the task with great gusto and being **Gary Gazzard's** last appointment and **Rob Pepper's** first under the tutorage of experienced judge **Richard Bucior** what more could you ask for.*

When it was all done and dusted Perc Anlezark and Reg Bohringer came out on top as the Grand Champion winners with a beautiful young dark green spangle cock. Gordon Chandler took out opposite sex champion. Terry O'Brien took out Intermediate Champion; Kevin Kerney won Opposite Sex Intermediate Champion and Rod Vidler taking out Novice Champion & Opposite Sex Novice Champion.



Lindsay Fardell donating his time to promote our hobby



Mandy Bohringer, Mid State Club-person of the year

Mandy Bohringer was voted by club mates as Club-person of the year for all her efforts.

"Congrats Mandy".

On another note WIN TV turned up for a quick interview with myself and a Q & A with me asking a few questions to Graham Mackander which was terrific for the promotion of the hobby.



Mark Hawke on the job for Mid-State Budgerigar Club with WIN TV Reporter- Cameraman

We had our club auction of donated birds then we all cleaned up the staging and hall; next was our AGM after that we all gathered at the Robin Hood Hotel for what was a fantastic evening.

If you don't coming next year you're missing out on what the hobby is all about, FRIENDSHIP with smiles everywhere. So hope to see you all there next year.

There's only one club and that's Mid-State Budgerigar Club.

Photographs provided by Mark Hawke

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