

Hi Members,

It's that time again, report time and AGM time. Wow! What an eventful year it has been. We started the year with the January / February issue of the budgerigar that saw us learning of the new flecking rules and understanding a bit more about the melanistic spangle, this issue was followed by the March/ April issue that also saw us impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic and shutting down our show scene for the time being, this issue also educated us on the way we use calcium in our birds, and megabacteria.

In the May/ June issue of the budgerigar we learned about rainbow budgerigars and understanding the clearwing mutation while we were still getting used to our new life with the pandemic, the July / August issue saw us still in limbo with what was happening with the pandemic and our beloved hobby was still being heavily impacted by Covid-19 this allowed us to learn more about an upcoming variety the darkwing budgerigar, and also educated us on temperament of our birds to help us on the show scene.

The September / October issue saw us still being impacted by covid-19 but life started to go back to normality with some shows being allowed to be held and meetings started to go back for us to start enjoying our hobby again, this issue also saw us learn about the most recent mutation to be added to National standard for budgerigars, the Australian Whitecap and saw us learn in depth about the violet colour modifier in budgerigars. This year has been both nerve wracking and exciting for the magazine as we saw the number of members dip and grow again, but also saw the number of people receiving the printed magazine rise which means more people are enjoying the beautiful colours and mutations of our birds in a detailed colour version.

If you would like to receive a printed high def full colour copy of the Budgerigar magazine sent right to your door, please email me at bsnsweditor@gmail.com or fill in the BSNSW membership form and indicate on this that you are paying for your printed edition of the budgerigar, I am trying to work out a way for people to also purchase a single copy of the budgerigar to allow you to purchase past editions and future editions monthly.

With excitement comes hurt and upset with the society losing some of the most knowledgeable members in the society but gaining some new and exciting members. I have an exciting issue of the budgerigar coming for November/ December with some exciting information about our common varieties and some more detailed show traits being discussed too.

We also saw Goldencob remain one of our major contributors of the budgerigar magazine and the hobby overall, we also saw Tummyrite come on board with an ad placed in the magazine. The BSNSW online auction has been a great success with some very handy birds included on that website, along side this we saw the budgerigar E-commerce platform come to life and providing some merchants to provide you with outstanding products at affordable prices.

I would like to take an opportunity to everybody who has supported me through my role as editor of this great publication, we have received an outstanding amount of positive feedback from not only all over the country but from around the world. We would like to continue this with encouraging you all to please send any feedback you may have, or even what you would like to see in the magazine forwarded to myself.

2021 is going to be an exciting year for us all hopefully, hopefully we will see our STCC come back into play and the Australia National Championship Show come back in Victoria post pandemic.

I would like to also express a huge amount of thanks and gratitude to the committee of the BSNSW who has supported me throughout my role in numerous ways where I may have got stuck with one thing or another, Thank you to the committee and to YOU the members, together we can grow and prosper as a great society of this outstanding beautiful little bird, The Budgerigar; Australia's National Bird.

I hope this email finds you all safe and well and that you all stay safe and well, Goodluck to everybody for the 2020-2021 breeding seasons and I hope to catch up with more of you at numerous shows throughout the coming year.

Thank You all

Justin Magnee

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