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2016 ANBC National Championship
Logie Winner: Clearbody
owned by John Richardson
Photographed by Rod Turnbull
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From the Editor

Welcome to the first issue of the Budgerigar for 2017. My plan for the next issue is to have submissions to the Editor by the 1st March 2017 with the publication to be distributed via Mail Chimp by mid-March 2017.

As we move into the show season with a show on most weekends during February and March, I would encourage you to take pictures at your show and send them in with your results for publication in the February – March 2017 issue.

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 any 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 this magazine.

Special thanks Jennifer Bell from Penrith Valley Branch for her two magazine articles and Jamie Wright, the “BRASEA” South Queensland Representative for allowing the BSNSW to re-publish his article on Overcrowding.

Also thanks to Greg Kelleher for sharing his photo of the twin dead in shell budgerigars. To me the twins look a little pre-term as the limbs aren't fully developed. I'd be interested to hear other views.

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

Maureen Bourne, BSNSW Editor

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

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What's on in 2017

February 2017

5th	Illawarra Annual Show
12th	Shoalhaven Annual Show
18th	Northern NSW Budgerigar Breeders Association Inc. Annual Show
19th	St George Branch Annual Show
22nd	Royal Cage Bird Show – Entries close
26th	Canberra Branch Annual Show
26th	Newcastle Budgerigar Club Young Bird Show

March 2017

5th	Hills Annual Show
12th	New England Young Bird Show
26th	BRASEA Auction - Bexley, Sydney
26th	South Western Budgerigar Society Annual Show

April 2017

5-7th	Royal Cage Bird Show – Homebush, Sydney
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May 2017

7th	Macarthur Annual Show
20th	State Team Challenge & State Team Selection
27th	ANBC Nationals – Mackay, QLD
&	For Registrations & Information go to
28th	http://www.capbuds.org/anbc2017.html

June 2017

4th	Orana Avicultural Society Annual Show
11th	BRASEA Auction – Bexley, Sydney

July 2017

1st	Hills Super Budgerigar Auction
TBC	BSNSW Annual Show

August 2017

12th	Newcastle Budgerigar Club Annual Auction
13th	Newcastle Budgerigar Club Annual Show
11th	Aviculture's Annual Social Night & Guest of Honour Dinner, Canary & Cage Bird Federation of Australia – Five Dock, Sydney

September 2017

10th	Northside Annual Show
24th	New England Annual Show

October 2017

8th	Canberra Budgerigar Club Annual Show
15th	BRASEA Auction – Bexley, Sydney
22nd	St George Branch Illawarra YBS Show
30th	Hunter Annual Show

November 2017

5th	Penrith Valley Branch Annual Show
25th	Mid State Budgerigar Club Annual Show
26th	Sydney Lawn Show

If your event is missing from this “What’s On in 2017” list please email the BSNSW Editor & Web Master to advertise your event.

President’s Report

Welcome to my first president’s report in our Budgerigar Magazine. I hope everyone has enjoyed the Christmas holidays and I wish you all a successful breeding season in 2017.

I would like to welcome our new committee members elected at the Special General meeting in December 2016. I would like to extend a special thank you to Ian Manton for his role as General Secretary and Public Officer following the multiple resignations in October 2016.

On behalf of the BSNSW management committee, I would like to thank the outgoing office bearers.

We have now settled on the venue for the State Team Challenge Competition (STCC) and State Team Selection (STC) see Jim Baker’s report (p 12).

Congratulations to Bruce Bradford and Andrew Bourne who were elected as our two 2017 ANBC delegates.

After 29 years as a NSW Team Carer, Ian Hanington has declined the invitation to be team carer in 2017. On behalf of the BSNSW I give thanks to Ian for his long and dedicated service to the BSNSW, the birds and the ANBC National.

Ernie Wise, Jim Baker and James Matthews will be our team carers for 2017. Also thanks to Mark Hawke for agreeing to act as a bird carer at the STCC. If you have a secret ambition to be a team bird carer let the Show Committee know as we can nominate four carers. Thanks to Warren Wilson for offering his discounted freight thru BRASEA.

A final decision has not been made on the venue for the NSW hosted ANBC National in 2018. We are investigating other Western Sydney options after identifying concerns about the costing and suitability of the Homebush venue.

Remember that the 2017 ANBC National registrations are now open. See the details the last page. Come and support the NSW team in Mackay and have a holiday at the same time.

All branches should review the application for the affiliation of Heritage Budgerigar Club with the BSNSW as their inclusion will be voted on at the next management meeting. Remember your branch can send their vote to the secretary if not attending the meeting.

Hope everyone is looking forward to the show season that kicks off on the 5th February.

Steve Cummins
BSNSW President

General Secretary's Report

Ann Hand, General Secretary

I am pleased to have the role of General and Minute Secretary as from the special meeting held on 10th December 2016. Thanks to our previous Secretary Mark Wilton for being available so we could arrange speedy delivery of previous Secretarial material on the same afternoon.

Big thanks also to Ian Manton, our Public Officer and being stand in Secretary, for the massive job he took on in arranging the special meeting to elect the office bearers due to the many positions becoming vacant re recent resignations, and also in handling all the Secretarial correspondence so capably during this turbulent time. He certainly did stand and deliver!

I am looking forward to working with the current Management Committee until at least the next AGM, it should be an exciting time. I am going to get correspondence out to members on a regular basis between Management meetings, this will go to Branch and Association Secretaries to pass on to you.

All the best for the 2017 breeding season.

Ann Hand
General Secretary

Treasurer's Notes

Ian Cocks, BSNSW Treasurer

To All BSNSW Members,

As treasurer, I would ask that the following procedures be followed:

1. If paying by **EFT**, please include sufficient information so that I can identify the payment
 - Name & Number of Rings if ordering rings
 - Name & Membership Number if paying membership
 - Clubs if paying memberships or rings on behalf of members please send separate summary via email.

Remember it is your responsibility to identify your payment.

2. Reimbursements will not be paid unless all receipts are presented and the purchase(s) were approved at a management meeting. In the case of an emergency, I will once all necessary receipts have been received seek permission from the executive to pay the account.
 - The request for payment form needs to be filled out and the receipt(s) before presenting for payment. The form can be obtained from the BSNSW website at <http://www.budgerigar.com.au/management.html> under the treasurer's details.

With the 2018 National show being held in Sydney the BSNSW need to be vigilant in how the Societies finances are managed

Regards
Ian Cocks
BSNSW Treasurer

Front Cover Story

2016 National Clearbody

John Richardson

I think it was in 1956 at the Queanbeyan agricultural show where I saw a pair of small parrots, I asked mum what are those little birds, and she said they are Love Birds. They turned out to be Budgerigars that was the start of a sixty year hobby.

When I got back to Bombala the search was on to find a breeder, but the only one with budgies was an old guy who bred canaries. He only had one pair of budgies, so I got a pair of young ones which turned out to be a big mistake. The old cage I had stuck out a little at the bottom with a warped door that would not close properly unless you put a brick up against it. My budgies only needed a small hole to get out and they regularly escaped, but I got very good at catching them.

Being a kid growing up on a farm I never got pocket money, the only way to earn some money was to trap rabbits or to pick up dead wool, not much fun but I could get enough to buy heaps of birds.

Jack Harris opened a pet shop called "Budgerigars Canaries & Finches" I think it was about mid-1957. It did not take long for me to get all the birds that I could afford to feed. I kept them all until I started working in the shearing sheds. They got too much for mum to look after. So I sold the lot but I made a promise to myself when I gave the shearing away I would get back into breeding budgies.

After I started work at the Prime Minister's Lodge, I had an aviary built in the back yard and brought three pairs of budgies. They were only pet birds. When I joined the BSA Canberra Branch, I found out all about the exhibition bird. So I sold all my pet birds, and started looking for breeding pairs. I also had to build a bird room.

I was lucky to get two pair from Steve Brooks who had some of the best birds in Canberra at that time. The last two pair I got from a friend of Steve.



2006 STCC & ANBC National
1st in the Clearbody class

Photograph provided by John Richardson

2016 ANBC National
1st in the Clearbody class

Photographed by Rod Turnbull

They bred OK but I had no experience in breeding exhibition birds. That is when the learning started and is still going on today.

When I moved up to the mid north coast the first English birds came to Australia. After the first breeding season, I was able to get five Pilkington birds from John Richie. They bred well. I was also able to get three birds off Ian Hanington. That was my start with good birds, I was lucky enough to win a few shows.

In 2009, I got two pairs of Ray Welshman's grey-greens. I took two rounds then swapped then around and fostered two more rounds. I ended up with 24 young from these pairs. I tried to keep the line together, when I needed an outcross I had some Mark Chidel birds so I used some of them. I think by now I can call them my own line.

I have had some luck with the Clearbody variety. When I can I will use Lutinos; the colour of black and yellow looks good to me.

In 2014, I lost 95 birds from a sudden outbreak of [Coccidiosis](#). It always seems to be the best bird that die but thing are going OK now.

2016 has been the best breeding session I have had for years. It is all down to two of the best things. Steve Brooks from Qld put me onto.

One is [AgSolutions Mega Min](#). It is very similar to Murphy's minerals; the only difference is it has no charcoal.

The other thing is [Orego Stim Pigeon](#); it is a gut cleanser (mixed at 1ml to a litre).

You can get Orego Stim online from [Tréidlia Biovet](#) Pty Ltd or at Unit 76 Powers Business Park, 45 Powers Rd Seven Hills NSW.

I have eleven birds represent NSW at the ANBC Nationals since 2006; below are my top eight placings at the National from 2012 to 2016



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It is just unbelievable; the noise from the birds has increased; some time I wish a Hawke would fly over just to quieten then down a bit.

Also when you clean a nest box no more wet nest; it is just dust. In 2015, it took all year to breed one hundred and ten chicks. So far this breeding season, I have rung one hundred and sixty chicks and have started pulling the pairs apart. So things are looking good for now.



2016 ANBC National in TAS
First Place with a Clearbody
Photographed by Rod Turnbull



2015 ANBC National in WA
Sixth Place with a Clearbody
Photographed by Nola Bradford



2015 ANBC National in WA
Seventh Place with a Clearbody
Photographed by Nola Bradford



2014 ANBC National in SA
First Place with a Cinnamonwing
Photographed by Rod Turnbull



2014 ANBC National in SA
Fourth Place with a Black Eye
Photographed by Nola Bradford



2012 ANBC National in VIC
Second Place with a Spangle
Photographed by Rod Turnbull



2012 ANBC National in VIC
Third Place with a Clearbody
Photographed by Rod Turnbull



2012 ANBC National in VIC
Third Place with a Black Eye
Photographed by Rod Turnbull

I am hoping to do some traveling around Australia in the next couple of years and my time in this wonderful hobby is nearing its conclusion. I would like to thank all those who have assisted me during my time in the hobby.

Current BSNSW Advertising Rates and Process

Maureen Bourne, BSNSW Editor

Advertising Rates as of January 2017

As agreed at the BSNSW management Meeting on 9th January 2017.

Advertisement of events

There will be no charge for Advertisement of events like Shows, Seminars and Auctions for Branches & Assoc. Societies and Clubs prior to the each event.

Details:

One 1/4 Page Advert in the Magazine per event

One advert on the BSNSW Events page of the BSNSW per event

Listing on the What's On section of the magazine and website

This remains the same as previously published as of July 2015.

The differences are that the BSNSW website now has an Events page to display the advert and there are no restrictions on when the advert can be placed on the Events page prior to the event. The adverts are removed after the event.

Breeders Directory 1/4 Page Advert for \$60 per annum for 6 issues

Breeders will be invoiced by the editor annually for January to December period with payments due in advance. The cost remains the same as for July 2015 but the process has changed.

Commercial Rates per annum for 6 issues

One Page Advert for \$360

1/2 Page Advert for \$240

1/4 Page Advert for \$120

The Commercial Rates have changed from per issue to an annual rate.

The full page annual cost remains the same as per issue multiplied by the number of issues annually as in January 2015 ($\$60 \times 6 = \360).

The half page annual rate has reduced from \$50 per issue to \$240 ($\$40 \times 6 = \240).

The quarter page annual rate has reduced from \$30 per issue to \$120 ($\$20 \times 6 = \120).

Commercial advertising will be invoiced annually; payments to be paid in advance with agreement between the Editor and the advertiser.

2017 February Events

A Champion Exhibitor Competition event

Illawarra Branch

Budgerigar Society of NSW Inc



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

This Show will be A Clearwing Society Challenge Competition Show

CASH PRIZES

Sponsored by Bird Boxes Galore, Vetafarm,
Woonona Petfood & Produce, Pied Society,
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Illawarra Wire ropes

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Australian Bush Budgerigar Organisation, Pied Society of Australia

SHOALHAVEN BRANCH

Budgerigar Society of NSW Inc



Sunday 12th February 2017
Illaroo Road Primary School
North Nowra

Most Successful Shoalhaven Branch Exhibitor - The Kate Scowenfield Perpetual Trophy
BEST OLIVE in SHOW - Trophy donated by the Evans Family (most accurate bird for olive)
Champion Olive Young - The Darrel Sheather Perpetual Trophy
Champion Intermediate Young - The Marie Sheather Perpetual Trophy
Champion Senior Young - The Cameron & Myers Perpetual Trophy
Champion Young Bird - The Mel Sheather Perpetual Trophy

*** LUCKY EXHIBITOR PRIZE**
*** NOVICE EXHIBITOR INCENTIVES :- Novice entries free**

Northern N.S.W. Budgerigar Breeders Association Inc.

27th ANNUAL SHOW

Saturday 18th February 2017



WAUCHOPE SHOWGROUND

JUDGES

*Keith Nicholls
Richard Bucior*

BSNSW Variety Points are available at this Show

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 and
numerous other special awards.

2017 February – March Events

CANBERRA BRANCH 43rd ANNUAL SHOW

for Any Age and Young Birds

Sunday, 26 February, 2017

Show Manager: Andrew Bourne

Schedules on BSNSW Website What's On

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

Cur Cowper Street & Newcastle Rd, Wallsend

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

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Find us at the following events

February 2017

12th - Shoalhaven Branch Annual Show

19th - St George Branch Annual Show

26th - Canberra Branch Annual Show

March 2017

We will be attending both events

26th - BRASEA Auction Bexley, Sydney

26th - South Western Budgerigar Society Annual Show

April 2017

SALE DAY! Saturday, 8th 8am to 2pm



BRASEA AUCTION BEXLEY, SYDNEY

**Bexley School of Arts
472-476 Forest Road**

Bexley

26TH MARCH 2017

Viewing times: 8-9am

Auctions commence: 9:00am

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Warren Wilson

Phone: 02 9747 6642 (Message service)

Mobile: 0418 916685 (NO message service)

Email: warren@brasea.com

2017 March - April Events



BSNSW INC
NEW ENGLAND BRANCH
 presents their **YOUNG BIRD SHOW**
Sunday, 12th MARCH 2017
 NEMINGHA HALL, TAMWORTH

BSNSW CHAMPION EXHIBITOR EVENT
 with Accredited Judges.

Schedules available Ernie Wise or Kevin Burgess
(contact numbers below)

ENTRIES: KEVIN BURGESS Mobile 0431 378 316
 ERNIE WISE Mobile 0412 305 266

On Thursday, 9th March 2017 between 6pm and 9pm

Lunch and all day morning tea
available at a reasonable cost

Normal get together before the show
at West Tamworth League Club
 58 Philip St, Tamworth West

on Saturday, 11th March 2017 at 6.30pm.

Join us for beers cold and the company good.

22nd Annual Show

June Ex-Services Memorial Hall
 Broadway, Junee NSW 2663



South Western NSW
 Budgerigar Society Inc.

Sunday 26th March 2017

Prizes include: -

SOUTH WESTERN NSW SPECIAL AWARD
 Best Novice Opaline ASC

CHAMPION DOMINANT PIED

BSNSW INC MEMBERS BEST OF VARIETY IN SHOW COMPETITION

Any Age & Young Birds will compete for the Best of Variety
 Award Points

CLEARWING SOCIETY CHALLENGE EVENT

Patron:
 JUNEE EX-SERVICES MEMORIAL CLUB

Royal Cage Bird Show Homebush Sydney

ONLINE ENTRIES

<http://www.rasns.w.com.au/sydney-royal-competitions/competitions/aviary-bird/>
 Entries Close: 5pm, 22nd February 2017

Entry Fees: \$30 per Exhibitor for Entries.
 Junior Classes Entry Fees: Free*

PARKING FEES

Parking is available to Exhibitors each day.
 Car: \$23 per day - Car with trailer: \$46 per day
 Application for Parking to be included with entries.

NEW LOCATION: "Pet Pavilion" in Hall 3 on Riverina Ave.
 Exhibits must be delivered between 4-7pm on Wednesday, 5 April 2017

JUDGING

Judging will commence at 9am on Thursday, 6 April 2017

Birds will be on Exhibition to the public from 9.30am until 5pm
 on Thursday, 6 April and Friday, 7 April 2017

JUDGES: Budgerigars

on Friday 7 April 2017 - Display
 Mrs Kathy Manton Mr Wayne Doull

News from the Show Manager

Jim Baker

Firstly, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and prosperous New Year and good luck in the upcoming STCC and Nationals in Mackay.

Congratulations to all winners “yet to be finalized” in the BSNSW individual Variety Competition.

A special congratulations to James Matthews in clearly winning the overall points for all varieties. This just goes to prove if you support most shows during the year, you too can achieve this result.

We have a lot of planning to do this year for the 2017 STCC and also most importantly the 2018 Nationals at Homebush. The venue for the 2017 STCC will be The Hills Sports High School, Best Road, Seven Hills.

We are looking forward to our BSNSW State Annual Show to be held on first or second weekend in July, hopefully with a lot more participation from our breeders.

Our new BSNSW Management committee and all our members can now get on with the job to be the most successful state.

Royal Cage Bird Show, Homebush

Ian Manton will officiate at the Show for the BSNSW as Bruce Bradford is unavailable. The paperwork sent to the Judges and Stewards will advise the new venue – “Pet Pavilion” in Hall 3 on Riverina Ave.

The dates for the Bird Section of the show are the **6th and 7th April 2017** which are the first two days of the Show.

The Hall will be **open from 9.30am to 8.30pm**.

If clubs have any promotional material that could be distribute at the Show, please contact Ian Manton.

The RAS Schedule is online at www.rasnsb.com.au.

- ❖ **Closing date** for entries is 22 February 2017.
- ❖ **Venue** is the Pet Hall Pavilion in Hall 3 on Riverina Ave (access via Gate 9).
- ❖ RAS Pet Officials are also trying to arrange for us to have **parking** closer than in the past.
- ❖ **Bump-in** on 5th April 2017 - details should come with their paperwork and cage stickers. As the Show is not open to the public this should make it easier than in previous years.
- ❖ **Show Dates 6th and 7th April 2017.**
- ❖ Hall will contain up to 40 Commercial exhibits
- ❖ Hall will be open from 9.30 am – 8.30 pm.
- ❖ There will be at least two Stewards remaining with the birds from 5pm until close.
- ❖ Lights will remain on dim all night.
- ❖ **Bump-out** is likely to be through gate 15 (behind the Halls and opposite the train station) which again should make it easier that previously.



Ring Colours

Show Secretaries are encouraged to correctly identify the ring colour in their show schedules using the World Budgerigar Organisation (WBO) colour descriptions. The chart below has been created to assist members; they may also find it helpful to have a copy in their bird rooms. The chart is now available on the BSNSW website at <http://www.budgerigar.com.au/wbo-ring-colour-chart.html>.

COLOUR		YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR
BLACK		2007		2013		2019
DARK BLUE		2008	2011		2017	
PASTEL GREEN				2014		2020
VIOLET		2009		2015		2021
ORANGE		2010		2016		2022
RED			2012		2018	

Judges News

NEWS FROM THE BSNSW JUDGES PANEL January 2017

The Judges Committee would like to encourage BSNSW and Associated Societies to consider offering our Cadet Judges judging appointments at their Shows. They will have a supervising judge on hand for advice if needed but otherwise they 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 later in the 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" when arrangements are finalised. 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 five new applications for the Judges Training School from Open Exhibitors and we will have a special introductory meeting with them in January 2017.

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Kevin O'Callaghan's Interview

Mark Hawke

I don't know Kevin O'Callaghan personally, I've only had a brief chat on the phone but what I do know is Kevin's a National judge and his Cinnamon and Violet are still talked about as being right up there as two of the best budgerigars ever seen at the National competition. That cinnamon was outstanding and I'd love to have an aviary full of birds with that sort of top end. Kevin also shares one of my passions; he's a keen fisherman. If I'm ever in Kevin's neck of the woods he might find time to take me fishing and have a crack at a meter Barra with me. Beautiful fish by the way. Congratulations Kevin on your National Judges appointment and your National wins.



What started your interest in budgerigars?

As a child I always had an interest in animals and living things. I progressed through the quite common pathway of breeding pet mice, then Guinea pigs, tropical fish, then I asked dad to build an aviary for some birds. I took an interest in budgies, whilst one of my brothers also took up breeding finches in an extension to the budgie aviary.

How long have you been in the hobby?

I took to breeding exhibition budgerigars after going to buy birds from a private residence and saw these "monsters". I knew I wanted to upgrade to this type of bird after the seller told me that there were shows for budgies and Clubs. That was over 40 years ago!

What Club & level do you show at?

My home club is the Capricornia Budgerigar Society Inc. It is based in Rockhampton but it caters for members from the surrounding region and includes Gladstone, Biloela and Monto to mention a few towns. I have shown in Open class since the mid-1980s.

What varieties do you keep?

I have reduced the varieties that I now keep but have bred most varieties as part of my "apprenticeship".

Apart from the 'normal' varieties, I breed Lacewings as my sex-linked specialty, and have replaced my Greywings with the new Australian White Cap variety that I was fortunate to identify in a mate's aviary and help establish for all breeders to now enjoy.



The balcony on the front of Kevin's aviary



Two young Sky Blue Normal Cocks



White Cap Hen

Photographs by Kevin O'Callaghan

What is your best memory in the hobby?

There are a few memories that are special. Passing the National Judges exam in 1991 is rated highly, as is judging the National Show, especially for the first time.



2014 ANBC Judges in Adelaide, SA
Photograph by Nola Bradford

Winning the National in 2012 with a bird I was truly proud of was special, but the Violet win in Toowoomba was extra special as I was present in the audience and was able to share the experience with friends.



2012 ANBC Nationals
Geelong, Victoria
First Place Cinnamonwing
Photograph by Rod Turnbull

2013 ANBC Nationals
Toowoomba, Sth QLD
First Place Normal Violet
Photograph by Rod Turnbull

Judging in New Zealand was a real honour. The birds were of a high quality, equal to the best in Australia in the normal varieties. The lesser varieties were down in quality, e.g. Lacewings, or even not seen, such as Clearwings. The Best Bird in Show was an Opaline grey hen with good size, feather and deportment.

Considering they only imported 100 birds they have achieved top results through judicious breeding and sharing the gene pool, even specialising in a variety, such as Cinnamons.

The NZ exhibitors are keen to learn and definitely know how to make visitors feel welcomed and esteemed.

Of course the true friends you have in the hobby make it special to me.

Whose birdroom would you like to spend a day in having a one to one budgie chat?

I would select someone who has consistently produced top birds and have a vision of the bird of the future.

Alan Rowe, Nigel Tonkin and Ken Dunk come to mind and would be willing to share their knowledge. They would be my first choices.

Whose bloodlines have influenced your stud?

Doug Sadler was a major influence as I was able to import 3 pairs in the very first shipment arranged by Henry George.

Marshall Hamilton, Henry George, Clinton Ault, Ken Dunk, Treva Turner, Graham Kerle and Greg Horrobin are some who have helped me with outcrosses, friendship and advice.

Name your three top budgerigar breeders in Australia in any order?

Henry George, Alan Rowe, Col Flanagan & Bruce Sheppard

What was your best ever bird and for what reason?

The Cinnamon Sky that won in Geelong was my best bird. He was not the biggest bird but he had good lateral feathering, excellent height above the eye and blow, and was a real showman.

If you could only show at one show, which would it be? ANBC Championship



Are you in a relationship? Married 35 years

What is your favourite food & restaurant?

Steak and salad from the Ginger Mule in Rockhampton

Name the person you would most like to have dinner with? My wife

What would you do if you won the lottery?

Set my family up financially, move onto a couple of hectares to set up a decent aviary complex and breeding room.

Do you have any other hobbies?

Fishing, pig hunting and keeping a few Neophemas and Finches.



Kevin Callaghan with his 92cm Barramundi
Photography provided by Kevin

What is your favourite movie & actor?

Remember the Titans starring Denzel Washington [[Official Trailer](#)]

What football team do you follow?

ARL: Broncos; AFL: Kangaroos, but may change after their treatment of Brent Harvey and Drew Petrie at end of 2016!

Occupation? Secondary School Teacher

Is there anything in budgies that really irritates you?

The ring issue date and the constant changes made for change sake.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I am trying to progress with the birds as they head towards the 'Standard'. Conscious on keeping a balance in life and not letting the birds take away from the really important things in life.

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2016 Sydney Annual Lawn Show (SALS)

The 2016 Sydney Annual Lawn Show (SALS) was held at the St Ives Showground in Sydney, on November 27th attended by Members and Friends from all over the State, some travelling hours from Tamworth, Central Coast & Newcastle and Canberra, all the awards were contested and won.



Santa could not come once again unfortunately for the children, but we still had his presents for the children which were handed out by some Old Fella. The luncheon BBQ style for 60+ people was certainly enjoyed and many queued for seconds especially for the sweets.

The event is a continuing initiative of the three specialist Australian Clubs, **the Clearwing Budgerigar Society of Australia, the Pied**



Budgerigar Society of Australasia and the Crested Budgerigar Club, supported by their Patron “**BRASEA**”, Budgerigar Rare & Specialist Exhibitors of Australasia, plus the **Australian Bush Budgerigar Organisation** and “**BRASEA’s**” **Miniatures and Birds of Colour** sections.

Congratulations to all the 2016 winners – Awards presented by Dr Ronald Harley Yardley
What a huge triumph for the Lynch Family – Congratulations Gerry & Michael Lynch on taking out:

Champion Clearwing (Bob Gorman Award)
Best Yellow-wing (Ted Wallis Award)
Best Heritage Clearwing (Harley Yardley Award)
Best Whitewing
Reserve Champion Clearwing
Modern Clearwing (Harry Smith Award)
Champion Rainbow (Ken Gray Award)

Thanks to Northside BSNSW for tremendous help, catering and selling the birds and the set up and clean up and putting me in the car pointing home!!



The BBQ luncheon, Gold coin raffle with over 20 prizes to choose, Sale of birds, Clearwing & Crest Club Meetings, complete casual interaction by all, in a picnic atmosphere plus the fabulous **Lawn Show** with major prizes for every variety in our Schedule – what a marvellous array of awards on the special winners table, where you could choose your own prize.

Everyone took on jobs again which makes the day - 172 Birds were placed by judge, **Jean Painter**, many thanks.

Thanks to those who assisted with the Lawn Show, to Elenbee, to those who donated prizes for the raffle, who brought along sale birds and especially Vic our **Chef Of The Day**.

We plan to do it all again on **26th November 2017** at the St. Ives Showground; put it in your diary **now, so you do not miss out.**

“SYDNEY ANNUAL LAWN SHOW” 2016

Award	Winner
Champion Clearwing (Bob Gorman Award)	Gerry & Michael Lynch
Best Yellow-wing (Ted Wallis Award)	Gerry & Michael Lynch
Best Heritage Clearwing (Harley Yardley Award)	Gerry & Michael Lynch
Best Whitewing Clearwing	Gerry & Michael Lynch
Reserve Champion Clearwing	Gerry & Michael Lynch
Best AOV Clearwing (John MacNamara Award)	Hannah McKay
Modern Clearwing (Harry Smith Award)	Gerry & Michael Lynch
Champion Blackeyed Yellow	Pam & Vic Giles
Best Blackeyed White	S & D Wackwitz
Champion Darkwing	R & S Condon
Champion Dilute	Ernie Wise
Champion Crest (Rob Hugo Award)	Thanh Vu
Champion Saddleback	Pam & Vic Giles
Champion Goldenface	Ernie Wise
Champion Violet	Ernie Wise
Champion Dark Eyed Clear	Joe Elias
Champion Rainbow (Ken Gray Award)	Gerry & Michael Lynch
Champion Miniature	Joe Elias
Champion Australian Bush Budgie	Darren Burgess
Champion AOV Class	Ernie Wise
Champion Junior Award	1st & 2nd Orlando Fox 3rd Hannah McKay
Birds of Colour	Thanh Vu
Champion Pied & Best AOV	Jim Baker
Best Recessive	Hannah McKay
Best Aussie Banded	Joe Elias
Best Clearflight/Dutch	Joe Elias
Novelty Cage Award	no entries
Best Greywing	Terry Hammerton
Best Fallow	no entries
Best Lacewing	Ernie Wise
Best Clearbody	Hilton Smith
Best White Cap	Ernie Wise
Best AOV Bird	Bryan Martin

Sticks!

Jennifer Bell, Penrith Valley Branch

Here are a few ideas to keep your birds stimulated and exercised:

I like to provide as many fly-ways as possible for the birds in my relatively small establishment; sideways, lengthways, vertically, diagonally – also with some obstacles they need to dodge around. Thoughtful placement of perches can optimise limited flying space. Observe how your birds move in your flights and you may find they have limited flight paths.

I have a number of suspended branches which rock and move as the birds land and take off, particularly those using only one suspension point. You have to be lucky or search particularly for branches which balance, rather like a see-saw. This has to be beneficial for the birds as they have to balance, even when the perch is not rocking.

For suspended perches, cup-hooks fastened to the branches make it easy to hook them onto links in lengths of chain.

When cutting fallen limbs from trees I watch for those which form bridges and select and cut those so that they only touch small areas of the floor. Young birds, in particular, like these.

If you have enough of these available you can rotate them, putting them out in the weather for months at a time as a hygienic practice.

I collect timber which has started to age and disintegrate and put it in nest boxes, and in large quantities on shelves in the flights. One of the best indicators of a hen's readiness to breed is her activity in exploring and tearing that timber to shreds.

The shredded timber can also be useful to put in nest boxes as bedding. When the pieces of timber have been chewed and there is only hard-wood left, replace it with fresh timber.

I keep hollow logs which I move from time to time within the flights. The logs are stimulating to the birds – but placed and monitored so that hens do not start to lay. Hopefully, you have been observant and hens are not waiting too long before being given a mate and a breeding cabinet. I often fill the hollow logs with litter and small pieces of wood. I also rotated the logs outside to be in the weather.

I also use perches in most of my breeding cabinets which I make from sticks of varying diameter and with bark on if possible. Drive a nail into one end of the stick, clip the head of the nail off which then gives you a spike to push into the back wall of the cabinet. These are quick and easy enough to make.

And, of course, fresh branches are fantastic. Each week my flights get lemon-scented tea-tree branches and, occasionally, eucalyptus branches.



Above: The Lemon-scented tea-tree *Leptospermum scoparium* used for budgie food and perching.

I have heard there are other possibilities too.

I have hooks in the flights against the back wall which I use for to hang the new branches – but there's no reason why you couldn't suspend those fresh branches in the same way as described at the beginning of this article.



Overcrowding

Jamie Wright, "BRASEA" Sth Qld Representative

As the owner of a small birdroom, I have been interested in the issue of overcrowding in an effort to ensure my birds are kept as happy as possible, but also as a means of keeping stress levels down and disease to a minimum.

Controlling the number of birds retained is a constant area of surveillance, but there's more to it than just counting heads.

Overcrowding occurs when the density of a population is greater than the ability of the space to meet the needs of the individuals that inhabit it. The capability to support may be the **physical space** available, or the **requirement for resources** such as food and water.

When I consider the wild budgerigar, and its nomadic tendencies, it is clear that overcrowding is not necessarily an issue in the wild. When food is plentiful, budgerigars can congregate in large flocks of thousands as smaller flocks converge together to form vast numbers. This allows new pair bonds to occur (creating genetic diversity) and breeding commences, but only when it is supported by plentiful resources. Generally this is the availability of food and water in plentiful supply, but there is also the requirement for adequate roosting sites and breeding sites. Fortunately, the Australian bush can offer an abundance of trees!

However, as the available resources (food and water) become scarce, the flocks break into smaller groups and disperse to find more plentiful supplies. Because they are not confined they can leave, and because wild budgerigars don't have strict geographic boundaries (other than where the land meets the ocean!) they can forage far and wide. These nomadic tendencies can reduce competition for resources in a single area. The lower competition this creates means there is less aggression typically displayed in wild flocks. Perhaps the most obvious area of aggression in budgerigars is seen in hens needing to secure and defend a single nesting site. Because there are a finite number of these, it pays to be aggressive if you want to hang on to the '*room with a view*'.

Where overcrowding occurs in a natural habitat it can result in the depletion of resources, creating competition, which results in aggression between individuals or groups.

An experiment of particular relevance was done in 1947 by [John B. Calhoun in Maryland, USA](#) created a "*Mortality-Inhibiting Environment for Mice*".

The experiment was a 101-inch square cage for mice with food and water replenished to support any increase in population.



By Yoichi R Okamoto, White House photographer
Work republished by NIH Original source: John Calhoun "*Death Squared: The Explosive Growth and Demise of a Mouse Population*".

It was designed to test the limits of overcrowding, and because it provided sufficient food and water to support the population he could measure the other impacts of overcrowding. In this experiment, population peaked at 2,200 mice and thereafter exhibited a variety of abnormal, often destructive behaviours. By the 600th day, the population was on its way to extinction.

Why? They had enough food didn't they?

Some of the behavioural problems that occurred in the experiment included:

- Females unable to carry pregnancy to full term or to survive delivery of their litters if they did;
- A large number, after successfully giving birth, fell short in their maternal functions;
- Among the males the behaviour disturbances ranged from sexual deviation to cannibalism and from frenetic over-activity (hyperactivity) to a pathological withdrawal (sluggish & shy).

If you're looking for a population to breed, and they have developed abnormal behaviours as a result of overcrowding, the reality is that even when they have their required resources restored it may be too late.

Feeding inches

When it comes to our domesticated budgerigars, we look to meet all their food and water requirements. Mine get a wonderful selection of seeds, fruits, vegetables, vitamins and minerals on a regular basis. But just providing it is not enough.

In the beginning I provided only one feeding station for their seed and it was always filled to the brim. You can understand my confusion when my birds began to lose weight and their feathers became dull. The problem was not the amount of food offered, but how easily they could access it.

I now provide a number of feeding stations, where the birds can spread out, as they appear to eat best when they can eat together.

Where limited access to a food or water source occurs it will result in the establishment of hierarchical behaviours. This is where the strongest and most aggressive birds will feed first and for the longest. Birds that are shy, introverted or passive are pushed to the back and may eat very little.

In exhibition budgerigars, those with directional feathering tend to be overcome by birds without it, just because they are unable to see all adversities. Given the birds with directional feathering can be the better ones for exhibition purposes, there is risk that your best birds may be the most impacted by limited access.

The aggression displayed in the competition for food and water can resemble that which is usually reserved for defending nesting sites, so it can result in injuries.

While it's a guide only, here are a few tips I've picked up to overcome overcrowding for food and water:

1. Provide a multitude of feeding stations. Some may be for seed, others soft food, fruit or vegetables. Spreading the feeding stations out allows all the birds access to some sort of feed. I often note a rotation in place where birds will move from one to another;
2. Use square or rectangular feeding stations as it allows the greatest number of birds to attend to feeding;
3. Provide space around the feeding station so birds can comfortably enter and exit without having to fight their way in or out;
4. Be creative in utilizing the space in your aviary. You can hang things from the ceiling on a chain with a bull clip attached if you're running out of floor space;

5. Watch your birds regularly at feeding times to ensure your system is working. The number of birds fluctuates as we move into and out of the breeding season, and so too the requirement for accessing food and water resources will change over the course of a year; and
6. Keep birds to a manageable number. Deliberately overcrowding because you can't be bothered doing a cull is just irresponsible and inviting problems.

Perching

Inadequate perching space does not allow your birds to relax, preen themselves properly, establish friendships, or practice courtship. A failure to provide adequate room for them to develop normal behaviours often results in the establishment of **abnormal** behaviours!

Going back to the wild budgerigar, perching provides safety. Those that can secure the highest perches with the best vantage points have a better chance of seeing danger approaching, and escape. And don't worry; your Champion of Show will be just as interested in demonstrating this behaviour so it's not limited to wild flocks only.

Secondly, confining a wild flock to a limited number of perching spaces increases the success for predators. If only three trees existed in a 10 square acre area, and all budgerigars perched on these three trees, it would not be difficult for predators to identify the opportunity and ultimately increase their chance of success. Therefore, spreading out, but remaining in earshot of each other, is just as important as being able to see predators coming.

While I have not found any research on the number of perching inches that should be offered to our captive budgerigars, I have adopted 4 inches per bird. I arrived at this figure by roughly calculating that the average bird is 1 ½ inches wide, and a 1 ½ inch buffer on each side appears to keep most birds content in my birdroom.

The issue of creating some equality in perching is also important. If a limited number of high perches are available it again creates aggression as the more dominant birds seek to maintain their vantage points, pushing other birds to lower perches.

While there may be sufficient perching space, i.e. four inches per bird, if there is too much inequality in the perching available it still creates a hierarchy that ultimately creates stress.

Consider how comfortable you feel when you get in an elevator and have to travel with a group from the ground floor to the 23rd floor.

Ok, now imagine that you need to live, eat and reproduce with those people in that same confined space - permanently! *Tell me you wouldn't go crazy...*

Here are a couple of ideas:

1. Limit perch stacking as it creates an environment that supports hierarchical aggression by having higher perches, graduating down to lower perches;
2. Provide a number of perching options with different sized perches and interesting shapes. Gum branches are ideal and the birds seem to enjoy the variety. It also can encourage play;
3. Offer more perching than required to ensure birds can find a place they feel comfortable. There are some birds that just gravitate toward a particular perching section, and they are often easy to find as you know where to spot them.

Keeping birds happy and healthy

I'm keen to make sure my birds develop normal behaviours as I rely on them to carry out those behaviours when I put them in the breeding cabinets. This means they need to meet their need for food and water without feeling like their fighting for it, AND they need to be able to relax in between feeds to establish normal relationships within the flock.

Providing enough food and water to meet the needs of the number of birds I hold is just not enough for

a healthy population that is capable of breeding. They must also be relaxed and capable of bonding and courtship displays.

Bonding is a very important part of natural courtship for budgerigars as a hen wants to secure a strong pair bond to ensure that her mate will return each day to feed her and her young. Therefore this can't be understated and it's crucial that birds be provided with the space to develop normally if future breeding is to be successful.

So, look critically at your flights to see that your birds can feed normally and behave normally and it will improve your chances when they move into the breeding cabinets.

Further Reading:

John B. Calhoun (May 11, 1917 – September 7, 1995) was an [American ethologist](#) and behavioral researcher noted for his studies of population density and its effects on behavior.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_B._Calhoun

Stress in your bird:

<https://www.vetwest.com.au/pet-library/stress-in-your-bird>

Dealing with stress in birds, By David Hannon, DVM, Dipl. ABVP-Avian

<http://www.pettalkwithdrb.com/stress-in-birds.php>

It's Twins

Greg Kelleher

When inspecting a nest Xmas eve, I noticed an egg split wide open. Fearing the chick being stuck and drying out I lent a helping hand.

There was no movement so it was obvious the chick had died but I continued to open up the egg to be sure. To my surprise this is what I found.



From the Editor:

Thanks to Greg Kelleher for sharing this photo of the twin dead in shell budgerigars.

To me the twins look a little pre-term as the limbs aren't fully developed.

I'd be interested to hear other views.

For those reading this item, if you have pictures or could take pictures of various gestational ages either dead in shell or alive I'd be interested in hearing from you. I couldn't find much on my internet search to determine the gestational age of these twins.

CONVERGENCE AND DIVERGENCE

Jennifer Bell, Penrith Valley Branch

In wild populations members of a flock or group of creatures have similar characteristics. Think of a flock of wild budgerigars - not a lot of obvious individual differences.

Yet, mutations do occur. If these are evident they can be counter-survival and the birds do not survive to reproduce. If those birds do breed and the mutation is carried as a recessive the vast turnover of birds in wild flocks means that those characteristics are often lost without ever manifesting themselves due to the sheer number of birds in the flock.

What we have done with budgerigars is to take advantage of mutations when we find them and consolidate those mutations by inbreeding and line breeding. The exhibition budgerigar is a far cry from its progenitor, the wild bush budgie.

When we inbreed or line breed, we are trying to bring together what we regard as favourable characteristics such as colour, size, deportment and any number of other attributes.

The genetic lottery means that each chick inherits half its DNA from each parent so, you have to gamble that the two halves inherited carry the characteristics you are trying to optimise, bearing in mind that some of these may be recessive.

If you have a pair of birds carrying superior characteristics you wish to perpetuate in your flock, the more chicks you breed from that pair, the more likely you are to achieve success. This is because each chick will have received a distribution of its parents' DNA.

Remember, only 50% from each parent but not exactly the same 50%! It is quite possible for a chick to miss out on what you are hoping to achieve if both parents fail to pass that characteristic down to the chick, hence the need for multiple hatchlings.

In parent birds who have been line bred for particular attributes, you have increased your chances of producing chicks with the desired characteristics compared to mating of unrelated birds. Line breeding brings together desirable characteristics but it can also flush out attributes which are less-than-desirable and which have been hidden in recessive form.

So line breeding is also a tool for identifying and eliminating hidden problems. The downside can be that after a number of generations of line breeding, gains in one area are offset by setbacks in other areas because you are reinforcing multiple attributes; for instance, the colour may be superb, but the size has diminished.

This is where out crossing comes into its own to inject into the gene pool characteristics which may be lacking in a particular family of birds.

In my opinion, a breeding program needs to go through an ongoing cycle of convergence and divergence. Many beginners start with a highly divergent gene-pool because their birds may be accumulated from a variety of sources. Results will probably be mixed. The skill lies in working with what is in hand and, over a couple of generations, establishing useful lines and families of birds by line-breeding for particular characteristics. That is convergence. When the need arises, outcross to bring in lacking elements - **that is divergence.**

Aviary Ideas – Seed Trolley



Here is an idea for a seed trolley from Barry Wise.

The wooden box pictured here has a handle at one end and wheels on the bottom at the other end.



Three containers with different seeds are placed inside the seed trolley.

This makes it easy to move to clean the floor or to add fresh seed.

Foraging, a natural instinct of the budgerigar

Are we killing the natural instincts of the budgerigar?

Bob Wilson, 49W – Exhibition Budgerigars

The exhibition budgerigar of today is far removed from its wild cousin in the Australian Outback, but we must ask the question if our general husbandry practices and cafeteria style feeding are having a negative impact on the natural instincts of the birds in our studs.



The exhibition budgerigar and its "wild-type" relative

Several years ago during one of my regular chats with Eric Peake we discussed a presentation by Rosemary Low at the "Think Parrots" convention in London. The topic of Rosemary's talk was the importance of foraging or fossicking for food by ground feeders like budgerigars, cockatiels, etc. and its role in stimulating the natural instincts of the bird.

Ground feeding parrots like budgerigars are deep diggers. This stimulates the brain towards survival.

A key factor of captive breeding, as we do with budgerigars, is that we go in direct opposite to the wild aspect of bird community relations.

Budgies are group feeding birds, and have the ability to share danger and location of food with communal contact when in a mass or flock.

Budgies are also by nature a very active bird. They are ground feeders and foragers, and get plenty of exercise.

In the wild they leave the trees and nests in the early morning and fly to areas where there is abundant seeding grasses; frequently 40-50 kilometres away.

On reaching the feeding grounds they forage, first eating the green seed heads, then they fossick around on the ground for dried seed. When crops are full they return to the nests to feed youngsters or perch in the trees during the heat of the day. During the afternoon they forage again, and later take refuge in the trees as the sun begins to set.



In the wild it is survival of the fittest. Not only do the birds have to avoid their natural predators... eagles, hawks, nest raiding butcher birds, snakes, goanas, dingoes and feral cats... but the constant search for food demands that they are fit and healthy, or they will not survive.



Hawks attack flocks in flight



Butcher birds raid nests killing chicks.



On the ground goannas and snakes are waiting

Only the fit survive, and research in the outback shows the wild budgies have a good lifespan, and, depending on the season and availability of feed, raise at least a couple of nests of healthy chicks each year, so fertility is high too.

Conclusions from the presentation and associated long term research: Staying as close to nature as possible with foraging/fossicking being an integral element in aviary management has a direct relationship with activity, health, fertility and breeding production of budgerigars and other ground feeding birds.

Now let's take a look at how we manage our birdroom.

Flight cages seem to be getting smaller and smaller which severely limits the activity and exercise the birds get. Exercise is an essential element in the health of the birds and physical development of youngsters.

In the majority of cases seed is provided in dishes or bowls. Husks are removed, blown off, and new seed added on a daily basis. The birds sit on the side of the bowl to eat and do not have to work (fossick or burrow down through husks) to access all the seeds they need. Somewhat similar to eating hamburger and fries at a table in McDonalds for every meal, yet we wonder why some birds seem prone to put on extra weight.



Individual seed dishes for one bird, or a pair, does not give the bird brain decisions that need to go with communal feeding.

The seed bowls are located just inches from the perch in the breeding cages, and in some cases on elevated tables or platforms in the flight to keep them off the floor. Virtually no activity, i.e. exercise, is required to get to the cafeteria feeding.



In many cases breeders use cages with wire bottoms so any spilled seed and husks fall to a removable tray.

Any seed that is not eaten after several days is disposed of. The birds have eaten their favourites which usually includes the oats and other calorie laden grains, and those which are less to their taste but may be more nutritious are thrown out with the trash.

These wire bases eliminate the ability to fossick through seed the birds cannot reach, and in the case of youngsters they do not learn to forage or fossick naturally. And again good fresh seed that falls through the bottom wire grid is often thrown out with the trash.

We also ignore the "survival of the fittest" theology. In most cases, when a bird is off colour or showing signs it is not well, we guess as to the cause and administer medications of choice in the hope they will save the bird.

Experience tells us that some birds are less robust than others and these are prone to minor infections that in the wild would be their demise, yet we fight to keep them alive knowing that any bird that has been seriously ill rarely, if ever, returns to top health and vitality.

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If a bird is off colour far better to attempt natural remedies to help it rebound, rather than medications which tend to strip the gut of all desirable flora and leaving it with virtually no natural immunity to fight off infections.

Making a few changes to test the theory

Being someone who always tries to stick as close as possible to nature I decided to make a few changes and monitor the results.

When not breeding my birds are kept in a walk-in flight 10 ft x 6 ft x 7 ft high with moveable ladder perches positioned to allow plenty of exercise flying up, down and across the flight.



The floor of the flight cage is divided into sections using 4" x 2" wood. The three sections under the perches are covered with chopped timothy hay which is replenished as needed every 2-3 weeks.

The timothy hay contains a little molasses which is used to bind it together in bales for packaging.



The birds forage through the new chopped timothy hay when it is added, soon gnawing it down to a "powdery dust" that is easily swept up before a fresh supply is added. Not sure what they are after but there is obviously something they crave as they spend days gnawing on it and grinding it down.



Large dishes and trays containing seed, grit, and dry supplements were set in the centre section of the vinyl tile floor inside the door, so the birds must fly down to "the ground" to eat. In the past the dishes and trays were topped up every couple of days so seed was readily accessible to the birds, and towards the end of the week any uneaten seed was disposed of. (Most weeks a good amount of husks and seed went in the trash).

The major change made related to seed. At the beginning of each week large, deep plastic trays were filled with fresh seed.



The new "deeper" plastic feed trays, 5 inches in depth, are filled with fresh seed at the beginning of each week for the birds to forage through

As more of the seed was consumed husks accumulated at the top and uneaten seeds dropped lower in the tray. The birds would then dig down through the husks to find uneaten grains, moving their heads from side to side to move the husks aside as they fossicked lower.

No budgie will eat contaminated seed, only the clean seed, they test with the tongue prior to shelling the seed.

After a few days trays were checked to confirm there were uneaten seed towards the bottom, so I was sure there was food available if they "worked" to find it.

At the end of the week all dishes and trays were emptied onto the floor, Husks and uneaten seed, grit

and any dry supplement that remained. Dishes and trays were removed, and during the day the only source of food was the "left-overs" on the floor.

The birds foraged through the leftovers, eating anything they had missed in the dishes, which was now much easier to find spread out over the floor.

By feeding in large deep plastic trays they are in a similar state as in the wild. By topping up the trays once a week then scattering the remaining seed at the end of the week the fossicking stimulates their brain to function,

At the end of the day the husks and anything remaining on the floor was removed. One observation was that very little seed was left at the end of this day..... which translated to a savings on seed costs. 99% was now being eaten instead of a large portion ending up as trash.

The deep plastic seed trays were then filled and returned... and the process started again.

After just a few weeks it was interesting to note that most birds preferred to fossick through seed spilled on the floor rather than sit on the side of a dish and gorge themselves with seed without working for it.

The birds were definitely more active. As in the wild, they spent the majority of each day foraging and fossicking through the seed and timothy hay on the floor, returning to the perches for quiet time early afternoon and again as the lights dimmed at the end of the day.

Activity between the sexes also seemed more intense, especially when pick blocks, branches, and seeding grasses were added.

The overall health of the birds also appeared to be improved. It was rare to see a bird off-colour even during heavy moults or when there were extreme weather changes.

Breeding season: The hens were anxious to breed. Most were exploring the nest box within hours of pairing up, and started laying within 10-14 days.



Fertility and hatchability have been excellent since the changes.

Breeding pairs again preferred to fossick through seed spilled on the floor of the breeding cage, rather than sitting on the side of the seed dish.

Another trend was for youngsters in the flight to develop and muscle up faster than in previous years (but that could have been more to do with disposal of middle of the road stock prior to breeding season).

Conclusions:

It is too early to reach any final conclusions after only 18 months using these methods. However it would appear that the overall health, vitality, fertility and production in the breeding cage has improved, along with a substantial savings in seed costs.

It will take several more years to confirm if the improvements were a result of the foraging and fossicking stimulating the natural instincts of the birds.

So far results are very pleasing. Maybe something for others to consider.

Source: <http://www.49w.us/foraging.htm>

Special Thanks to Rosemary Low and Eric Peake for sharing their experience and knowledge in helping us to understand the impact we have on the natural instincts of our birds.

Aviary Ideas – Fresh Greens

Here is an interesting idea from [Mark Brennand](#) to provide your birds with fresh greens and encourage foraging. Two rectangle pots planted with old bird seed, hung up under the outside hutch, let to grow and the birds just love it. *FaceBook Post - 28 Oct 2016*



Letter from Hano

To the Secretary, Bruce Bradford & Executive of the B.S.N.S.W.

Good afternoon Bruce, thanks you for your correspondence re the ANBC National which is to be held in May of 2017. After a lot of consideration I have decided to step down as a team carer.

As you are aware, I have been doing it for a long time now, 29 years I think & I feel the time has come for me to step away, so the Society can elect someone new to fill my position.

This is a decision which I have not taken lightly, has taken me some time to reach; I have not meant to let anyone down.

I personally feel that the Society in NSW had a chance to make a massive leap forward in direction, under the leadership of our last President Harry Charalambous & his executive committee. Sadly, it would appear as though I must have been one of the minority who felt this way.

Like many of the people involved in the ANBC, I think NSW as a whole has missed out on an opportunity to move into the future with a clear direction of where we will need to be.

I am very aware that rightly, or wrongly, I personally, don't have too many grey areas in my life, mostly, it's either black or white. Which at times & in some situations, as well as some people's opinion, is not a good thing. But that's the way I have always done things, irrespective of how others see me & I'm too old to change now.

We, the carers, have always conducted ourselves with the highest principles, as far as selecting which birds were to be benched on the day. Not once in all the years that I have had a say in the selection, has a bird been selected because of who owned it, only on its merit that day.

Although I must admit, things have changed quite a bit from the first time I did the job & was told that my job was to -:

"clean the birds up ready for the final selection & keep your mouth closed, as to your opinion of which ones are the best"

To those of you, whose confidence I've had in all those years, I'd like to say thank you very much. The most memorable being Mrs Irene Darman, who sent me a thank you card every year, irrespective of where her birds placed on the day.

There have been two times during those years that I slipped up on the job, sadly, that didn't help the owners on the day, but hopefully were both courteous enough to forgive me, publicly, at least.

To those few who found a reason to constantly complain about the way in which I carried out my duties, send nasty letters telling me to do what I was paid to do & not help the other State's with their birds. As well as those who put official complaints on paper, here is your chance to step up & see what it's like to never be able to do enough to please everyone.

The best part of the job is, at the Annual ANBC National shows you will come in contact with some of the nicest people in Australia, & if you want to, you can, like myself end up with a circle of friends in almost every state of this great nation of ours. So, when YOU retire from the carer's job, & go on a holiday. You can go & visit them all, get the occasional free bed & breakfast, & when they give you the grand tour of their aviary, criticise their birds.

No one can completely change that fast.

Good Luck to the new carers, as well as all B.S.N.S.W. Breeders into the future.

Hano

20-20 Interstate Exhibition Budgerigar Interview with Geoffrey Tonkin

Mark Hawke

Geoffrey Tonkin is a National Winner and one of the nicest guys in the hobby. I first met Geoff at the 2015 Nationals in Mandurah WA. We did know each other from Facebook but there I was walking along at the Meet and Greet and he yelled out to me. We then had a chat and a beer together. Geoffrey's a top bloke and one of the big wigs from Victoria. Anyway have a read about someone that really does care about the hobby and enjoy as I have learning about this Champion Breeder and Bloke from down old Mexico Way.



What started your interest in budgerigars?

The breeder had a modest setup by today's standards. The flock probably numbered under 100 and were one step from bush budgies as we know them. Over time my father joined the Geelong club and we both went along until I became a teenager. As often happens I then followed different interests for a while. At about 6 years of age my father took me to a breeder nearby to select a pair of pet budgies.

How long have you been in the hobby?

Although I was breeding a couple of times over the years business pressures had to stop waiting until I had more time. This latest stint about 20 years.

What Club & level do you show at?

For the last 8 years I have shown in Champion section, as luck has it I have been able to remain as a Champion breeder. The point's process in Victoria makes it hard to remain in Champion. Once you get there you are there for 3 years. But you have to keep winning to remain. Many go back to open some regain Champion level, but many never do.

The Victorian points system is as near as we can get to ideal. The BCV sees the top 10% or so of breeders in the state as Champion as about what it should be. Some years we have a few more; some years less.

I am a member of and show with Colac Club. I am also a member of United, Warnambool and Mt Gambier. I do enjoy the people you meet in this hobby, most of them anyway.

What varieties do you keep?

I keep normal Dominant Pied Spangle a variety I think everyone should dabble in. I am probably best known for English Yellow Face, Clearbody, Lutino and Greywing. I have just started with Recessive Pieds; still a long way to go.

What is your best memory in the hobby?

An easy question Busselton Nationals my first and only National win.

Whose birdroom would you like to spend a day in having a one to one budgie chat?

Kelwyn was one of the most interesting people I have visited. Henry George what a setup. My old mate Cec Geering, Alan Rowe and the man of the moment Peter Thurn. Good luck judging at the Nationals Peter. I have been to all these breeder's aviaries. The ones I have not been to Garry Gazzard, Mark and Rebecca Fellows, Bob Smith and Geoffrey Leong. These guys are worth your time. Gordon Chandler is good value as well.



Geoffrey Tonkin's birdroom
Photographs provided by Geoffrey Tonkins

Who's bloodlines have influenced your stud?

I had some Rowe blood; Gazzard recently and others but I have developed my birds over a long time.

Name your 3 top budgerigar breeders in Australia in any order?

Today Henry George would have to be first after that it would be a raffle but Geoffrey Leong and Peter Thurn are up there.

What was your best ever bird and for what reason?

I guess my National winning Yellow Face because it won the nationals.

If you could only show at one show, which would it be? *The Nationals.*

Are you in a relationship?

Yes Kathy is very well known in Budgie circles



What is your favourite food & restaurant?

Food: Golden syrup dumplings.

Restaurant: A little place in Ho Anna magic

Name the person you would most like to have dinner with?

You mate (Mark Hawke) you are a legend.

What would you do if you won the lottery?

Not sure.

Do you have any other hobbies?

I am retired so I like to travel

What car or motorcycle do you drive / ride?

Ford territory I will leave the Harley to you Mark.

What is your favourite movie & actor?

"We were soldiers" starring Clint Eastwood

[[Official trailer](#)]

What football team do you follow? *Cats*

Occupation? *I was many things; now retired.*

Is there anything in budgies that really irritates you? *People who knock the hobby.*

Is there anything else you would like to add?

As many people would know by now I intend to sell all my birds at Auction in June 2017 at the Geelong Club Auction. Below are some of my current budgerigars:



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NORTHERN NSW BUDGERIGAR BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, Steve Kilduff

On 3rd of December we enjoyed our Christmas party at Ian Hanington's residence. Thank you to Hano for hosting the BBQ etc.

Our 27th Annual Show will be held on Saturday, 18th February 2017, at the Wauchope Showground. BSNSW Variety points are available at this show. Judges will be Keith Nichols and Richard Bucior.
Entries close Wednesday 15th February 2017 at 9pm.

Contact David Christie on (02) 65567297
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On behalf of the club I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

HUNTER BRANCH REPORT, Amy Robinson

At Hunter Branch we have been welcoming many new members recently.

In October we had a very successful trash and treasure night where members were able to bring pre-loved items to swap and sell.



On October 10th we welcomed Brian Bohl and Michael Evans to speak about upcoming new products from Calci Vet and Tummy Rite.



Our Christmas party was hosted in December; we had a great dinner amongst family and friends.

Our annual fund raising BBQ will be held at Bunnings in Maitland on Saturday 21st January. Feel free to drop by and grab a delicious sausage sandwich to help raise funds for the Hunter Branch.

Looking forward to seeing what the New Year brings for everyone.

ST. GEORGE BRANCH NEWS, Nola Bradford

NOVEMBER: The Breeding Season lecturer

Dr Michael Cannon was our guest lecturer for the evening and his topic was "The Breeding Season". This power point presentation covered the nest box, incubation, hatching and possible saving of chicks. The filming was graphic, but showed how young chicks and the parent mothers can be saved in the nest. The Committee was very pleased with the audience numbers in attendance and many questions were answered by Mike. It was a busy night as it was the final of our three month **Young Bird Point Score Competition** and place getters were:

Open: Jim Baker, K & S Liley, Wilson Family, Craig Geering and Tony Merriman.

Novice: Brian Waters and George Camaris.

DECEMBER - 2016 ST. GEORGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Approximately 50 members and children attended the December night when we traditionally hold a family Christmas Party with Santa attending. A big attraction of the night is always the "Monster Christmas Hamper" which is made up of goodies supplied by the generous members and our guests. This enables us to have a number of prizes to be won. John Wallace was the lucky first prize winner of the packed washing basket this year, and then won the second prize which was a 20 kg bag of budgie mix donated by Brian Waters. (When you're hot, you're hot!!)



Craig Geering and his family



Warren Wilson, Jean Painter and Betty Berry preparing tickets for the Monster Raffle



Dianne Wackwitz and Santa, with part of Monster Raffle in background



Brenda Baker and family



Bruce Bradford with Santa



Terese and Barry Ryan with Santa

A great spread of food was enjoyed by everyone, which commenced with nibbles and then prawns and hot finger food, followed by delicious Pavlovas. We all needed "a walk around the block" after devouring this magnificent spread. Santa came and gave each of the children a Christmas Stocking from his Santa Sack. Santa then wandered around to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Safe New Year.



Greg Gregoriou was presented with five rosettes for his ANBC variety awards in Hobart. Prizes for the winners of the three months Young Bird Point Score Competition were given out.

A good night was had by all and everyone left feeling in the Christmas spirit.

ORANA AVICULTURAL SOCIETY, Mark Hawke



Mid State Budgerigar Club, Mark Hawke

What a great night we had at the Saturday Night Dinner at the Robin Hood Hotel. The food was fantastic. This was posted on FaceBook on 24 November 2016 by Mark Hawke.



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The Queensland North and Central Zone Budgerigar Council would like to extend an invitation to all fanciers, their family and friends to join us at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre, in Mackay for the 2017 Australian National Budgerigar Council Championship Show.

Friday 26th May – Wednesday 31st May 2017

Show: 27th and 28th May 2017

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<http://www.capbuds.org/anbc2017.html>

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

[http://www.capbuds.org/files/anbc_2017/2017 ANBC
National Registration Form.pdf](http://www.capbuds.org/files/anbc_2017/2017_ANBC_National_Registration_Form.pdf)



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