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From the Editor

Welcome to the second 2017 issue of the Budgerigar. Submissions for the next issue are due by the 1st May 2017 with the publication to be distributed via Mail Chimp by mid-May.

I hope everyone is gearing up for the State Team Challenge Competition and the ANBC Nationals in Mackay to be held in May. I always look forward to the National show to catch up with fanciers from all over Australia and to meet our overseas guests.

The show season is now well underway; thanks to those who sent in your show results. It is also great to have photos from the shows for the magazine and our FaceBook page. Make sure arrangements are made 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. I'm pleased to have received a few calls from our readers. It is great to get feedback on the articles.

Thanks to everyone who has assisted me to produce this magazine. Special thanks to Andrew Bourne for allowing me the time to prepare the magazine, to Mark Hawke for always being there when I need extra ideas and articles, and to Nola Bradford who always seems to find correction for me when proof reading.

Maureen Bourne
BSNSW Editor

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What's on in 2017

March 2017

- 31st Closing Registrations for the 2017 ANBC Nationals in Mackay. Link: [REGISTRATION FORM](#)

April 2017

- 5-7th [Royal Cage Bird Show](#) – Homebush, Sydney
30th Shoalhaven Annual Show
30th Tamworth Annual Show

May 2017

- 7th Macarthur Annual Show
8th BSNSW Management Meeting
20th State Team Challenge & State Team Selection
Venue: Bulli Showground - INVITATION
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
16th St. George Branch Sale Night - Bexley
24th Steward School Training – INVITATION
Applications close 11th June - FORM

July 2017

- 1st Hills Super Budgerigar Auction
10th BSNSW Management Meeting
16th BSNSW Annual Show

August 2017

- 12th Newcastle Budgerigar Club Annual Auction
13th Newcastle Budgerigar Club Annual Show
18th St. George Branch Auction - Bexley

September 2017

- 10th Northside Annual Show
17th BSNSW Management Meeting & AGM
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
Aviculture's Annual Social Night & Guest of
28th Honour Dinner, Canary & Cage Bird Federation
of Australia – Five Dock, Sydney
30th Hunter Annual Show

November 2017

- 5th Penrith Valley Branch Annual Show
12th Central Coast 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.

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BSNSW Inc. will be
providing a SAUSAGE
SIZZLE on the day.**

This will be available from 8am.



President's Report

Steve Cummins, BSNSW President

Hi All, I hope you have been having a good show season and your breeding season has got off to a good start. The final decision of where the 2018 National show has been made, Penrith Panthers World of Entertainment Marquee will host the event. This arena is spectacular and the Penrith Panthers Club itself has many activities available none the least of which is Indoor Sky Diving; you can get the thrills without having to jump out of a perfectly good airplane! More information on this will be coming soon.

I am enthusiastically anticipating the 2017 National Show in Mackay in May and look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible to enjoy this event together. My thoughts and best wishes go out to the Mackay residents with tropical cyclone Debbie bearing down upon them.

The STCC for 2017 will be held at the Bulli Showground Pavilion. I am pleased to inform you that those travelling to the show can camp on the grounds free of charge on the night before the show. There is a shower block right next to the camping grounds and the pavilion. The invitations and conditions of entry have been sent out to Branches and Associated Societies by the Show Committee. This invitation will be posted on the "What's On" page of the BSNSW website and FaceBook.

Don't forget that 2018 ring orders should now be a priority for you with orders closing on 31st May. After 31st May coded ring orders can be made but will incur quite substantial late fees which may also apply to late orders for uncoded rings. The 2018 ring order form is accompanying this issue of the magazine with a change of contact details as we transition to online ordering as the main order method.

For New England Branch members, I have included a statement later in the magazine.

Best wishes to all. Steve

General Secretary's Report

Ann Hand, BSNSW General Secretary

It has been reasonably quiet since the last meeting minutes went out. A couple of ring delays dealt with quickly and a few emails starting to come in regarding the 2018 Nationals in Sydney as listed in correspondence in/out, hopefully a few problems that have previously arisen are now being dealt with successfully.

It is disappointing that despite requests to Branches to supply information regarding their Branches or for voting purposes on different issues, we are usually always missing out on 4 - 6 Branches replying. It is hoped in future all may be more aware of giving us their views and supplying the information that is needed to keep the BSNSW running smoothly.

A nomination form for Office Bearers and a request for postal vote for **the AGM to be held on Sunday, 17th September 2017** are included with this magazine. **Completed nomination forms need to reach me by 31st May 2017.** Once valid nomination forms are received the membership will be notified by 30th June via the same method the magazine is sent out. Those who do not have email addresses will have the information posted to them.

All valid nominations will appear in the July issue of the Budgerigar with a profile of the nominees; under the current By-Laws closing date for the return of postal vote and completed voting paper is 31st July.

An amendment to this date will be put to the May Management Meeting to allow members to receive the June/July issue of the magazine with details of nominees prior to voting. The June/July issue will also have STCC, BSNSW Annual Show and Nationals results included.

If you have any business you feel the committee should be dealing with, please put your thoughts forward to your delegates. If they can't attend in person to a Management meeting, they can do so on line or by writing to us and it will go on the agenda for discussion. If your business can be dealt with prior to meetings I will endeavour to do so.

Ann Hand, BSNSW General Secretary
secretary@budgerigar.com.au

Front Cover Story

2016 National Recessive Pied

Ken Seagrott has been breeding budgerigars for many years.

He is a member of the BSNSW New England Branch and lives in a little country town near Inverell in NSW.

Ken has regularly represented NSW at the ANBC National.

In the earliest records that I have, Ken came second with a Normal Grey in 2005 at the Victorian hosted ANBC National that was held in Melbourne.

Maureen Bourne

As you can see from the photos below Ken Seagrott has had eight birds placed in the top three places over a ten-year period from 2016 to 2006.

2006 was an extra special year for Ken with three Variety wins and a second place.

Ken puts some of his bird up for auction with the South Queensland Budgerigar Breeders Association Quality Budgerigar Auctions, Wynnum Redlands Budgerigar Society Auctions and at the BRASEA Auctions in Bexley, Sydney.



2016 ANBC National in TAS
First Place with a Recessive Pied

2015 ANBC National in WA
Third Place with a Normal Green

2013 ANBC National in Sth QLD
Second Place with a Dark Eyed Clear

2009 ANBC National in TAS
Third Place with a Greywing

2016-2013 Photographed by Rod Turnbull



2007 ANBC National in SA
Second Place with a Recessive Pied

2006 ANBC National in Sth QLD
First Place with a Greywing

2006 ANBC National in Sth QLD
First Place with a Recessive Pied

2006 ANBC National in Sth QLD
First Place with a Crested

2006 – 2007 Photographs from the BSNSW website pages with the ANBC National Results

Judges News

Jean Painter

We are pleased to announce that Gary Gazzard has withdrawn his resignation without any break in his Judges Panel commitments and has resumed his position on the Judges Panel & Committee.



Gary Gazzard judging at Mid-State Annual Show in November 2016

We had a great introductory meeting with five prospective Trainee Judges at the home of Andre and Ida Ozoux on Saturday 28th January 2017.



Jean Painter at Illarawarra Annual Show in February 2017

In spite of it being a very hot day the Trainees took part in both a practical and written assessment which resulted in them all being welcomed on to the program, advised of what to expect from this training and what the Judges Committee will expect from them.

The Trainees and the Panel Judges have received Assessment Forms, with an accompanying sheet of instructions, that are required to be filled in by the presiding Judge when a Trainee is standing in with him/her.

I have already received many of these assessments. It is great to see the enthusiasm from these Trainees and their good reports so far. Well done to all of them.

We would like to sincerely thank Andre and Ida for the morning teas and lovely lunch they provided for us all on the day as no sooner had the Trainees completed their session when the Cadet Judges arrived for theirs.

The session with the Cadets focused on the responsibilities of a Judge after accepting an appointment to judge a Show. For the first time, Cadet Judges can judge at a Show as long as a Senior Panel Judge is standing with them for advice and guidance as required.



2011 ANBC National Stewards in Canberra
Photograph taken by Nola Bradford

There is an invitation to attend the Steward's School with this edition. I hope we get a great response as not only do the Stewards at the National get the recognition for their work, and the chance to see the birds up close, but we also provide them with a shirt to keep.

Jean Painter
Chairperson
BSNSW Judges Committee

BSNSW Stewards School Invitation

For our National Show at Penrith in 2018 we need to have Stewards who are familiar with the procedures required as they will be on show (in their nice new shirts) in front of a large audience of fellow breeders and exhibitors.

To ensure that this will happen the Judges Committee and the Society Chief Steward are holding a Stewards' School over a period of two days, one this year and one next year, during which we will not only end up with people who are confident but familiar with what is required. They will also have very good knowledge to assist with the running of all BSNSW and Affiliate Shows.

To steward at the National 2018, you must attend and gain certification at this Stewards' School. In previous years, it was required for all Trainee Judges to have passed through the Stewards' School first. The Judges Committee are considering this as an option now.

The dates for the Stewards' School have been set for the 24th June 2017 and 21st April 2018. The closing date for application to attend Stewards' School is the 11th June 2017. Applications should be sent to Ray Galbraith via email boxer73@bigpond.net.au. The application form is provided as a separate document or as an insert in the printed copy of the magazine.

BSNSW Structural Review Committee

The committee was established at the BSNSW Management Committee meeting on the 9th January 2017. Following a meeting on 9th February 2017, the committee members recommended that the name of this committee be: **BSNSW Structural Review Committee (BSNSW SRC).**

Our aim is to follow on from the work done by the BSNSW Working Group (BSNSW WG) with the intention of setting up a structure to implement many of the recommendations from the Working Group as published in the [Budgerigar June-July 2016](#) issue pp 10-13 and report on the review of the Objects, Rules and By-Laws as published in the [Budgerigar August-September 2016](#) issue pp 11-12.

A review of the Objects, Rules and By-Laws was agreed at the meeting to be the main focus of this committee. The following points are recommended as components of the committee's work:

- 1 Review Objects of BSNSW;
- 2 Review Branch/Affiliated Societies structure;
- 3 Review membership types;
- 4 Review management structure; and
- 5 Review financial issues associated with funds held by Branches.

Under Rule 21 the BSNSW SRC requests the Management Committee to prepare a delegation of this sub-committee's functions to be written into the By-Laws to provide the scope of the committee's work. The BSNSW SRC recommends that our delegation should be advisory in nature. A motion was passed at the March Management Meeting to accept the five components of the committee's work that are listed above. Two additional members were added to the existing committee following recommendations by the BSNSW SRC; these were Jean Painter and Geoff Hand.

David Butters, Barry Wise and Maureen Bourne
BSNSW SRC Members

2017 April Events

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APRIL 2017

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Saturday, 8th April from 8am to 2pm

See full details for Sale & BBQ on Page 4

Find us at the following show

30th April - Shoalhaven Annual Show

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to arrange special orders.*

Ph/fax: (02) 9624 5129

Royal Cage Bird Show Homebush Sydney



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

Budgerigars Display on Friday 7 April 2017

JUDGES: Mrs Kathy Manton & Mr Wayne Doull

Please read and observe the conditions of entry
set out in the [schedule](#).

Note location correct in advert; differs from schedule

SHOALHAVEN BRANCH

Budgerigar Society of NSW Inc



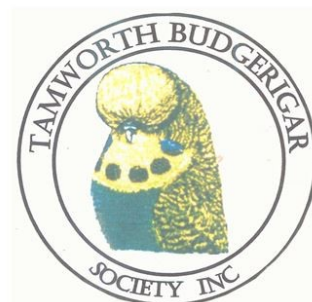
Sunday, 30th April 2017

**Illaroo Road Primary School
North Nowra**

Most Successful Shoalhaven Branch Exhibitor - The Kate Sommerfield Perpetual Trophy
BEST OLIVE in SHOW - Trophy donated by the Evans Family (must nominate bird for olive)
Champion Open Young - The Darrel Sheather Perpetual Trophy
Champion Intermediate Young - The Marie Sheather Perpetual Trophy
Champion Novice Young - The Cameron & Myers Perpetual Trophy
Champion Young Bird - The Mel Sheather Perpetual Trophy

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

ANNUAL SHOW 2017



Sunday 30th April 2017

**Tamworth Rugby Hall
Marius Street, Tamworth**

BSNSW CHAMPION EXHIBITOR COMPETITION

Judges: Cathy Manton and Andre Ozoux

Entries: To Rob Smith, Show Secretary
Telephone: (02) 6767 1375 - 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm
Thursday, 27th April 2017

Schedules available from the **BSNSW What's On** page
or by contacting Show Secretary.

2017 May - June Events

BSNSW Inc.
**MACARTHUR BRANCH
2017 ANNUAL SHOW**
Sunday, 7th May 2017

Picton High School, 480 Argyle Street,
PICKTON (**Note new venue**)

Judges: C Buckingham, R Bucior & W Doull

BSNSW Inc. Members – Best of Variety in Show
Competition. (Points for Best of Variety Young and Any Age)

Champion Dominant Pied

(Dominant Pied's split into individual varieties)

Macarthur Branch Featured Variety – **Lutino**

Most Successful Non-Macarthur Novice Exhibitor

Most Successful Macarthur Novice Exhibitor

Bob Bourke Trophy for Best Aust Goldenface

Clearwing Society Challenge Certificate Event

Bacon and Egg Rolls available for Breakfast at a reasonable
cost – Tea & Coffee included. BBQ LUNCH AVAILABLE

Entries by email: davecbutters@yahoo.com.au
or Phone 0262413585 from 6.00pm,

Thursday 4th May 2017

Schedules available by contacting-

David Butters (02) 62413585,

Nadene Spicer 0246277244 or downloading from

www.budgerigar.com.au

REMINDER

AGM Nominations Forms
due 31st May 2017
Ring Orders
due 31st May 2017
Membership Renewal
due 30th June 2017

Remember, that YOU also
need to have renewed your
membership for 2018 to be
eligible to order rings.

Are you a financial member?

[Link to the BSNSW MEMBERSHIP LIST](#)

ST. GEORGE BRANCH BSNSW

SALE NIGHT

Friday, 16th June, 2017

Venue: Bexley School of Arts,
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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

KEEP UP TO DATE |

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

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

http://www.capbuds.org/files/anbc_2017/2017_ANBC_National_Registration_Form.pdf



Scott Eriksen, Show Co-ordinator: Mobile: 0419776837, email: scotteriksen73@gmail.com



BUDGERIGAR IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

36th Annual Show with Mini Auction ***25th June 2017 at Penrith Paceway Club***

Champion Cash & Prize

Varieties Prize Budgie Blue Seed

Champion Old Cash & Prize

Champion Young Cash & Prize

Champion Restricted Cash & Prize

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G. Wood

All Proceeds from this action go to Budgerigar Improvement Society.
Birds will be on Display from 10am and auction to be held after Judging is completed.

Auctioneer on the day

Thank you, Stuart Williams (Major Sponsor)

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For more information on the day of the show please don't hesitate to contact
Bittina Ely on (0412) 022603 & Wayne Doull (0412)312 840

Email: Budgerigar.improvement.society@gmail.com

News from the Show Manager

Jim Baker

State Team Challenge Competition (STCC)

The STCC will be held at Bulli Showground Pavilion on Saturday, 20th May 2017. Invitations for the STCC were emailed to your Branch or Club on 23th March 2017. Acceptances due by 17th April 2017.

The Showground is behind Bulli Greyhound track, approx. one kilometre south of the bottom of Bulli Pass.

Catering will be available for breakfast and food will be available all day at the Canteen.

There is plenty of grassed areas adjacent to the Pavilion with good toilet and shower facilities if people coming wish to camp overnight free of charge.

Set up will start at 7am on the morning of the show, so we will need plenty of helpers. If you can volunteer to help please contact the Show Manager, Jim Baker on (02) 9601 1495 or 0413 980 334. We need to be packed up and out of the pavilion by 4pm. Canteen facilities can be available after 4pm.

2018 National

2018 National hosted by New South Wales is to be held at Penrith Panthers. This has now been confirmed and the contracts are being finalised. Tour options are being planned and will be taken to this year's National at Mackay, Qld for expression of interest. Planning is well under way and we will need lots of people to help out, so please contact any of our Show Committee members.

BSNSW Status Re-Grades

Congratulations to the seven members who have had their status upgraded. These grading are as of the 5th March 2017.

RE-GRADED TO INTERMEDIATE

Exhibitor	Club
Steve Kilduff	Northern NSW
Myles Henke	West Sydney
Anthony Starcevic	Illawarra
Leon Chenhall	Shoalhaven

RE-GRADED TO OPEN

Exhibitor	Club
G & M Lynch	Northside
R & A Rogers	Penrith Valley
S & L Leggett	West Sydney

2016 BSNSW Best of Variety in Show Competition

The full 2016 varieties competition results are listed below. This year all the varieties had outright winners except one variety, Crested.

Congratulations to James Matthews on clearly winning the overall variety competition on 80 points and all the other individual variety winners.

This is an example of what can be done when you show a large number of birds and support most Clubs during the year.

2016 Best of Variety Competition	Points as of DEC 2016
James Matthews	80
E & D Wise	28
Mark Hawke	24
Ray & Sue Condon	23
Anlezark & Bohringer	17
Cliff Cameron	17
K & D Mitchell	17
B & M Wise	16
Cameron & Myers	16
Mario Capasso	14
Tony Butt	13
Matthew Troy	13
Dave Butters	10
A & C Druery	10
Evans Family	10

2017 BSNSW Best of Variety in Show Competition

The 2017 variety competition is well underway, so if you want to win an individual variety or the overall get involved and support Clubs and Branches at their shows during the year.

See the [BSNSW What's On](#) page for dates and show schedules.

Variety Winners for the 2016 Best of Variety in Show Competition

For the 2016 season, the winners were determined by adding the points together for each Variety for all approved shows. **Two points** were 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.

Thank you to all the exhibitor who supported the show with your entries and congratulations to all the variety winners. Variety winners for 2016 will be presented with their certificates at the 2017 BSNSW annual show to be held on the 9th July 2017.

VARIETY	LEADERS	FINAL POINTS 2016
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	7
Golden Face	Pam Hewitt	13
Black Eyed Self Colour	Ray & Sue Condon	10
Dilute	James Matthews	9
Lutino	Mark Hawke	5
Albino	Mark Hawke	7
Clearwing	G & M Lynch	7
Greywing	James Matthews	15
Cinnamonwing	James Matthews	13
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	9
Dominant Pied	Wayne Altman	7
Recessive Pied	Tony Butt	10
Dark Eyed Clear	Joe Elias	7
Saddleback	P & V Giles	4
Darkwing	Ray & Sue Condon	8
Crested	Foster & Corbett & Thang Vu	5
Non Standard	E & D Wise	

Feeding and Suppliments

Peter Thurn, Champion Breeder and National Judge

Feeding

My seed is the standard budgie mix from Maxi Seeds (sourced through our club). The mix is 50% Canary and 50% mixed millet. Birds always have access to hulled oats and grey striped sunflower.

In addition to the seed mentioned above, breeding birds get a daily vegetable, oat and sunflower mix. The mix consists of silverbeet, grated carrot and frozen corn kernels.



I add to the vegetables (about 2/3 of a 5 litre ice cream container) and 2 tablespoons of E-Powder ([Rob Marshall products](#)). To the vegie mix, I add approximately 150gms of hulled oats and 50gms of grey striped sunflower. The oats and sunflower are coated with The Good Oil (Passwell products) and allowed to stand for 30 minutes before being mixed with the vegetables.



Vege Mix ready to be fed.

The mix is fed in a container lids that are approximately 80mm in diameter. Pairs with chicks get a "heaped" lid full and other pairs get a "flat" lid full.



Chicks that have fledged but have not made it to the flights are fed this mix as well as the seed mix. Any leftovers are fed to the young birds in the flights.



2012 National Winning Texas Clearbody
Waiting for breakfast



Then "digging in" with his hen.

Adults and young birds in the flights are fed something green daily. Depending on the season, it could be silverbeet, seeding grasses, rose cuttings, milk thistle or lucerne.

Medicated Pigeon Grit is always available.



Water

My water does not get changed as regularly as some people do. I use AviClens or MultiClens (1% chlorhexidine) to keep the water "clean".

Vitamin B12 mix is always part of the water regime. I use raspberry cordial plus B12 one week and a vitamin D3 enhanced vitamin supplement plus B12 on the alternate week.

I use "nipple" type drinkers in the flights and "fountain" drinkers in the breeding cages.

Medication

As a rule, I try not to use a lot of medication. I prefer to let the birds build up a natural resistance and strong immune system. I believe that the very open flights contribute to developing a hardy stud.

Ivermectin is used to control most internal and external parasites. Babies are treated when they leave the nest and all birds are treated annually.

Baytril tends to be a bit of a "go to" antibiotic for birds that look a bit off and seems to do a good job. For more information go to <http://www.melbournebirdvet.com/baytril-the-myths-and-reality.aspx>

To this point, I have not had an outbreak of coccidiosis and have not used any coccidiosis treatments. Most visitors find this hard to believe given the open flights that I use. Maybe that is the trick?



Peter Thurn aviary with open flight showing that the favour the open area of the flights.

All birds are treated annually with Turbosole to prevent canker.

I am using for the first-time Dr Rob Marshall's 45 day Doxycycline treatment for sub-clinical Psittacosis. The birds seem to have responded well with a visible and audible increase in activity. I will know in a few months if it has a positive effect on fertility. There is a link to Rob Marshall's website on my links page.

Source:

<http://pt9budgerigars.weebly.com/feeding-and-supplements.html>

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The ingredients we use in our soft food mix:

- Cup of Wheat
 - rinsed and soaked overnight
 - drain then cover with water
 - microwave for 15 minutes
 - drain, while still hot add desert spoon of Manuka Honey



- cover and leave to cool
- One apple
- One carrot
- Two hard boiled eggs



Chop the apple, carrot and boiled eggs.



To simplify the mixing of the ingredients, we use a Sunbeam Stick Mixer to quickly finely chop the ingredients.

A quarter of all the ingredients are mixed at a time. The mixture is then added to the wheat and stirred.



This is the soft food mix when it is ready to be given to the birds. It is stored in the fridge with a lid and used within a 24-hour period.

The mixture is usually made every second day and fed to the birds in the breeding cages that afternoon; the rest of the food is placed in sealed container in the fridge and fed the following afternoon. If there is any still left it goes into the flights.



This grey cock is straight down to the feeding dish when it is placed into the breeding cage. The amount given varies depending on the number and ages of the chicks being raised. Cages where there are no chicks are given less. The aim is for the soft food to be consumed within an hour.



The young birds learn to feed themselves by eating the soft feed mix while still in the breeding cage with their parents. We also give a small amount of soft food into the "nappy" cage and sometimes into the flights to supplement their feeding and get the birds familiar to the soft feed mix.



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2016 Clearwing Challenge Results

Warren Wilson, Clearwing Budgerigar Society



CLEARWING CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE COMPETITION

THE RESULTS OF THE CHALLENGE AWARDS FOR 2016

2004 Winner Bob Levy WA	2005 Winners Barbara & Ted Wallis from NSW
2006 and 2007 Winners Wilson & Hoadley Victoria	
2008 Winners The Wilson Family	from NSW
2009 Winners L & J Renn	from NSW
2010 Winner Cedric D'Costa	from NSW
2011 Winner Cedric D'Costa	from NSW
2012 Winner Geoff O'Connor	from NSW
2013 Winner Geoff O'Connor	from NSW
2014 Winner Cedric D'Costa	from South Queensland
2015 Winner Cedric D'Costa	from South Queensland

2016 Winner "It could be you" 1st - A Prize & \$250 Cash + 6 Runner Up State Awards

WINS RETURNED FOR 2016 as at December, 2016

If you have any query with your points total please contact us or your State Rep or
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WA:	Betty Rea		Sth QLD:	B & G Henderson	1
	Mike Gearing			Johnson Family	1
	Wilma Bunter	5		Di Neale	1
	Ron Minn	1		Bill Kirstenfeldt	2
	A Day	1		Anna Jansen	1
SA:	Marie & Kerry Murphy	2		Cedric D'Costa	27
	Robert Worrall	1		Wright Family	1
	John Mulley	1	Nth Qld	Joanne Towler	1
	Kakoschke & Rice	4		A Turnbull	
	Vicki Sanford	1		Roal Gardiner	
	D Brunson	2		A & B Fairbank	
TAS:	Blair & Poole	2		Bruce Schuster	2
	Kenn & Betty Fulton	4	NSW:	Geoff O'Connor	
VIC:	Wilson & Hoadley	1		Wilson Family	4
	Murray & Spink	3		Ray & Sue Condon	3
	Sheppard & Flanagan	2		Markos Pangalos	1
	Doreen Brunton	1		Mick Auckett	2
	Darren Macfarlane	2		Steve Kilduff	1
	De Rango & Skoric			G & M Lynch	9
	Brian Abbott	2		C & M Morgan	
	D Bates	1		Andrew Cusack	3
	Rex Stephens	2		S & D Wackwitz	4
	I Gould	1		I & K Manton	
	Leigh Downey	1		Shane & Elsie Sullivan	1

2016 Overall Winner Cedric D'Costa South Queensland

2016 Golden Crest Challenge Competition Results



GOLDEN CREST CHALLENGE COMPETITION

FINAL RESULTS OF THE CHALLENGE POINTS FOR 2016



Overall winner for 2016 is Thanh Vu, NSW with Six State Winners

WINS RETURNED FOR 2016 as at March, 2017

WA:	Rhys Hugo	6	Nth Qld:	R & V Gardiner	2
	Leigh Newton	2		Bruce Schuster	1
	Betty Rea	2			
SA:	D & R Lange	2	NSW:	Thanh Vu	10 **
	John Mulley	1		Foster & Corbett	8
TAS:	Blair & Poole	3		D & G Pymont	7
				Spiteri & Kanaan	6
VIC:	Bradley Family	5		S & D Wackwitz	1
	Sheppard & Flanagan	3		Paul O'Neill	5
	Wayne Cachia	3		Craig Geering	4
	Rowe Bros	2		R & A Rogers	3
	Tim Paterson	2		Charlie Halasz	3
	Leigh Downey	1		Ian Hanington	2
	Vella & Thomas	1		M Monsma	2
	K McCalman	1		David Christie	2
Sth QLD:	Jacky Jansen	3		Gary Job	1
	P & K Cox	1		Ken Seagrott	1
				Peter Wheeler	1
				Mathew Hollyoak	1
				Bob Cosgrove	1

2017 Illawarra Annual Show Results

Dan Strinic, Illawarra Branch

The Illawarra Annual Show was held on the 5th February 2017 at the PCYC in Bulli. What a good start to the show season with 358 birds entered. People came from far and wide to come to our show. Thanks to everyone for coming, and exhibiting their birds.

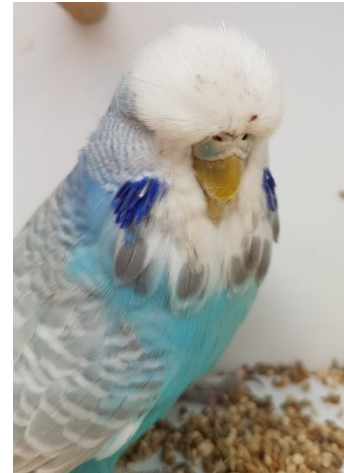
James Mathews and Mario Capasso scooped the pool in the Any Age and Open sections with **S & L Leggett** taking out **Champion Intermediate** and **Myles Henke** winning **Champion Novice**.



Grand Champion & Champion Any Age
Owned by James Mathews
Photographed by Maureen Bourne



Champion Intermediate
Owned by S & L Leggett
Photographed by Maureen Bourne



Champion Novice
Owned by Myles Henke
Photographed by Maureen Bourne

It was a very good turnout despite predicted temperature; it did not get as hot as predicted, but it was warm. To assist the bird on the bench water was added to the cages; we provided watering bottles to assist exhibitors to give water to their birds and a spray bottle to cool the birds.

A special thanks everyone who helped us with the show, especially members from others clubs. We really value your support as we are only a small club. Also, a special thanks to the judges for judging.



Jean judging at the Illawarra Annual Show



Judges: Craig Buckingham, Jean Painter,
Kathy Manton and Andrew Bourne



Andrew judging at the Illawarra Annual Show



Karen, Barbara Wallis and Phillip at the
2017 Illawarra Annual Show



Daryl Perkis, Terry Evans, Steve Leggett and
Frank Galka 2017 Illawarra Annual Show



Dennis Tipping and John Barden checking
out the birds at the show

Photographed by Maureen Bourne

2017 Illawarra Annual Show Results

GRAND CHAMPION			JAMES MATTHEWS		
	CHAMPION BIRD	CHAMPION COCK	CHAMPION HEN	RESERVE CHAMPION COCK	RESERVE CHAMPION HEN
ANY AGE	JAMES MATTHEWS	JAMES MATTHEWS	JAMES MATTHEWS	JAMES MATTHEWS	JAMES MATTHEWS
YOUNG	MARIO CAPASSO				
OPEN YOUNG	PAUL MCCUSKER	PAUL MCCUSKER	MARIO CAPASSO	JAMES MATTHEWS	JAMES MATTHEWS
INTERMEDIATE	S & L LEGGETT	S & L LEGGETT	TROY FAMILY	TROY FAMILY	S & L LEGGETT
NOVICE	MYLES HENKE	ANTHONY STARCEVIC	MYLES HENKE	ANTHONY STARCEVIC	MYLES HENKE

VARIETY	BEST VARIETY	BEST ANY AGE	BEST YOUNG
NORMAL GREEN	CAMERON & MYERS	MCCAULEY & OREGAN	CAMERON & MYERS
NORMAL GREY GREEN	JOHN BARDEN	JOHN BARDEN	JAMES MATTHEWS
NORMAL BLUE	MARIO CAPASSO	MARIO CAPASSO	MARIO CAPASSO
NORMAL VIOLET	JIM BAKER	JIM BAKER	DARREN BURGESS
NORMAL GREY	MARIO CAPASSO	JOHN BARDEN	MARIO CAPASSO
YELLOW FACE	MARIO CAPASSO	MARIO CAPASSO	S & L LEGGETT
AUSTRALIAN GOLDENFACE	PAM HEWITT	PAM HEWITT	PAM HEWITT
BLACK EYED SELF	R & S CONDON	R & S CONDON	G & W DUNN
DILUTE	JAMES MATTHEWS	NO ENTRY	JAMES MATTHEWS
LUTINO	DIANNE PINNEY	DIANNE PINNEY	DENNIS HENRY
ALBINO	MAREE ROBERTSON	J & E WALLACE	MAREE ROBERTSON
CLEARWING	G & M LYNCH	MARKOS PANGALOS	G & M LYNCH
GREYWING	JAMES MATTHEWS	JAMES MATTHEWS	MYLES HENKE
CINNAMONWING	JAMES MATTHEWS	JAMES MATTHEWS	S & L LEGGETT
SPANGLE DOUBLE FACTOR	JOHN BARDEN	JOHN BARDEN	PAUL MCCUSKER
OPALINE	CAMERON & MYERS	CAMERON & MYERS	DENNIS HENRY
OPALINE AOSV	CAMERON & MYERS	CAMERON & MYERS	CAMERON & MYERS
CLEARBODY	TROY FAMILY	TROY FAMILY	TROY FAMILY
LACEWING	JIM BAKER	JIM BAKER	JAMES MATTHEWS
FALLOW	MYLES HENKE	MYLES HENKE	EVANS FAMILY
SPANGLE	JAMES MATTHEWS	JAMES MATTHEWS	JAMES MATTHEWS
SPANGLE AOSV	JAMES MATTHEWS	JOHN BARDEN	JAMES MATTHEWS
DOMINANT PIED	PAUL MCCUSKER	MCCAULEY & OREGAN	PAUL MCCUSKER
RECESSIVE PIED	MARIO CAPASSO	R & A ROGERS	MARIO CAPASSO
DARKWING	R & S CONDON	R & S CONDON	R & S CONDON
DARK EYED CLEAR	JOE ELIAS	JOE ELIAS	JOE ELIAS
SADDLEBACK	NO ENTRY	NO ENTRY	NO ENTRY
CRESTED	R & A ROGERS	R & A ROGERS	R & A ROGERS
BUSH BUDGIE	R & A ROGERS	BEST PAIR	PAUL MCCUSKER

2017 Northern NSW Annual Show Results

Ian Hanington, Northern NSW Budgerigar Breeders Assoc.

Our Annual Show was held at the Wauchope Showground Pavilion on Saturday 18th February. Thankfully the forecast weather conditions didn't come to fruition, and the additional installation of 18 new fast circulating ceiling fans made the venue extremely comfortable for the birds as well as the exhibitors.

The Judges on the day were Richard Bucior & Keith Nicholls, along with Troy Cooper who was observing.

A decision had been made 48 hours prior to the show that we would try and kick the Judging of as early as possible, just in case the weather tried to copy the previous weekends, horrific conditions here in the Hastings area.

All exhibitors turned up early and the judging was underway by 8.15am.

We had a few new exhibitors, and a couple of regulars didn't make it this year, but we still ended up with approx. 200 birds on the day which has now become the norm for us.

Both Judges made some very favourable comments in regard to the quality of the birds on show, but pointed out that a number of them needed a bit more attention to the preparation.

Paul Bayliss took out the Grand Champion award with a very smart Cinnamon Grey Cock. The general consensus from benching time, was that it was going to take an outstanding bird to beat it. The same bird took out Best Young Bird in Show as well.

Reserve Champion was another lovely exhibit from the A & C Druery partnership. Reserve Champion Young Bird went to Greg Parker with a very smart Grey Green Cock, & Champion Young Opposite Sex went to Terry & Yvette Smith, who were also the most successful exhibitors on the day.

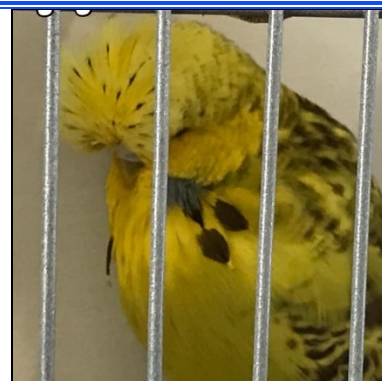
To those people who turn up every year, thanks very much, we do appreciate your effort.

Hopefully, a good day was had by all, and a big thank you to those exhibitors who made the effort to come. The local Hotelier asked me to pass his thanks on to you four breeders from the west, for boosting his weekend takings.

GRAND CHAMPION		Paul Bayliss
RESERVE CHAMPION BIRD IN SHOW		A & C Druery
CHAMPION YOUNG BIRD		Paul Bayliss
RESERVE CHAMPION YOUNG BIRD		Greg Parker
CHAMPION YOUNG OPP. SEX		T & Y Smith
CHAMPION OLD BIRD		A & C Druery
CHAMPION OLD OPP. SEX		A & C Druery
BEST OPEN YOUNG COCK		Paul Bayliss
BEST OPEN YOUNG HEN		T & Y Smith
BEST RESTRICTED BIRD		Greg Parker
BEST RESTRICTED OPP SEX		Steve Kilduff
BSNSW PATRONAGE MEDAL		Greg Parker
VARIETY	BEST OLD	BEST YOUNG
NORMAL GREEN	A & C Druery	Paul Bayliss
NORMAL GREY GREEN	-	Greg Parker
NORMAL BLUE	A & C Druery	T & Y Smith
NORMAL VIOLET	-	A & C Druery
NORMAL GREY	-	T & Y Smith
YELLOW FACE	A & C Druery	T & Y Smith
AUSTRALIAN GOLDENFACE	-	Steve Kilduff
REDEYE	T & Y Smith	
BLACK EYED SELF	-	-
DILUTE	-	Brian Walters
LUTINO	-	T & Y Smith
ALBINO	-	Wayne Altman
CLEARWING	-	Steve Kilduff
GREYWING	Don Harper	Larry Williams
CINNAMONWING	T & Y Smith	Paul Bayliss
SPANGLE DF	Brian Walters	McCusker & Moyle
OPALINE	-	Greg Parker
OPALINE AOSV	A & C Druery	Brian Walters
CLEARBODY	-	John Richardson
LACEWING	-	Peter Payne
FALLOW	-	
SPANGLE	-	T & Y Smith
SPANGLE AOSV	Brian Walters	Paul Bayliss
DOMINANT PIED	Wayne Altman	McCusker & Moyle
RECESSIVE PIED	Don Harper	McCusker & Moyle
AOSV, ASC	Don Harper	McCusker & Moyle

2017 Newcastle Young Bird Show Results

GRAND CHAMPION	WALLY CAPPER
CHAMPION OPEN	WALLY CAPPER
CHAMPION OPEN OPP. SEX	CLIFF CAMERON
CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE	ORLANDO FOX
CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE OPP SEX	ORLANDO FOX
CHAMPION NOVICE OVERALL	R & M VIDLER
CHAMPION NOVICE OVERALL OPP. SEX	JUSTIN FOX
CHAMPION NOVICE AMATEUR	R & M VIDLER
CHAMPION NOVICE AMATEUR OPP. SEX	JUSTIN FOX
CHAMPION BEGINNER/JUNIOR	ANDERSON FAMILY
CHAMPION BEGINNER/JUNIOR OPP. SEX	ANDERSON FAMILY
MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR IN SHOW	ERNIE WISE
ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD	MAREE ROBERTSON
CHAMPION BUSH BUDGIE	DARREN BURGESS
BEST PAIR, TEAM OR COLLECTION	INGHAM & LANGDON
VARIETY	BEST OF VARIETY
NORMAL GREEN	DAVE DUNN
NORMAL GREY GREEN	WALLY CAPPER
NORMAL BLUE	A & C DRUERY
NORMAL VIOLET	A & C DRUERY
NORMAL GREY	CRAIG BARNETT
YELLOW FACE	ERNIE WISE
AUSTRALIAN GOLDENFACE	ERNIE WISE
BLACK EYED SELF	MICK AUCKETT
DILUTE	MICK AUCKETT
LUTINO	MYLES HENKE
ALBINO	A & C DRUERY
CLEARWING	MICK AUCKETT
GREYWING	MYLES HENKE
CINNAMONWING	A & C DRUERY
SPANGLE DOUBLE FACTOR	JUPP & SCHEERER
OPALINE	CLIFF CAMERON
OPALINE AOSV	WALLY CAPPER
CLEARBODY	ERNIE WISE
LACEWING	IAN CARROLL
FALLOW	ERNIE WISE
SPANGLE	WALLY CAPPER
SPANGLE AOSV	ERNIE WISE
DOMINANT PIED	WALLY CAPPER
RECESSIVE PIED	JUSTIN FOX
SADDLEBACK	KEN YORKE
DARK EYED CLEAR	R & A WILLIAMS
DARKWING	ERNIE WISE
CRESTED	GARRY JOB
NON STANDARD	BRIAN TURNER



**GRAND CHAMPION
WALLY CAPPER**



**CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE
ORLANDO FOX**



**CHAMPION NOVICE
R & M VIDLER**

2017 St George Branch Annual Show Results

Nola Bradford, Publicity Officer St George Branch

Our show was held on Sunday, 19th February at the Bexley School of Arts. Thirty-eight exhibitors from Sydney Metropolitan, Penrith Valley, Northside, South Western, Illawarra, South Coast and Newcastle regions benched 426 birds.

Our Judges were Terry Bevan, Craig Buckingham, Richard Bucior and Wayne Doull. The judges commented on the pleasing quality of the birds benched. Our awards and prizes were sponsored by our generous members, Business Houses and BRASEA.

We owe a great thankyou to our visitors from the branches for showing their birds and assisting with stewarding, which was much appreciated. Elenbee Bird Seeds set up their trade stand for the day and we thank them for their attendance. Our ladies did a marvellous job with catering for a continuous morning tea, and provided lunch for our Judges and executive members.



Grand Champion winner, Paul Muir



Grand Champion



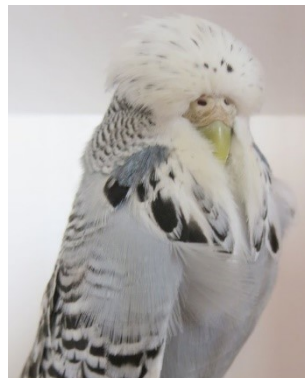
Maximum Specials Winner, James Matthews



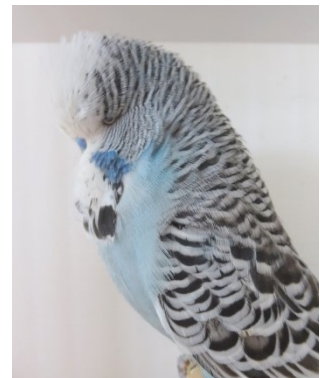
Champion Open Any Age
James Matthews



Champion Intermediate
Opposite Sex, David Dunn



Champion Novice Young
Opposite Sex, Myles Henke



Champion Novice Young
Kire Bruniski



Champion Intermediate Young Bird, S & D Strinic
Photographs by Darren Burgess



Sue Strinic



Lunch with the judges at the St. George Annual Show

Photographs by Nola Bradford

2017 St George Annual Show Results

19th February 2017

426 entries – 38 exhibitors

Grand Champion	Paul Muir	
Champion Any Age	James Matthews	
Champion Any Age Opposite Sex	James Matthews	
Champion Open Young Bird	Paul Muir	
Champion Open Young Opposite Sex	James Matthews	
Champion Intermediate Young Bird	S & D Strinic	
Champion Intermediate Young Opposite Sex	David Dunn	
Champion Novice Young Bird	Kire Bruniski	
Champion Novice Young Opposite Sex	Myles Henke	
Irene Darman Award – Maximum Specials	James Matthews	
YOUNG BIRDS	BREEDERS TROPHIES	ANY AGE
David Dunn	Normal Green	Greg Gregoriou *
Ron Roarty *	Normal Grey green	Greg Gregoriou
Cameron & Myers	Normal Blue	Greg Gregoriou *
Darren Burgess *	Normal Violet	
Cliff Cameron *	Normal Grey	Cliff Cameron
Woolfenden-Rosa *	Yellow Faced Blue	
Pam Hewitt	Australian Yellow Face	Pam Hewitt *
James Matthews	BE Self Colour	Painter & Berry *
G & M Lynch *	Dilute	
Greg Gregoriou	Lutino	Greg Gregoriou *
Kire Bruniski	Albino	Cliff Cameron *
G & M Lynch *	Clearwing	S & D Wackwitz
K & S Liley	Greywing	James Matthews *
Paul Muir *	Cinnamonwing	James Matthews
Ron Roarty *	Double Factor Spangle	Cliff Cameron
Cliff Cameron *	Opaline	Cameron & Myers
Cliff Cameron *	AOSV Opaline	Cliff Cameron
Mathew Troy *	Clearbody	Mathew Troy
Jim Baker *	Lacewing	Jim Baker
Myles Henke *	Fallow	Myles Henke
James Matthews *	Spangle	James Matthews *
James Matthews *	Spangle AOSV	Myles Henke
Laurie Cauchi	Dominant Pied	Laurie Cauchi *
Tony Butt	Recessive Pied	Tony Butt *
S & D Wackwitz	Crested	R & A Rogers *
Moyle-McCusker	Dark Eyed Clear	Joe Elias *
	Darkwing	Painter & Berry *

Note: *BEST OF VARIETY AWARD POINTS

No entries for Saddle Back or Non-Standard

Best Young Pair	Moyle-McCusker	Best Junior	No entries
Best Old Pair	James Matthews	Best Lady's Exhibit	Painter & Berry
Best Team	No entries	Best Aussie Bush Budgie	Darren Burgess
Best Collection	S & D Wackwitz		

2017 Canberra Branch Annual Show Results

Stuart Foster, Chairman BSNSW Canberra Branch

Our show on the 26 February, the 43rd Annual Show for the Canberra Branch, was very successful. There were 274 birds benched, with good quality birds entered across all varieties. The locals and all the exhibitors who travelled long distances to the show worked throughout the day to ensure the show was a success. The Judges, Kathy Manton and John Carter, had a very busy day with so many birds benched, some classes with a large number of entries. We thank everyone for their efforts and time.

Congratulations to all the winners! Grand Champion was secured by James Matthews with a Cinnamonwing, Reserve Champion Any Age was won by Tess Kilpatrick. James had a good day with seven other awards, Mario Capasso seven, including Albino, Luke Dodge two, Lynne Freeman and Myles Henke one each. G & M Lynch won the Clearwing Award, and Foster and Corbett the Golden Crest Award. Our congratulations also go to all the other Variety Award winners. Thank you to Elenbee for attending with their trade table, and for providing vouchers for some prizes. The venue was excellent and the weather was kind to us.

We trialled the seed heads in the show cages and we were monitoring throughout the day to ensure the birds were eating the seed heads, and they were. What we did notice was that because the seed sprays were used, there was far less seed on the floor during and at the end of the day. We believe this is a good result which hopefully will lead to having all seed heads sometime in the not too distant future. And lastly, but definitely not least, we thank our sponsors without whose support the show would not have been possible.



James Matthews - Grand Champ winner



Lynne Freeman - Res Champ Inter Young



Canberra Show trialled seed heads



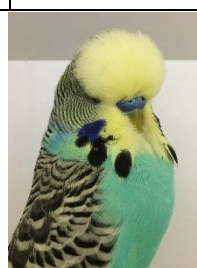
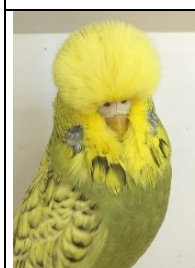
Mario Capasso - Reserve Champion Open Young



Luke Dodge - Champ Novice



Great to see the children helping with BBQ



Photographs by Mikayla Burke, Canberra Branch

2017 Canberra Branch Annual Show Results

GRAND CHAMPION JAMES MATTHEWS			SPECIAL AWARDS
CHAMPION BIRD		RESERVE CHAMPION	DON GEARY MEMORIAL SHIELD, CHAMPION VARIETY ALBINO MARIO CAPASSO
ANY AGE	JAMES MATTHEWS	KILPATRICK FAMILY	
YOUNG	JAMES MATTHEWS		GOLDEN CREST AWARD, CHAMPION VARIETY CRESTED FOSTER & CORBETT
OPEN YOUNG	JAMES MATTHEWS	MARIO CAPASSO	
INTERMEDIATE	MYLES HENKE	LYNNE FREEMAN	CLEARWING CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE, CHAMPION VARIETY CLEARWING G & M LYNCH
NOVICE	LUKE DODGE	LUKE DODGE	

VARIETY	CHAMPION	BEST ANY AGE	BEST YOUNG
NORMAL GREEN	MARIO CAPASSO	D HENRY	MARIO CAPASSO
NORMAL GREY GREEN	JAMES MATTHEWS	JAMES MATTHEWS	BOURNE & HAND
NORMAL BLUE	MARIO CAPASSO	D J BECKETT	MARIO CAPASSO
NORMAL VIOLET	JIM BAKER	EVANS FAMILY	JIM BAKER
NORMAL GREY	PAM HEWITT	PAM HEWITT	G & D PINNEY
YELLOW FACE	DENIS HENRY	D HENRY	L.DODGE
AUSTRALIAN GOLDENFACE	PAM HEWITT	PAM HEWITT	PAM HEWITT
BLACK EYED SELF	JAMES MATTHEWS	JAMES MATTHEWS	BOURNE & HAND
DILUTE	JAMES MATTHEWS	JAMES MATTHEWS	BOURNE & HAND
LUTINO	G & D PINNEY	G & D PINNEY	D. HENRY
ALBINO	MARIO CAPASSO	EVANS FAMILY	MARIO CAPASSO
CLEARWING	G & M LYNCH	MARKOS PANGALOS	G & M LYNCH
GREYWING	JAMES MATTHEWS	JAMES MATTHEWS	DAVE BUTTERS
CINNAMONWING	JAMES MATTHEWS	JAMES MATTHEWS	BOB COWBURN
SPANGLE DOUBLE FACTOR	JIM BAKER	JIM BAKER	JIM BAKER
OPALINE	D HENRY	G W STEWARD	D HENRY
OPALINE AOSV	HARRO	BOURNE & HAND	HARRO
CLEARBODY	MARIO CAPASSO	TROY FAMILY	MARIO CAPASSO
LACEWING	EVANS FAMILY	EVANS FAMILY	JAMES MATTHEWS
FALLOW	HARRO	DAVE BUTTERS	HARRO
SPANGLE	JAMES MATTHEWS	JAMES MATTHEWS	JAMES MATTHEWS
SPANGLE AOSV	JAMES MATTHEWS	JAMES MATTHEWS	JAMES MATTHEWS
DOMINANT PIED	D HENRY	JIM BAKER	D HENRY
RECESSIVE PIED	MARIO CAPASSO	EVANS FAMILY	MARIO CAPASSO
DARKWING	NO ENTRY	NO ENTRY	NO ENTRY
DARK EYED CLEAR	BOB COWBURN	BOB COWBURN	MYLES HENKE
SADDLEBACK	NO ENTRY	NO ENTRY	NO ENTRY
CRESTED	FOSTER & CORBETT	FOSTER & CORBETT	FOSTER & CORBETT

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2017 Hills Branch Annual Show Results

The Hills District Branch held the 41st Annual Show on Sunday, 5th March 2017 at the Don Moore Community Centre. The show was judged by Terry Bevan, Richard Bucior and Tony Butt.

Congratulations to [Warren Wally Capper](#) winning Hills Branch Grand Champion with his super Cinnamon Opaline Hen and [Paul Bayliss](#) winning Opposite Sex Champion with his super cinnamon cock.

Major Awards	Exhibitor
Grand Champion	Wally Capper
Reserve Champion	Paul Bayliss
Champion Any Age	James Matthews
Champion Opposite Sex Any Age	K & D Mitchell
Champion Young	Wally Capper
Reserve Champion – Young Bird	Paul Bayliss
Champion Open Young	Wally Capper
Champion Opposite Sex Open Young	Paul Bayliss
Champion Intermediate Young	Matthew Troy
Champion Opposite Sex Inter Young	Matthew Troy
Champion Novice Young	Leon Chenhall
Champion Opposite Sex Novice Young	Waseem Youhana
Champion Albino Trophy	Wayne Altman
Sanfillipo Perpetual – Black Eyed Self Colour	Peter Dodd
Welshman Perpetual – Grey Green	Wally Capper



Best In Variety Awards	Overall	Young Birds
Normal Green	John Boss	John Boss
Normal Grey Green	Wally Capper	Craig Buckingham
Normal Blue	D. J. Beckett	John Boss
Normal Violet	Craig Buckingham	Craig Buckingham
Normal Grey	Pam Hewitt	Pam Hewitt
Normal Yellow Faced Blue	John Scoble	Mark Wilton
Australian Golden Faced Blue	Pam Hewitt	Pam Hewitt
Black Eyed Self Colour	Peter Dodd	Peter Dodd
Dilute	I & K Manton	James Matthews
Lutino	K & D Mitchell	Paul Bayliss
Albino	Wayne Altman	Wayne Altman
Clearwing	I & K Manton	G & M Lynch
Greywing	James Matthews	James Matthews
Cinnamonwing	Paul Bayliss	Paul Bayliss
Spangle Double Factor	Craig Buckingham	Craig Buckingham
Opaline	Craig Buckingham	John Boss
Opaline AOSV	Wally Capper	Wally Capper
Texas Clearbody ASV ASC	Matthew Troy	Matthew Troy
Lacewing	Peter Payne	Peter Payne
Fallow	Craig Buckingham	Craig Buckingham
Spangle (Normal)	James Matthews	James Matthews
Spangle AOSV	Craig Buckingham	James Matthews
Dominant Pied	John Boss	John Boss
Recessive Pied	R & A Rogers	R & A Rogers
AOSV: Saddleback, Darkwing, Dark Eyed Clear	Ray & Sue Condon	Ray & Sue Condon
Crested	P & E O'Neill	P & E O'Neill
Non-Standard	Matthew Troy	Matthew Troy
Pairs	I & K Manton	



Photography taken and prepared by Dave Dunn
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Interview with Gary Armstrong

Gary Armstrong

Introduction provided and 20-20 Interview arranged by Mark Hawke, BSNSW Publicity Officer.

Gary Armstrong, the National Judge, the Astrologer, the Budgerigar Breeder and one of the nicest people you could ever meet. I had the pleasure of staying at his and his lovely wife's place while in WA for the 2015 Mandurah Nationals. Doris and Gary made me feel like part of the family with their hospitality. Gary is very knowledgeable about the hobby and has given his time to others on many occasions on our BSNSW group through Q & A and conducted a live interview as well. So, his actions speak for themselves. He is a credit to the hobby and I'm glad my mate David Herbert introduced him to me. So, for more on Gary go to our Official Facebook group to see his Live interview at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1466917190282200/>

What started your interest in budgerigars?

I originally had no interest in keeping birds, let alone Budgerigars.

The ex-wife had an interest in them and pestered me for two years until she won. I built a purpose-built aviary for breeding budgerigars for her. However, after 12 months came home and found the youngsters had not been fed and ask the question and the reply "did not want to do them anymore".

I took over and guess it grew on me to learn more and start showing the Critters as well as I was not going to get rid of them easily.

I made a big effort to find out as much as I could about them by taking on stewarding firstly then very shortly afterwards, advanced to show managing. Of course, next advanced onto judging and applied myself there and passed to be a National Judge.

How long have you been in the hobby?

I've been in the hobby since 1993.

I am going to wind up the hobby in two years and at this moment as I write this, I'm finishing off the breeding season never to breed them again unfortunately.

What club & level do you show at?

I'm in two clubs; South West Budgerigar Club, Mandurah and the Metro Club, Perth.

I show in Open.

What varieties do you keep?

The varieties that I keep are Spangles, Spangle D/F, Recessive Pied, Dominant Pied, Lace Wings, Opaline, Cinnamon Wing and Normals.

What is your best memory in the hobby?

My first National win with my "Pretty Boy", a Spangle D/F White. He would have been good enough to win a national today!

Pity I don't have a decent photo of him to show you to compare.

Here's two photos from the [WABC website](#) – WA National Pics.



2001 ANBC National in WA



2002 ANBC National in TAS

Also, my very good year at the Nationals in Tasmania in 2002, where I bred two National winners and had five others place very highly.

[Here are the results from 2002 from the WABC Website.](#)

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

No one now.

Use to like to visit aviaries but people do not really entertain spending time with people to discuss how they do their birds breeding.

So, I just got my information from the net. I also learnt a lot from what I have done over the years.

To get information from people is like extracting a tooth so I went on the internet. Some people called me "Internet Gary".

Whose bloodlines have influenced your stud?

Maybe Joe Mannes.

Made my own from what I bought and from those that breed only in a normal way which is not too close. That is Father to Daughter, that's line breeding the old fashion way.

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

Very Hard question because to breed quality you have to breed numbers. Those that breed numbers don't breed them by themselves as they have "Helpers". Helpers are people who like to share their good birds with top breeders. Sharing nest is not a good idea as anyone can put their ring on a good youngster in the nest after seven days no problem at all and call it "their Part of the nest".

I also believe you have to buy good stock that cost money and if you are half lucky get something good ...OR... those people who cannot afford to spend the money and learn to build a Stud of quality birds.

I class myself in the lower half of the category. These are to me the best breeders.

There are a few breeders like these starting to blossom in Australia.

What was your best ever bird and for what reason?

"Pretty Boy" He was a modern bird. Some people said he was 10 years in front of the rest of the birds in Australia at the time. I just saw him as a bird I bred using good budgie breeding skills and lot of luck as well.

This bird for the following year breed me 1st and 2nd at the 2002 Tasmania Nationals in the Spangle Double Factor class.

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

Nationals only.

Are you in a relationship?

I have two relationships but I will have to settle for one soon and that is with Dolores my wife and forget about Budgies and Budgie breeding.

What is your favourite food & restaurant?

My favourite Restaurant is "Mash". Good food most of the time and somewhere to chill out. Use to like Moroccan Lamb, but they changed the menu. Actually, I like any food.

What car or motorcycle do you drive / ride?

Isuzu D Max. Don't know what that has got to do with Breeding Budgies. LOL.

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

Bob Hawke. I think he drinks less than another Hawke I know, but even that Hawke I would like to have a meal with too. <wink>.

What would you do if you won the lottery?

Keep on living the way I do. Not let anyone know I won lotto. Anyway, they would not be able to find me. I would find a shady tree to park the Caravan under and just relax kilometres from anyone and anywhere. Of course, I would have a line set for the occasional Barra swimming past. I would be happy with one a day and not too big.

Do you have any other hobbies?

Looking at the night sky through my telescope if weather permits.

New one coming up will be caravanning. I use to do a bit of Camping using a Camper trailer but the birds were the problem.

Then birds go and I can have a decent break!

I also enjoy doing photography and fine woodwork.

Is there anything in budgies that really irritates you?

Pictures of Birds taken recently

FM, Megabacteria and Theft. Theft First!

Photographs provided by Gary Armstrong



This Bird to the right was one of the last of my original line of birds. This photo was taken as I put him in an Auction and unbeknown to me that year I started losing this type of bird but better out of my Bird room. I put it down to them escaping but never said anything as there was no physical evidence to suggest a break in had happen. It was only when I removed my key from its hiding place and the following week came home to find my aviary door had had considerable force applied against it I quickly starting to see what was happening. Then I followed up to what had happened recently and who had been at my aviary and then it was quite clear to see what had been going on. The Moral of the story is "Don't show too many birds off to too many in the hobby as all types of people make up this hobby".

Wow a Triple Yoke Budgerigar Egg

Greg Kelleher

In the December 2016/January 2017 Magazine I shared a photo of a rare set of twins, well the surprises continue.

Again inspecting the same nest in the next round of eggs from the same hen that had the Twins, there was a very large egg even bigger than the egg that had the Twins.

I couldn't believe it, under the inspection light the egg

showing three yokes.

Something I've never seen or heard of in any type of bird.

I took the egg away from the hen and put it into an incubator hoping it was fertile so I could take progress photos of the embryos.

I incubated the egg for six days. When I checked the egg under the inspection light on the 6th day there were no signs of the egg being fertile.

So, I decided to carefully crack the egg open to reveal all.

Wow like I said, never thought I'd see the day of a Triple Yoker.



Triple yoke egg on initial inspection



Triple yoke egg after six days in an incubator

Photographs by Greg Kelleher



Triple yoke budgerigar egg

Aviary Ideas – Seed container wire cover



There is shown a seed container covered with large gauged wire with additional cut out sections. This is a simple but effective idea from Barry Wise that discourages the birds from raking out all the seed from the seed container.

Barry has also used large bull dog clips to secure the plastic containers to the feeding tray.

The different seeds and containers within the feeding tray may add additional interest for the budgerigar and encourages foraging.

Genetic Progress Theory and Budgerigar Breeding.

Peter Thurn, Champion Breeder and National Judge

Much is written about pairing practices in the budgerigar world and most breeders would have an idea of the direction they wish to take their stud. We use visual assessment of our birds and pedigrees to determine appropriate pairings and we do so with the standard in our mind as this is our breeding goal, but few would think of their breeding program in the terms that are outlined here. A breeding program is just a gathering of pairings if it is not put in context and is framed by an achievable breeding goal.

Irrespective of what you are breeding, genetic progress can be defined by the following equation:

$$\Delta G = \frac{(A \ i \ \sigma g)}{I}$$

where: ΔG – Rate of Genetic Gain
 A – Selection Accuracy
 i – Selection Intensity
 σg – Genetic Variance
 I – Generation Interval (length)

This equation is often referred to as the "breeder's equation". In most commercial livestock breeding programs, the breeder is assisted by the provision of breeding values such as **BREEDPLAN** for beef cattle, **LAMBPLAN** for sheep breeders and ABVs for Dairy Cattle. These breeding values are based on phenotypic (visual) measurements, their variance from their contemporaries (herd or flock mates of the same age) and the historical performance of relatives.

In the world of budgerigar breeding, we do not have the luxury of breeding values and are therefore left with phenotypic (visual) assessment of our birds and knowledge of their ancestry and family history or performance via pedigree.



Visit Peter Thurn's Website for more articles
at <http://pt9budgerigars.weebly.com/>

Where tools such as breeding values are not available for the breeder, the equation for genetic gain changes slightly to:

$$\Delta G = \frac{(h^2 \ i \ \sigma p)}{I}$$

where:

ΔG – Rate of Genetic Gain
 h^2 – Heritability
 i – Selection Intensity
 σp – Phenotypic Variance
 I – Generation Interval (length)

Heritability replaces selection accuracy and phenotypic (observed) variance replaces genetic variance. So what are these things?

h^2 – Heritability. There are a number of ways of describing heritability. The definition I like is "the proportion of the variance between individuals that can be attributed to genetics".

If you google heritability you will find a range of ways of describing it. The trick is to find the one that you understand. They all describe the same thing – just in different ways.

In this instance we are talking about the relationship between how the bird appears and how it breeds, i.e. how closely do the offspring resemble the parents.

i – Selection Intensity. Is exactly what it says. It is about how intensive your selection is.

Breeders who do not try and breed as many chicks as possible are sacrificing selection intensity. The more birds that are bred and the less selected to be the parents of the next generation, the greater the selection intensity.

Breeders who run a superior cock over a number of hens are increasing selection intensity. Selection intensity is about maximising the number offspring of your best birds.

It is also about your focus on your breeding goal.

Using birds in your program that do not display, or are not bred from birds that displayed the characteristics you are selecting for, is an indication of lowered selection intensity.

op – Phenotypic Variance. What we are talking about here is the observed differences between birds.

In situations where breeders have breeding values to work with, the differences between individuals can be assessed on a genetic basis.

In the absence of breeding values we need to rely on our eye and our assessment of birds in relation to the similarity or otherwise to “the Standard”.

Variance in a population is a vital component of breeding. You cannot select for a trait if the trait does not exist or appear in your stud.

If you want to breed for directional feather but do not possess birds that display directional feather, then your task will be difficult if not impossible. If you want a characteristic or trait in your stud and you cannot see it in your birds, you will most likely need to acquire it from elsewhere.

I – Generation Interval (length). One of the key drivers of genetic progress is Generation Interval.

If you think of Heritability, Selection Intensity and Phenotypic Variance as the cogs of the machine, then Generation Interval is the handle that turns the cogs. The more often you turn the handle, the more progress you make.

If you get the top line components of the equation wrong and maximise generation interval, then you will be sent down the wrong track faster. But, if you get them right and manipulate generation interval in your favour, you will make good progress.

So how do you minimise (shorten) generation interval? Minimising generation interval is all about using your youngest birds. You need to identify the best birds early and integrate them into your breeding program.

As we breed these birds to show, we are faced with the predicament do I show the bird or do I breed with it? That becomes the choice of the breeder.

The key is to understand the trade off you are making. If I show the bird and delay breeding with it, then I lengthen the generation interval. It becomes a choice!

In essence all of these factors need to be balanced in a breeding program. Maximising any one of these elements will not deliver the desired result.

To maximise accuracy of selection (heritability) we compromise generation interval. This is done because the accuracy of our selections increases with breeding knowledge.

Does the bird breed “truly” (like itself) or does it breed better or worse. The only way to assess this is over time by evaluating the bird's offspring. So there is a trade off between accuracy of selection (heritability) and generation interval. Similarly, if we maximise selection intensity and only use the very best we have available (e.g. one cock over five hens) then we limit genetic and phenotypic variation. We start to restrict the pedigree (gene) base of the stud. We make the stud more related, and we potentially limit some of the characteristics that might be lying “inert” in the birds we have chosen not to breed with.

A word on inbreeding. Inbreeding in most modern livestock breeding programs is avoided. This is because the architects of these programs have tools such as breeding values that allow you to better identify the genetics of the animals you are working with.

Inbreeding allows you to “recreate characteristics within your stud” by combining the genes and gene sequences that lead to the appearance of the characteristics in the first place.

By “doubling up” on birds in a pedigree that display the desired characteristics, you increase the chance of the characteristics re-appearing.

Inbreeding is not a tool that allows you to progress. It only allows you to recreate. It is a great tool for cementing a characteristic within your stud. But it does not allow you to introduce the characteristics to your stud that you may be lacking.

Budgie breeders rely on pedigrees, visual assessment and scrutiny of breeding performance when making pairing decisions. Inbreeding is a great tool for establishing a “line” however for that line to progress; new “blood” needs to be introduced.

Inbreeding has a down side. Loss of vigour, fertility, disease resistance and size are all consequences of inbreeding. These phenomena are well documented in other species. Budgies are no different.

Balance is the key. As budgerigar breeders, we need to find the balance between the components of the breeder's equation as well as the balance between inbreeding and out crossing. Good luck with your breeding.

Dr Robert (Bob) Travnicek

Jean Painter

Dr Bob Travnicek from New Orleans, USA paid a visit to our country this month, and after spending some time outback



seeing the wonderful flocks of wild birds (especially budgerigars) that we have.

He joined the Hills Branch members for their social dinner on the 4th March and gave a talk at their show the following day. Unfortunately, we did not have enough advanced warning of his visit to advise all our members.

Bob has spent most of his 77 years with budgerigars and has seen many studs in many countries as he has always been a keen traveller. As a very young boy he spent all his pocket money on his first budgerigars much to his father's displeasure but it certainly turned out to be his lifelong hobby. He has many tales and stories and advice to share but this visit was too short.

However, although I saw a picture of a bird he had just sold which would greatly benefit any of our aviaries his comments on the birds at the Hills Show were as follows:

"The top birds have very nice features, but there's a Normal Grey Green Cock that is a standout!"

He admired quite a few that were sitting in the back bench too.

"I have seen the best Clearwing in my life here today'. A Clearwing dark green and not the winner but the contrast of body and ground colour outstanding.

"I have also seen the best Black eye yellow in my life here today." Australia is the only country that have the desirable features of good colour and faint markings in the world, I believe.

He did maintain that quite a few of the birds had a problem with backline which we must rectify.

He also commented on the flecking by saying that in the USA many of those birds would not appear on the bench because they only tolerate 'dusting'- a new descriptive word to us but certainly gives us the picture.

His advice to newcomers to the hobby is that when you go to an aviary to buy birds look for the worst and if you find many in that category then you don't buy even if there is quality at the top.

He also maintains that to get to Champion level you need to have a lot of birds in the breeding room so the law of averages is in your favour.

Bob was presented with a framed print of a Black Eyed White and said he has never seen one like that before. We hope he returns and visit a few of our aviaries.

Thank you, Bob, for getting your flights changed so you could spend some time with us, and we hope that you have lots of great photographs and stories to share back home.

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President's Message

Steve Cummins, BSNSW President

There have been issues at the New England Branch that have caused many of its members a lot of angst and stress. There were official complaints made to me by telephone (as BSNSW President) of money being misappropriated and also that the Branch no longer had a proper committee running it. No one has had the courage to provide their complaints in writing.

Along with Barry Wise, I attended the very successful New England Young bird Show on the 12th of March. I chaired the New England Branch meeting after the show and financial records were examined and found to be completely in order. The allegations have been very distressing for the outgoing Chairman Ernie Wise and his committee. Ernie has stepped down as Chairman of the New England Branch.

My duty as BSNSW President is now complete on this matter. No money has gone astray and the outgoing committee is completely blameless. A new committee has been elected in a proper manner.

At the BSNSW Management Meeting held on the 13 March 2017, it was decided that the persons responsible for these accusations should apologise both to Ernie Wise, the rest of the New England committee members, and to me. At the time of writing this I know that there is still mischief and rumour going on and I call upon all people to cease and desist. This is a hobby for us all to enjoy without this kind of mischief.

I am sure the New England Branch will continue to be a successful Branch and personally wish you all the best in the future.

Best wishes to all. Steve

From the Vice President

Andrew Bourne, BSNSW Vice President

There seems to be a false perception amongst our Branch Members that the 'BSNSW' is out to get your Branch funds or your assets - particularly if your Branch folds.

The BSNSW Management Committee is structured so that the Branch Reps outnumber the elected officials and thereby control the outcomes on all issues if they attend the meetings.

The BSNSW is no 'ogre' that covets your Branch money. Branch money and assets are *YOUR* money and assets so long as you raise and spend the money correctly and report correctly to the BSNSW each year. You raise the funds for the Branch and you are entitled to spend that money for the purpose that it was raised - Branch activities.

When a Branch folds the last remaining members of the Branch must disperse their money and assets according to the Law. Members cannot just keep the assets and money themselves. We must hand it/them over to a similar incorporated not for profit organisation which of course can include your parent body - the BSNSW. Last time this happened it went to a new Branch in the same area.

This applies to money raised from the general public and assets bought from that money through fund raising activities such as auctions where the public are allowed to buy and sell, raffles where the public can buy tickets, or fund raiser barbeques in public places and similar other activities. It also applies to sponsorship money from businesses.

If you chose to incorporate your Branch in your own right then the BSNSW Management Committee would have no role at all after your funds were transferred to your new Incorporated Branch. Branches were urged for years to incorporate themselves but have chosen not to do so, presumably because it does take time, effort and money. The Working Group planned to force all its member clubs to Incorporate Branches and Associates alike.

Every Incorporated body in NSW is required by Law to report to Fair Trading each year that all its money is being raised, spent or dispersed according to the Laws applying to Incorporated not for profit organisations. All money held by Branches is included in that requirement. To meet our legal responsibilities all Branches are required to "on or before 31st July in each year submit financial statements in respect of the year ended 30th June immediately preceding and in the form required by the Management Committee and audited in accordance with these Rules, to the Treasurer of the Society."

Branch & Associate Reports

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH Terry Smart

The New England Branch had their first meeting for the 2017 season after a successful 2016.

One of our highlights would have to be the inter-branch, with the second being our aviary trip to southern Queensland. We had aviary tours of Shane Bon-Penn, Grant and Tammy Beutell and Peter Jeffery with a stopover at Judy and Brian Harms.



New England Aviary Tour Group

Thank you to those people who took the time to show us around their aviaries. With Nan, Barry, Judy and Brian, our evening certainly was complete. A wonderful home cooked meal under the stars, a swimming pool for our youngest member to enjoy, sitting around a fire pit enjoying a drink and friendship topped off the night.

Breakfast in the morning was more than expected, after a comfortable night in homely surroundings. The setting is very tranquil and unique.

If you are in the Dalby area, make a special effort to stay with Judy and Brian's B&B, you'll be sorry if you don't make the effort.

CLEARWING BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY, Warren Wilson



CLEARWING 2017 Challenge Certificate Award

Now On

Please keep the results coming in for the 2017 calendar year.

If you have won a Major Clearwing award at a Show or Lawn Show (not a Table Show) please make sure your win is returned to CBSA and counted.

Points are Awarded if you win Any Age sections and/or Young Bird Sections check if you are unsure.

CANBERRA BRANCH REPORT, Rita Corbett

Our recent meeting was well attended and we had a good show of hands from those present (and some of those not present) to help with the various jobs required for the show. The Morris-Barrow family manned the canteen, the Meyers raffle sales, Marissa and Tess took on the bird sales, Luke and Markos were the Chief Stewards. Andrew was our Show Manager, and Rita and Stuart were the general gofers for the day. Everything ran very smoothly.

At the meeting, we also had a discussion on soft food, which was greatly appreciated by our newer and younger members. We had a show and learn on identifying the various types of green budgies, which most of the more experienced knew, and the newer members did learn which variety of green was which. Our two junior members, Heidi and Scarlett are attending all meetings with enthusiasm.

We are also pleased to say that we have gained three more members and a transfer to our club by another BSNSW member.

Our next meeting is to be a more social event on Wednesday, 15 March, with dinner at a local club to precede the meeting. If you have not already done so, please contact me if you will be attending so that the booking number can be confirmed.

Rita Corbett, Secretary/Treasurer, Canberra Branch

Crested Budgerigar Society of Australia, Warren Wilson



The Crest Golden Birds has been revitalised and as well as an Australia Wide winner on the max points, the highest point scorer in each Zone will receive an award, a Certificate of merit and a Crest Prize. The 2016 overall winner is Thanh Vu, NSW. We have given crest exhibitors till March 15th to advise any missing points with the details. The State winners will be awarded when the points are finalised. See current Results on page

Canary & Cage Bird Federation, Warren Wilson

The date of the **Canary & Cage Bird Federation Dinner** has changed - the Dinner is **now on 28th October 2017**. We have moved the dinner hopeful for warmer weather to encourage more to attend especially the older folk who don't like to go out on a cold August nights.

It's a great night out, contact Warren Wilson if your planning to attend the Canary & Cage Bird Federation Dinner.

Check out their FaceBook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CCBFA/>



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