

Welcome to your monthly edition of the ANBC

Gazette

Dear Fanciers,

I'm thrilled to announce that the first edition of the Gazette has been well-received by the majority of our over 600 subscribers! This is incredibly gratifying for me, and I hope it reflects the passion we all share for our beloved Budgerigar.

The Gazette aims to serve as a bridge connecting all fanciers of these delightful birds. We'll feature upcoming show events, news, and engaging topics to enhance your reading experience. Look forward to highlights like the oldest clubs in each zone, valuable avian vet information, breeder profiles, and updates from around the world, including the recent WBO Show in Austria where our own Stephen Mow had the Honor of judging. We are all looking forward to Steves report from the WBO Meeting but more so his reflection on his judging experience... and those photos...

I'm always on the lookout for interesting news items to include. One aspect I'm particularly passionate about is the human side of our hobby. What does keeping these wonderful birds mean to you? Perhaps it reminds you of fond memories with family, provides a much-needed escape from daily stresses, or fosters friendships within our community. I'd love to hear your stories and experiences—what inspired you to join this hobby?



Dear Budgie Enthusiasts,

Welcome to this, the second edition of the ANBC Gazette. Wasn't the first edition great? We have had many positive comments about it, as well as the new ANBC web-site. Very pleasing to see our members enjoying the improvements that your hard-working fellow volunteer members are doing. I know it is appreciated.

With all our readers now aware of the new product, TRILL™ Expert Breeder's Quality Seed being developed in association with the ANBC, I encourage all our breeders to keep a keen eye out for the release date and support Mars Bird Care, not only with this exciting product but all of their bird care range.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all States and Zones and their member clubs to consider including classes for Bush Budgies, Heritage and Coloured Budgerigars in their show schedules. We should be trying to increase our membership base, and this is another way to integrate the breeders of those wonderful birds into our great hobby and share the joy of these unique birds.

There is great excitement building towards the 2025 TRILL™ Expert ANBC National Show to be held in Cairns. All the details are on the ANBC website, just navigate across to the News button on the Homepage. Expressions of interest are coming in thick and

organisers have lined up an interesting array of sightseeing tours.

Warm regards,

Russell Ogden

President - ANBC



10th WBO World Championship Show

Text and photos thanks to our International Correspondent, Richard Miller



across the globe including **Stephen Mow** of Australia and **Richard Miller** of the UK. The event was structured to incorporate both the exhibition and colour budgerigar varieties.

Roughly 800 birds were benched in total across both strands of the hobby and on the exhibition side, the major winners were:

Best in Show, Best AA in Show: Light Green Cock (**Daniel Luetolf**)

Best O/S AA in Show: Dominant Pied Sky Blue Hen (**Daniel Luetolf**)

Best YB in Show: Yellowface Cinnamon Grey Cock (**Willie Cahoot**)

Best Opposite Sex Young Bird in Show: Cinnamon Grey Hen (**Willie Cahoot**)

In addition to the show, the event also incorporated the WBO committee meeting where the new Ideal Budgerigar computation was discussed at length among other matters. There was also a judges assessment for three fanciers, all of whom passed their exams:

Florin Orzea - Romania

Sayed Mohd Alsehlawi - Bahrain

Hesham Alsayegh - Bahrain

Breeder and exhibitor, **Yasser Wakid** made history by being the first exhibitor from Egypt and the wider Middle East region to bench birds from his home country at the event.

The event was very well attended with support from across the world within the budgerigar fraternity. Australia's **Stephen Mow** had this to say

"I have never ever seen so many outstanding budgerigars in one place. I was able to bring thru both Grand Champion (light green) and Opposite Sex (Dominant Pied) from their respective classes. This has been a judging experience of a lifetime".



[Link to the 10th Annual WBO World Show in Rottenbach – Austria](#)

Vet's Corner



Internal Parasites in Budgerigars

By Dr Ron Woodhead



Budgerigars, like many other bird species, are susceptible to various internal parasites, primarily worms that can severely affect their health. Identifying and treating these parasites early is crucial to maintaining the well-being of your birds. Here, we discuss the most common types of worms found in budgerigars, their symptoms, and the appropriate treatments and prevention methods.

1. Roundworm

Overview:

Roundworms are a common internal parasite affecting budgerigars, especially those with access to outdoor areas or environments where they may come into contact with

Signs of Infection:

- Weight loss despite a good appetite
- Diarrhea
- Presence of whole grains in droppings
- Stunted growth in young birds
- Passing whole worms in faeces
- Severe cases can lead to central nervous system issues like paralysis, seizures, and even death
- Poor reproductive performance in breeding birds

Diagnosis:

Roundworm infections are typically diagnosed through faecal flotation or wet smear tests, where eggs are detected.

Treatment:

- Wormout Gel
- Moxidectin T

Prevention:

- Minimize access to faeces and dirt
- Ensure a clean and dry environment

Lifecycle:

Roundworms develop when a bird ingests eggs from contaminated droppings. Once inside the bird's gut, the eggs hatch into larvae that migrate through the bird's body before returning to the intestines to mature. The lifecycle takes approximately six weeks from infection to the adult stage, during which the worms lay thick-shelled eggs that are expelled in the droppings.

2. Threadworm

Overview:

Threadworms are another gastrointestinal parasite that affects budgerigars. These worms are incredibly thin and often hard to detect, as they embed themselves in the lining of the intestines.

Signs of Infection:

- Sudden death due to internal bleeding
- Slow, progressive weight loss due to damage to the gut lining

Treatment:

- Moxidectin T

Prevention:

- Regular worming

Lifecycle:

Threadworms have an indirect lifecycle, with the earthworm acting as an intermediate host. Birds contract the worm after ingesting infected earthworms.

3. Caecal Worm

Overview:

Caecal worms primarily colonize the caeca (pouches at the beginning of the large intestine) in birds. While they rarely cause significant clinical symptoms in budgerigars, they are known to transmit *Histomonas* (commonly referred to as TRICHS), a harmful protozoan parasite.

Signs of Infection:

- Usually no clinical signs unless associated with TRICHS

Treatment:

- Moxidectin
- Moxidectin T

Prevention:

- Regular worming with Moxidectin and control of the intermediate host (earthworms)
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4. Gizzard Worm

Overview:

Gizzard worms live under the lining of the gizzard, the bird's muscular stomach responsible for grinding food. These worms can significantly interfere with digestion and nutrient absorption, leading to more severe complications.

Signs of Infection:

- Diarrhea with undigested food
- Death due to secondary infections resulting from compromised digestive function

Treatment:

- Moxidectin T, administered for two days, then repeated after 14 days

Prevention:

- Regular worming and control of intermediate hosts (weevils, ants, insects, and live food)

Lifecycle:

Gizzard worms have an indirect lifecycle, relying on intermediate hosts such as insects

5. Tapeworm

Overview:

Tapeworms are flat, segmented worms that attach themselves to the lining of the bird's intestines. They are easy to identify by their distinct white, flat bodies that are made up of many segments.

Signs of Infection:

- Diarrhea
- Poor overall condition and health (ill thrift)
- In severe cases, death

Lifecycle:

The lifecycle of a tapeworm begins when a segment, filled with eggs, is passed out in the bird's droppings. The eggs are then ingested by an intermediate host, such as snails, ants, or beetles. Once the intermediate host is consumed by the bird, the tapeworm develops within the intestines.

Treatment:

- Wormout Gel
- Moxidectin T

Prevention:

- Eliminate intermediate hosts from the bird's environment
- Regular worming with Moxidectin T

Conclusion

Keeping budgerigars free from internal parasites is vital for their long-term health. Regular worming and maintaining a clean, dry environment are essential preventative measures. Additionally, controlling intermediate hosts such as earthworms, ants, and insects can help reduce the risk of worm infestations. If any signs of infection are present, prompt diagnosis and treatment with medications like Moxidectin T or Wormout Gel can effectively control and eliminate these parasites, ensuring your birds remain healthy and active.

Causes of Addled Eggs or Dead in Shell in Exhibition Budgerigar

By Dr Hamish Baron

BVSc (Hons), MVS (Avian Medicine), PhD, FANZCVS (Avian Medicine and Surgery)



Introduction

Breeding exhibition budgerigars is both a rewarding and challenging endeavour. One of the most frustrating issues that breeders face is the occurrence of addled eggs or chicks dying in the shell. Addled eggs are those that fail to develop properly, while "dead in shell" (DIS) refers to chicks that die late in the incubation process, usually just before or during hatching. These reproductive failures can result from various factors, including poor genetics, nutritional imbalances, environmental stress, infections, or improper incubation. This article will explore the most common causes of addled eggs and dead in shell cases in exhibition budgerigars and provide practical solutions for breeders to minimise losses.

1. Genetic Factors

Inbreeding or poor genetic diversity can lead to embryo death due to inherited genetic defects. Breeding closely related birds over several generations increases the risk of homozygous recessive gene expression, which may result in developmental abnormalities that lead to embryonic death.

- **Prevention:** Breeders should maintain genetic diversity by introducing fresh bloodlines into their breeding program. Regularly outcrossing can help reduce the risk of genetic defects and improve overall reproductive success.

2. Nutritional Imbalances

Adequate nutrition is essential for both the breeding pair and the developing embryo. Nutritional imbalances can lead to poor egg quality, weakened embryos, and increased mortality rates within the egg. The most important nutrients for reproduction and embryo development include:

- **Calcium and Vitamin D3:** Deficiencies or over-supplementation in calcium and vitamin D3 can lead to poor eggshell formation, resulting in fragile eggs or eggs with abnormal shell structure. This can lead to egg binding, embryo dehydration, or death due to the inability to break through the shell during hatching.
- **Vitamin A:** Vitamin A is essential for normal tissue development and cellular differentiation. Deficiency may result in weakened embryos or malformations.

death.

Prevention: Provide breeding birds with a well-balanced diet that includes high-quality seed mixes, fresh vegetables, and commercial soft foods enriched with essential vitamins and minerals. Calcium supplements (e.g., cuttlebone or calcium blocks) and vitamin D3 supplementation are crucial for healthy egg production. It is incredibly important to follow the instructions on the product, over supplementation can be just as detrimental as not supplementing at all. The old saying “if a little is good, a lot must be better” is definitely not true when it comes to supplementing vitamins and minerals.

3. Infections and Disease

Infectious agents, particularly bacterial and viral pathogens, are significant contributors to embryo mortality. Contaminated eggs or infected parent birds can pass pathogens to the embryo, resulting in developmental failure or death. Common infections associated with addled eggs and dead-in-shell include:

- **Bacterial infections:** Bacteria such as *Escherichia coli*, *Salmonella*, and *Staphylococcus* can penetrate the eggshell and cause infection, leading to embryonic death. These infections often result from poor hygiene in the nesting area or contaminated water and food sources.
- **Viral infections:** Certain viral diseases, such as polyomavirus and circovirus, can cause embryo mortality. While viral infections are less common, they can devastate a breeding aviary if not managed effectively.

Prevention: Maintaining a high standard of hygiene is essential to prevent infections. Ensure that nesting boxes, perches, and food dishes are regularly cleaned and disinfected. Provide fresh water daily and avoid overcrowding. It is also advisable to test breeding stock for viral diseases and isolate any infected birds.

4. Incubation Problems

Even with healthy genetics and proper nutrition, inappropriate incubation conditions can result in addled eggs or dead-in-shell chicks. Budgerigar eggs require specific temperature and humidity conditions for successful development. Any deviation from the ideal environment can lead to developmental problems or death. **Prevention:** Monitor and maintain proper incubation conditions, ensuring that temperatures and humidity levels are stable and within the appropriate range. Ensure that the nesting boxes are not exposed to drafts or direct sunlight that could cause temperature fluctuations and monitor your nesting material to ensure it is not too dry or too moist.

5. Environmental Stress and Disturbances

Environmental stressors can lead to embryo mortality, especially in the later stages of development. Stress factors may include sudden loud noises, temperature fluctuations, predator activity near the aviary, or excessive handling of eggs and nest boxes. These disturbances can cause stress to the parent birds, leading to inadequate incubation or direct trauma to the developing chick.

Prevention: Minimise environmental disturbances around the nesting area and avoid

is required, it should be done quickly and gently to avoid excessive disruption.

Conclusion

The causes of addled eggs or dead-in-shell chicks in exhibition budgerigars are multifactorial, often involving genetic issues, nutritional deficiencies, infections, or environmental conditions. By addressing these factors through careful breeding management, proper nutrition, and maintaining optimal hygiene and environmental conditions, breeders can significantly reduce the incidence of reproductive failure and improve their overall breeding success. Veterinary input is also vital in cases of persistent problems, as diagnostic testing and health monitoring of breeding stock can help identify underlying issues and prevent future losses.

- **Temperature:** Eggs should be incubated at an optimal temperature range of 37.2–37.5°C. Temperatures that are too high or too low can disrupt the normal developmental process. Prolonged exposure to temperatures below the ideal range can lead to addled eggs, while excessive heat may cause chicks to die late in the incubation period.
- **Humidity:** Proper humidity is crucial for preventing dehydration of the embryo and ensuring the chick can break through the eggshell. If the humidity is too low, the eggs may lose moisture, causing the inner membranes to dry out and preventing the chick from hatching. High humidity levels can lead to swollen embryos that are unable to hatch.



A healthy nest with clean substrate and healthy eggs, the bottom, darker egg is dead in shell, demonstrated by the darker, grey appearance rather than the pinky white of a healthy egg



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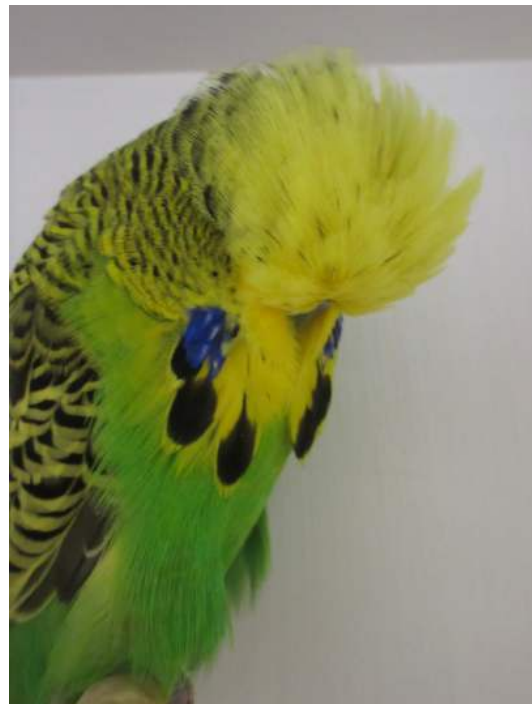
  

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Fancier Profile



Mr Ian Hunter



after this that he started showing and already at such early stages had bred birds of adequate quality to win a number of Diplomas whilst still a junior. Such was his exposure to budgerigars at an early stage that by the age of 11 or 12 he was accepted into budgerigar judging schools where it was commonplace in those days to have anywhere from 60-80 participants. In 1958-59 Ian went through the official classes of "Judges School" and was successful in scoring the top points of the 80 fanciers that took part. He joined the Probationary Panel of Judges in 1959 of what was then the B.C.A (Budgerigar Council of Australia).

Then began his official judging journey adjudicating at various shows throughout Victoria as well as a few interstate. In the early days before getting his drivers license Ian was dependent on his father to take him all across the state on judging assignments. Many times leaving in the early hours of the morning to judge at distant Diploma Shows at the weekend or often judging regularly in the evenings, returning home well after midnight, then up and off to school the next morning.

Ian progressed rapidly through the various judging accreditations of the day to become a Panel Judge by 1962. He's been judging ever since, nowadays a member of the Senior Judges Panel of the BCV (Budgerigar Council of Victoria).

Ian was one of the founding members of Western Suburbs Budgerigar Club around 1956 where he gained a Life Membership holding various executive positions both there and at the current club he is a member of over in Melton. Two of the preferred varieties Ian enjoyed breeding and perfecting from a young age and still to this day are his Normals and Cinnamons. Both of which, along with other varieties have awarded him more Diplomas, State Championship Class Wins & National Titles (Logies) than the majority of fanciers would ever dream of achieving. Ian would have to be one of, if not the longest serving Judge in the country, a feat that is unlikely to ever be equaled or surpassed. His contributions to the hobby both as a Judge and mentor and accolades and successes as an exhibitor over such a long period cannot be underestimated and are to be highly commended. Well in excess of 60 plus years as a Judge within the fancy is one hell of an achievement, congratulations and thanks Ian.

A Seed of Nostalgia



History of Some of the Oldest Clubs



Tasmania. Established in 1933, the society continues to operate successfully to this day. When Jim Fletcher and Judy joined in 1976, the club had only seven members, three of whom were actively showing budgerigars.

Judy had previously been a member, competing in the Novice class, but when Jim came on the scene, she decided to step away from the club (lucky Jim!). At Jim's very first meeting in 1975, which coincidentally was the AGM, he was elected Secretary. At the time, the club was in need of revitalization, so Jim and others embarked on a recruiting drive to ensure there were enough members at the 1976 AGM to make the necessary changes to secure the society's future.

Although the society experienced a split in 1983, when some members left to form the Hobart Budgerigar Club,

the new club didn't last long and was dissolved a few years later. Despite this, the Tasmanian Budgerigar Society remains strong today.

Like many clubs across Australia, it faces challenges in attracting new members. While the membership is smaller than it once was, the society continues to thrive. Younger members are now stepping into leadership roles, and more people are getting involved in managing activities, ensuring the society remains relevant and that the public stays informed about the hobby.

Budgerigar Council of Victoria (BCV)



October is a busy month in Victoria, kicking off with the United UBC Show on October 5th. This will be followed by the Clyde UBC Show & Club Championship, which will feature the amazing custom trophies that Clyde is renowned for. Rounding out the month on October 27th, we have the UBC Shield, with guest Judge Richard Miller from the UK, popping over the day after Budgie Fest to share his knowledge with the Victorian cohort.

UBC Budgie Show
Saturday 5th Oct 2024
All birds to be benched by 9am
Judging will commence at 10am SHARP

Plenty Hall, 21 Memorial Dr,
Plenty VIC 3090 (opposite Plenty Cricket & Tennis Clubs)

- A BCV certificate will be awarded and points allocated as per the BCV rules.
- Beginner, Intermediate, Open & Champion Awards
- Phone & email entries prior to the day are FREE.
- Email entries are to be forwarded to **Mark Bridgeman** at mbridgeman@bigpond.com before 7pm, Friday 4th Oct. *Phone entries are only accepted if no email.* Please ring **Alan Baxter** on 0418359217 from Wednesday 2nd Oct till Friday 4th Oct, 5pm - 7pm.
- Additional entries will be accepted on the day of the show up until 9am, at a cost of \$2 per bird (\$20 max).
- All care but no responsibility will be taken. Security measures will be in place at this show.

Saturday October 12th, 2024.

VENUE: Dingley Village Neighborhood Centre, 31 Marcus Road, Dingley, VIC, 3172.

Birds to be benched by 9am with judging commencing at 9:30am.

Classes for Young, UBC and Adult birds with trophies for major winners and sections.

Beginner, Intermediate, Open and Champion awards will be presented.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided, and a great raffle prize is up for grabs (Please remember cash for your tickets!)

ENTRY FOR ALL EXHIBITORS IS FREE but note that **NO LATE ENTRIES** can or will be accepted on the day of the show.

Submit entries via email (preferred) before 7pm Thursday October 10th or by phone between 7-9pm on Thursday October 10th or Friday October 11th to Peter Smith (langybirds@bigpond.com, 0403600873) or David Vremec (vremec@icloud.com, 0418345197).

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Upcoming Events

- **5 October 2024** – United UBC Show, Plenty
- **12 October 2024** – Clyde UBC Show & Club Championship, Dingley
- **27 October 2024** – BCV UBC Shield, Springvale South
- **3 November 2024** – Eastern UBC Show & Club Championship, Ringwood
- **10 November 2024** – Western UBC Show & Club Championship, Werribee
- **17 November 2024** – Baw Baw UBC Show & Club Championship, Yarragon

[Link to the Budgerigar Council of Victoria Website](#)

Budgerigar Society of NSW (BSNSW)



Budgerigar
Society of NSW



A huge congratulations to Andre Ozoux, who was unanimously awarded Life Membership to the BSNSW at their AGM in September, for his untiring service over a number of decades, including: Office bearer roles in Hills Club, the BSNSW Management Committee, a member of the Show Committee for many years, a State Team Carer for NSW, Senior Panel Judge, a member of the Judges' Committee and Colour & Standards Chairman. Congratulations and well-deserved Andre!



CANBERRA BUDGERIGAR CLUB

Our first inclusive annual show!
 Sunday 27 October 2024
 Wesley Centre Lancaster Hall, Forrest
 10.30 am-2 pm

Entry: gold coin donation
 Lunch available
 Raffles!
 Merchandise tables
 Budgies for sale
 Show birds, heritage birds, pet birds
 Display of children's colouring-in

For more information:
 Canberra Budgerigar Club and Budgies of
 Canberra groups on Facebook
 Email: conder41@velocitynet.com.au



ANNUAL SHOW

This show is for ANY AGE, PLATINUM YOUNG, OPEN YOUNG, INTERMEDIATE YOUNG, NOVICE YOUNG AND JUVENILE BIRDS plus Pairs, Teams and Collection

WHEN: SATURDAY 2nd November 2024
WHERE: Orange Showground, Leeds Parade – Main Pavilion
 Enter Main Gates Leeds Parade, Exit via Phillip Street
PHONE ENTRIES: Thursday 31st October 6pm - 9pm - 0427401267
EMAIL ENTRIES: Accepted from Sunday 27th to Thursday 31st October to be sent to midstatebudgerigarclub@gmail.com
****No late entries will be accepted****
COST: \$1 per cage – maximum entry fee \$10 per exhibitor

Mid State Annual Show

The 2024 Mid State Annual Budgerigar Show will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at the Orange Showground, Leeds Parade in the main pavilion. The show is open to exhibitors of all ages and experience levels, showcasing a range of budgerigar categories, including young, novice, juvenile, and intermediate birds, as well as pairs, teams, and collections.

Entries are to be submitted via phone or email by October 31, with no late entries accepted. Special awards will be given, including memorial trophies and cash prizes. A BBQ breakfast, lunch, and free morning tea will be provided, with a social evening scheduled for November 1.

Additionally, an online auction of club members' birds will be held leading up to the event. Judges will be Gary Gazzard, James Matthews, & Chris Druery.



[Link to the Mid State Show Schedule for 2024](#)

The Budgerigar Society of New South Wales has the following events running across the State.

Sun 20 October

[Combined Young Bird Show: Illawarra & St George](#)

School of Arts, Bexley Forest Rd Bexley, NSW, Australia

Combined Young Bird Show: Illawarra & St George Schedule: TBA School of Arts, Bexley

Sun 27 October

[Canberra Budgerigar Club](#)

Flynn Community Centre Hall - Canberra 21 Bingle St., Flynn, ACT, Australia

November 2024

Sat 2 November

[Midstate](#)

Orange Showground , Australia

Sun 10 November

[Judges – Training & Panel Meeting](#)

Beverly Park School, Campbelltown Campbelltown, NSW, Australia

Upcoming Events

- **20 October** - Combined Young Bird Show for Illawarra & St George, Bexley
- **27 October** - Canberra Budgerigar Club Show, Canberra.
- **2 November** - Midstate Show at Orange Showground.
- **10 November** - Judges Training & Panel Meeting, Campbelltown.
- **13 November** - BSNSW Bi-Monthly Management Meeting.

[Link to the Budgerigar Society of NSW Website](#)

South Queensland (SQBBA)



A handful of major events remain in South Queensland to see out 2024 - with the Fraser Coast, Bundaberg, Julie Trebbin Tribute Show and the ABS Carnival Show and presentation rounding out the month.

Fraser Coast Budgerigar Society Show Woocoo Community Hall. Woocoo Drive and Biggenden Road Oakhurst

- **Details:** All welcome! Enjoy a quality country show with great people. **Contact Brad Hargreaves 0417198098**

Bundaberg Bird Expo

- **Date:** 13th October
- **Location:** Bundaberg Family Centre

Budgerigar Society of Bundaberg Annual Show

- **Date:** 27th October
- **Location:** Bundaberg Show Grounds
- **Classes:** Nestfeather, Young Birds, and Old Birds
- **Details:** Quality birds on display from top local breeders. The Wynnum BS club will join in the weekend festivities, including a get-together at a local venue on Saturday night and aviary visits. ANBC Judge Scott Ericksen is officiating the Show.

Contacts

- **Brian Crosbie (Bundaberg):** 0410 020 406
- **Bill Sedgewick (Wynnum BS):** 0413 960 396

Make sure to mark your calendars and enjoy the events!



 **BUNDABERG
BIRD BREEDERS CLUB INC.**

**ANNUAL
BIRD EXPO**

**Sunday 13th October
2024.**

 Bundaberg & District Family
Centre, Kensington St., Bundaberg.
(off Burrum St.)

Food and Drinks and some Trade Stalls eg
Aviaries, Bird Toys, feeders, supplements, worm-
ers etc from 7am

 **STARTING TIME FOR BIRDS**
9AM [no viewing]

Large Variety Birds, **NO PETS**

\$2.00 entry - 12 & under free.

CONTACT/INFO for Vendors; Kim
0413075516 or John 0459361634



To celebrate the memory of Julie's contribution to the fancy



The Ipswich and District Budgerigar Society, one of Queensland's oldest budgerigar clubs, proudly presents its annual **Julie Trebbin Tribute Show** on **Sunday, 13th October** at the Ipswich Showgrounds. Established in 1956, the club has a rich history, and this special event honours the late Julie Trebbin, a respected judge and cherished life member of the society. Each year, the Club runs this event on the 2nd Sunday in October.

This year's show promises to be a memorable occasion, with the **Julie Trebbin Perpetual Trophy** presented by her mother, Rita Trebbin, also a life member of the club. With over **420 entries** and **\$2,600 in prize money** awarded last year, we're excited to aim for another stellar turnout of over 400 entries, offering the same generous prize pool.

Adding to the prestige, **Con Herouvim** has been commissioned to craft stunning trophies, along with special gifts for the judges, ensuring this event will stand out. With overwhelmingly positive feedback from last year's participants, we warmly invite all budgerigar enthusiasts to join us for this exciting tribute show and be part of a day dedicated to honoring a beloved figure in the hobby.

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We are thrilled to extend an open invitation to all members and enthusiasts to attend a special seated presentation evening on Saturday, October 12th at Club Beenleigh. This event is the perfect prelude to our major annual event, the "Carnival Show," taking place on Sunday, October 13th.

We are honored to have two exceptional guest speakers: Dr. Rob Marshall, one of Australia's leading avian vets, and BCSA President Troy Holmes. Dr. Marshall and Mr. Holmes will be delivering insightful presentations, followed by a Q&A session where you can engage directly with these experts. Troy will also share valuable strategies on growing your club.

Both Dr. Marshall and Mr. Holmes will be present at the Carnival Show on Sunday, where Troy will also serve as a judge. If you have any additional questions or need further details, they will be available throughout the weekend.

The evening will begin at approximately 6:30 PM, with meals and drinks available from the restaurant. We're also working on a special menu crafted by the chef, exclusively for our guests.

This is a landmark event for our club, one we had planned for 2023 but are now excited to bring to life in 2024. Our goal is to make this an annual tradition, and we would love for you to be part of it. Early group bookings are encouraged to secure your seats—please contact the committee members to reserve your spot.

We look forward to sharing a night of fun, laughter, and invaluable knowledge with you. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from two of the best in the field, Dr. Rob Marshall and Mr. Troy Holmes.

Join us for an evening to remember! 🎉

Upcoming Events

- **12 October 2024** – Rob Marshall/Troy Holmes Presentation
- **13 October 2024** - Fraser Coast Show, Oakhurst
- **13 October 2024** – Julie Trebbin Tribute Show, Ipswich
- **13 October 2024** – ABS Carnival Show, Beenleigh
- **13 October 2024** - Bundaberg Bird Expo, Bundaberg
- **27 October 2024** - Bundaberg Show, Bundaberg

[Link to the South Queensland Budgerigar Breeders Assoc Website](#)



Cairns Club - A TRUE BLUE CLUB MAN

Allan Buffa, better known as (Boof) has been a member of our club for some 20 years plus. In the age of high price budgerigars, Allan limits himself to \$200 and picks up culls from fellow breeders. He has always enjoyed his birds whether they were winners or not. He has supported the local Ingham and Tully Shows and in recent times has taken out Champion Bird of Show at both.

2024 was his most successful year winning variety awards at the North Queensland Zone selection Show with an Aust. White Cap and a Fallow. The parents of these birds were swaps and culls from fellow club members.

Allan has three large internal aviaries and each has access to external aviaries when the weather allows. His breeding room can cater for 32 breeding cabinets if needed, plus sink and tank water. Surrounds are sugar cane and cattle paddocks, 10 km north of Ingham.

Where Boof shines, he offers his large shed for shows and meetings, a couple of times each year. We all enjoy his BBQ (best cuts of meat and sausages), beer and other goodies from his vegetable garden as well as lemon and oranges. His Italian banut and mango chutney goes down a treat with the ladies. Allan and wife Gloria are always welcoming. We may have to travel 3 hours to meetings and shows but it is soon all worthwhile.

Allan is on the clubs executive committee being Show Manager. He voices his opinions and always looks to the future and assisting other members with his knowledge.

TRILL™ Expert 49th Annual ANBC National Titles

The North Queensland Budgerigar Zone extends a warm invitation to all budgerigar enthusiasts, their families, and friends to join us in Cairns, North Queensland, for the 2025 Australian National Budgerigar Council (ANBC) Championship Show.

This exciting event takes place at the Brothers Leagues Club, a premier venue perfect

enjoyable stay for all attendees.

Join us for the 2025 ANBC Nationals in Cairns for a spectacular showcase of the finest budgerigars, engaging activities, and the chance to connect with fellow enthusiasts in the beautiful setting of Cairns. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to be part of a memorable event!

North Queensland Budgerigar Zone



Cairns - a tropical paradise ... where the rainforest meets the reef, and the only place in the world where two world heritage listed sites can be found side by side

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

49th AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUDGERIGAR COUNCIL ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Please send me further information regarding the upcoming 2025 ANBC Championships, to be hosted by North Queensland Inc. - Cairns Queensland - 23rd May to 25th May 2025.

NAME

PHONE/MOB:HOME CLUB:

EMAIL:

ZONE OR COUNTRY **NQ** OLD S/QLD WA SA VIC TAS NSW – Country
(Circle above)

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:
EMAIL: info@nationals2025.au

FOR UPDATES:
<https://www.nationals2025.au>

The ANBC National Results site is the official website for the Australian National Budgerigar Council (ARBN 103608671) Annual Show





Set amidst 11 acres of award-winning tropical rainforest gardens the Cairns Colonial Club is just 5km from the Cairns Airport, 10 minutes' drive from the city centre and only about 10 minutes' walk to PCYC Cairns and Brothers Leagues Club Cairns.

An ideal access point to the reef and rainforest, the resort is well-known world-wide for combining a tranquil tropical escape with warm and friendly hospitality.

♥ **Special Rates for Budgerigar Show** (24th + 25th MAY 2025)

- 345 MODERN ACCOMMODATION ROOMS
- SELF-SERVICE LAUNDRY FACILITIES
- 3 LAGOON-STYLE POOLS
- CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND
- FULL-SERVICE RESTAURANT
- FREE WI-FI & PARKING



Our main lagoon pool is the perfect spot to unwind with your toes in the sand and a cocktail in hand. Also, a great place to gather with other delegates for a welcome drink or to simply catch up on the day's activities.



Spacious, fully air-conditioned **STUDIO Rooms** feature kitchenettes so ideal if you would like to self-cater. **STUDIO Quad** rooms work well for teams or friends travelling together as they can comfortably accommodate up to 4 adults in individual beds. (26m²)



Our contemporary, fully air-conditioned **SUPERIOR Rooms** feature 2 comfy, queen size beds, brand new bathrooms and a private balcony or garden courtyard facing the pool. (32m²)

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website for current [MENU](#).
For group dining arrangements, please contact us directly at (07) 4053 8873 for a quote.

The resort is also home to a stand-alone Conference Centre featuring wide timber verandahs overlooking the rainforest. With a variety of meeting spaces, this offers plenty of options for group dining.



Tranquil surrounds and modern facilities complemented by a warm spirit of hospitality makes our resort the perfect home base for delegates attending your Event!

BOOK DIRECT & SAVE!

ENJOY ADDITIONAL DISCOUNTS off our already low rates!
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1. Go to our website at <https://www.cairnscolonialclub.com.au>
2. Click **BOOK** box
3. Enter Check In & Check Out dates, Number of Adults & Number of Children (12 years and under)
4. Click on "Promo Code"
5. Type in **CAMP-SHOW25** and press **BOOK**
6. Current availability with special discounts applied will now be displayed
7. Click on "Select" for your preferred room type
8. Then **BOOK!**



*Note that our online rates **do not** include breakfast. Packages & multi-night offers that have already been discounted are not subject to additional discounts. Direct rates & special discounts are not applicable to third-party agents.

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If you are booking and paying for a group under a single invoice, please call us on **07 4053 8863** or email your dates and requirements to groups@cairnscolonialclub.com.au and we will respond with special custom rates for your team!

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[Link to 2025 Nationals Website](#)

[Link to Expression of Interest Form for 2025 Nationals](#)

Exciting Announcement!

The North Queensland Budgerigar Zone Inc. is thrilled to announce an incredible opportunity for all bird enthusiasts!

Mark and Rebecca Fellows have generously donated an outstanding budgerigar, which will be raffled off to raise funds for the TRILL™ Expert ANBC Nationals 2025 in Cairns. Don't miss your chance to own this exceptional bird while supporting a fantastic cause!

Details of the Budgie:

Normal Grey (cock bird) MRF 146/23. Hatched early December 2023. Not sure if you can tell off the pics but looks to have the added bonus of Violet. Out of one of our better producing cock birds.

Father: Normal Grey Green (split Cinnamon) MRF 026/21

Mother: Normal Dark Green MRF 051/22

Tickets: Only \$20.00 each!

The lucky winner will be responsible for arranging transportation from the aviary of Mark and Rebecca Fellows to their property.

For ticket purchases or more information, please contact:

Bruce Schuster: 0426 731 339

Help support the Nationals 2025 and grab your chance to win this amazing bird! Good luck!



Upcoming Events

- **4 October 2024** - Capricornia General Meeting & Table Show
- **13 October 2024** - Cairns & Districts Budgerigar Club, AGM

- **27 October 2024** - Mackay City Budgerigar Society Budgerigar Bash Breeders Show, Farleigh
- **8 November 2024** - Capricornia General Meeting & Table Show
- **10 November 2024** - Townsville & District Budgerigar Club Inc. Derby & Oaks Show broken & unbroken, Kelso
- **24 November 2024** - Capricornia Christmas & Lawn Show
- **6 December 2024** - Capricornia General Meeting & Table Show

Western Australia Budgerigar Council (WABC)



Mark your calendars for some exciting upcoming budgerigar events in Western Australia!

Rare Budgerigar Club of WA Inc

WA BRASEA Show

Date: Sunday, 6th October

Time: 10:00 AM

Venue: Girrawheen Senior Citizens Hall, Patrick Court, Girrawheen

South- West Budgerigar Club (Mandurah) Inc

Monthly Table Show

Date: Sunday, 20th October

Time: 11:00 AM

Venue: Coodanup Community Centre, Wanjeep St, Coodanup

Metropolitan Budgerigar Club of WA Inc

Monthly Table Show plus UB Championship Show

Date: Saturday, 26th October

Time: 10:00 AM

Venue: Bassendean Community Hall, Old Perth Road, Bassendean

Don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities to engage with the budgerigar community!

Upcoming Events

- **6th October 2024** - WA BRASEA Show, Girrawheen
- **20th October 2024** - Monthly Table Show, Coodanup

Link to West Australian Budgerigar Council Website

Budgerigar Council South Australia (BCSA)



Get ready for a jam-packed October & November. Budgie Fest 2024 is almost upon us, a three-day extravaganza from October 24th to October 26th, with a grand finale on Saturday, October 26th. The interstate participation has been incredible, with events like the Hentley Farm luncheon selling out. Get in quickly and book your accommodation in Adelaide for what promises to be a great weekend.

This year, we're thrilled to welcome **Richard Miller from the UK**, who will be joining forces with local media personalities, as well as esteemed interstate judges and ANBC Hall of Famers **Peter Thurn** and **Gary Gazzard**. With a strong turnout already confirmed from interstate, Budgie Fest promises to be an unforgettable experience.

Don't miss out on three days of fun, learning, and celebration. Mark your calendars and get ready to enjoy everything South Australia has to offer! 🎉 🇺🇸 🌟


Carawah Aviaries Tour

This month the Port Pirie Club arranged a visit a little bit different to our usual pursuits with budgerigars and visited a prominent Parrot Breeder in **Port Augusta** some 350 kms north of Adelaide. We were fortunate enough to view a wide and varied array of colourful parrots that members have not had the privilege of viewing due to our usual limited exposure to our beloved budgies. Unusually the largest display of Rainbow budgies was also on display. The club, while sceptical at first, was surprised by the response and many arranged carpooling to travel the distance involved and some 18 members from North of Adelaide and Adelaide itself participated.

Following the visit all partook in a lunch at the Arid Gardens operation just north of the city and a wonderful café style menu was served for all to enjoy. Anyone ever wishing to visit this large aviary operation of nearly 80 enclosed aviaries need simply contact Brian Reichelt on 0418896995 for a friendly and welcome excursion to understand further the myriad of parrot variations that currently exist. A hearty thankyou from the club was well deserved to our hosts.

The Port Pirie Club is also looking to expand its footprint in the Budgie world and invited members to support the only Agricultural Show in South Australia that has retained a Caged Bird Section. Our aim was to get a good participation at the event to advertise our hobby to a wider population and that certainly seems to be working with members providing close to 100 birds for the event. Our end goal is to present this Agricultural show in the future as a Status movement show following approval from the BCSA. A membership drive will also be a priority to further expand our club member numbers which **surprisingly has seen a 20% jump during this year.**

BSSA Come & Try Night

 Date: Tuesday 1st October 2024

 Location: Unley Community Centre, 18 Arthur St Unley

The evening will showcase an exciting BUY-SWAP-SELL event, where members and guests are invited to bring along a variety of items—including birds, cages, books, seed hoppers, and just about anything else (except budgie smugglers!)—to trade, sell, or swap. It's a fantastic opportunity to find new treasures or share your extras with fellow enthusiasts. Additionally, the club is thrilled to offer giveaway birds, generously provided by our Open and Intermediate breeders, for Junior and Novice fanciers. It's a great way to overcome the barriers to entry on the exhibition side of the hobby.



Budgerigar Society of South Australia
**JOIN US FOR A
 COME & TRY
 NIGHT**

FREE ENTRY

ALL WELCOME

Have you ever considered keeping, breeding or exhibiting budgerigars?
LET'S FLOCK TOGETHER

7 pm Tuesday 1st October 2024
 at the Unley Community Centre
 18 Arthur Street, Unley.

The evening will include:

- Information on Breeding pairs - what varieties not to pair together.
- Common faults - how to improve your chances of not repeating them.
- Bird give away for Junior and Novice members.

visit our website for more details

Buy Sell & Swap all things budgie!
 Bring along your birds, cages, budgerigar books, seed hoppers, or anything you may like to sell or swap. Items can be swapped, sold by tender, or fixed price.

Annual Membership
 Single Membership: \$20.00 | Family Membership: \$20.00 | Junior Membership: \$5.00
 For more information, contact BSSA President Chris Murphy cmurphy6@msn.com
 or BSSA Webmaster Danny Brill dannybrill@hotmail.com | www.bssainc.org.au

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[Link to BSSA Come & Try, Buy, Swap & Sell Night](#)

📍 Location: Hectorville Community Centre, 47 Reid Avenue, Hectorville

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to meet Dr. Marijke Mellor, the renowned avian expert from Unusual Pet Vets in Adelaide! Dr. Mellor will be presenting a comprehensive session on Budgie Health, including crucial tips on preventative care, essential medications, and how to spot early signs of illness in your feathered friends. Whether you're an experienced breeder or a new bird owner, this event is packed with valuable insights you won't want to miss!



[Link to NEBS Meet The Bird Vet Event](#)

PPBS Meeting & Show

📅 Date: Sunday, 20th October 2024

📍 Location: 12 Barkla Road, Kadina, SA

Join us for an exciting day at Bob Simpson's with the Young Birds and UBCs 2024 event! All 2024-rung birds are welcome. PPBS are extending a warm invitation to guests from other clubs to participate—no need for pre-entry, just bring your birds on the day for an 11 AM start. Compete for fantastic prize money, showcase your birds, connect with fellow enthusiasts, and enjoy a spirited competition.

The usual meeting will be preceded by a Special General meeting to seek member approval to update our Constitution to better suit the current electronic era and to tailor the document to suit our small club, which is restricted somewhat in numbers volunteering their time for the general management of the club.

Members and visitors can be assured of a friendly and informative time given by this affable member.

For more information, contact Bob - 0407 189 975



Discover Hentley Farm (Strictly Limited to 20 people)

Date: Thursday 24th October. Noon to 6 PM

Location: Cnr Gerald Roberts Rd & Jenke Rd, Seppeltsfield SA. 5355

Thank you to those who have purchased tickets to this event. This event is now officially sold out.

hentleyfarm.com.au



Unleash Your Inner Speed Demon at The Bend Motorsport Park!

Date: Thursday, 24th October, 6 PM

Location: 543 Dukes Highway, Tailem Bend, SA 5260

Are you an adrenaline junkie? Get ready for a heart-pounding evening of speed, thrill, and racing glory at South Australia's premier racetrack, The Bend Motorsport Park! Join Richard Miller, Peter Thurn, and Gary Gazzard as they take on the ultimate Mustang Drive and Holden Racing Car Experiences. Think you've got what it takes to beat the judges? Book your own drive experience and line up alongside them on the track! After the race, refuel at the APEX Bar with a delicious dinner from 7 PM.



Richard Miller Presentation

Date: Friday 25th October, 6 PM for a 6:30 PM start

Location: The Maid, 1 Magill Road, Stepney, SA 5069

We're thrilled to announce that Richard Miller is putting together a one-of-a-kind presentation for his upcoming trip Down Under. At just 41, he's already a four-time world champion, a title he's earned in partnership with his father, Michael Miller. Beyond that, he's an international judge and keynote speaker, having shared his expertise across Europe, the US, and the Middle East. Richard has just completed judging at the World Championships in Austria, alongside Australia's own Stephen Mow. This is your chance to learn from someone at the top of their game, so make sure you're there to catch every insight.

Cost: \$55 per person including food and presentation.

Join us in the Terrace and Chamber Rooms.

BCSA Tri Club Young Bird Cup 🏆

📅 Date: Saturday, October 26

📍 Location: Campbelltown Function Centre

We're thrilled to announce the first-ever BCSA Tri Club Cup Interclub Challenge! This exciting competition will see the BSSA, NEBS, and Port Pirie clubs go head-to-head at Budgie Fest, showcasing their current year rung birds. The judging panel features WBO Judge Richard Miller from the UK, alongside ANBC Accredited Judges Peter Thurn and Gary Gazzard.



Interclub 24 – BSSA Vs NEBS 🏆

- 📅 Date: Sunday, 10 November
- 📍 Location: Ascot Park Scout Hall

Mark your calendars for the BSSA annual Interclub Challenge with the North East Budgerigar Society on Sunday, 10 November 2024! Please note the new venue: Ascot Park Scout Hall, located at 51 Sixth Avenue, Ascot Park. The BSSA's long-standing rivalry with NEBS dates back to 1978, with the competition being held every year except for two (due to extreme weather and COVID). The scoreboard remains impressively close after 44 events, with NEBS leading at 24 wins to BSSA's 20.



Budgerigar Society of SA Inc.
Adelaide 1000 – November 24 Show
 Including the BSSA/NEBS Interclub 24 Challenge



Sunday 10th November, 2024
 Ascot Park Scout Hall
 51 Sixth Ave, Ascot Park.

Join us for Budgie Fest 2024

FREE ENTRY

An afternoon of feathered fun for all the family!

- Face painting
- Magic show
- Competitions
- Budgie Displays
- Refreshments

**12pm to 3pm,
Sat 26 October**
Campbelltown
Function Centre
172 Montacute Rd,
Rostrevor

WINE TASTING

Show off your fancy feathers with
Adelaide's Best Pet Budgie Competition
Bring along your budgie, and tell us why it's the best pet budgie in Adelaide.
Entries close Fri 18 October

Budgerigar Council South Australia

To find out more visit www.bcsa.com.au/budgiefest2024

Just Added!



Saturday, 26 October

Budgie Fest 2024

Get ready to celebrate all things budgies at Budgie Fest 2024 - a fun-filled event dedicated to these colorful and chirpy little birds!

General Admission	-	1	+
Free	🕒		
Reserve a spot			

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Upcoming Events

- **1 October 2024** – Come & Try Night, BSSA
- **9 October 2024** – Unusual Pet Vets Presentation, NEBS
- **20 October 2024** – Show & SGM, PPBS
- **24 October 2024** – Intimate Lunch, Hentley Farm (Budgie Fest)
- **24 October 2024** - Shell Motorsport Park, Tailem Bend (Budgie Fest)
- **25 October 2024** – Richard Miller Presentation, The Maid (Budgie Fest)
- **26 October 2024** – Budgie Fest, Campbelltown Function Centre
- **26 October 2024** - Tri Club Cup, Campbelltown Function Centre
- **10 November 2024** - BSSA/NEBS Interclub, Ascot Park

[Link to Budgerigar Council of South Australia Website](#)

Budgerigar Council of Tasmania (BCT)



Enthusiasts Day

Our third Enthusiast's Day was held at Campbell Town on Sunday August 25th. 'The best so far' was the opinion of a couple of people.

The Enthusiast's Day is a get together where any and all budgie hobbyists can buy, swap or sell anything they care to bring along. We had birds, show cages, books, dishes even a few dozen eggs were available on the day.

Unlike Shows, where most people are busy doing something to ensure the show runs smoothly, it gives everyone a chance to have a chat.

We 'import' 12 birds from reputable breeders on the main land. These are brought in to help improve the quality of our Tasmanian birds.

Our sincere thanks go to Ray Slade for organising this on the Victorian end, with quality birds from David Taylor and Ray being made available at very reasonable prices.

This year attendees put their name against each bird they were interested in. The highest card held when everyone had cut the cards was the winner.

Everyone waited with bated breath for the outcome particularly for the more popular birds (12 people wanted a couple of them). Congratulations and good luck to those who were fortunate enough to take birds home.

hopefully produce quality chicks in the 1st instance whereby if you are limited to 1 (number drawn, choose a bird go to the end of the list) it could take 2-3 years before the benefits are visible.

Waiting until after the 'imports' were decided on, before allowing any other sales to be made gave everyone a chance to view what else was on offer.

The 23 attendees (some from each of our 3 clubs) seemed to be happy with how the day went especially the lunch and the jelly slice for dessert.

Nationals Judge Jim Fletcher spoke about his Judging career, both local and international, and encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Judge's Training Day (date TBA). An event that is open to everyone to attend and gain a better understanding of what the Judges are looking for or hopefully decide that they would like to become a Judge themselves.





Pictures from Enthusiast's Day in Campbelltown, Tasmania

Upcoming Events

- **19 October 2024** – Longford Show (Northern Tasmania Budgerigar Society)
Contact Ken Bassett 0418 324 202 kenhelenbassett@bigpond.com
- **23 November 2024** – Ray Ryder Unbroken Cap Show, Richmond

[Link to Budgerigar Council of Tasmania Website](#)

I hope you've enjoyed the second edition of our monthly ANBC Gazette, as much as I've enjoyed creating it. It is very important that everyone continues to supply items to the editor and please include photos of events, winning birds, club logos from the past, even winners' cards, these are things that will be lost if we don't record and make available for everyone.

I say the "past is for reminiscing and enjoying, while the future is for the setting up for a brilliant and rewarding past".

Thank you for being a part of our community. Together, let's celebrate our shared love for Budgerigars!

PS. Checkout the new ANBC Website. <https://anbc.org.au>

Neale R Love

Editor, ANBC Gazette



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