



## UNITED FLYER December 2018.



### Presidents Xmas Message.



Members of our club got together last Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to celebrate Xmas and chat over the club's achievements throughout the past year.

The day was hosted by Steve & Bev Bradley. A wonderful gesture by Steve & Bev to open their home to those members of United that were able to attend.

Many thanks to them and all the others that assisted on the day. A great afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Our club have enjoyed a very successful year by winning each of the Shield competitions at the three State Championship shows. To win the Adult, Young and UBC Shields in one year is quite an achievement.

Apart from the show bench success, our club has managed to conduct training nights throughout the year which appear to becoming more popular as time goes by and encouraging new members as well as helping beginners.

Our club fund raising Auction was also a success again, and the member participation in helping run this event was excellent.

A steady flow of new members is promising for the club. We look forward to the continuing our successes in 2019.

Merry Xmas & a happy, safe and healthy new year to all members and your families from myself and the committee.

*Alan Baxter*

President

### ATTACHMENTS

Along with this newsletter you should have a copy of:

1. The 2019 Club Syllabus.
2. A copy of the Club year planner.
3. The BCV list of show & auction dates.

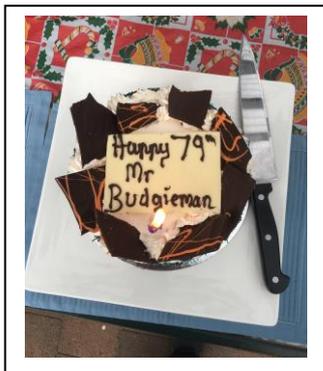
**These Documents are all available on our club website for download in both PDF & Excel.**

# Christmas Social Function



A very enjoyable day was held at Steve & Bev's house last Sunday with about 20 plus members and partners.

As well as the end of year get together, the "Bird people" spent some time enjoying the Aviary Visit and looking at the Bradley Family quality birds and great set-up.



As well as the club social function it was Alan Rowe's birthday on the Monday, so a cake was presented, and duly eaten to celebrate along with singing happy birthday to Alan for his 79<sup>th</sup>



The food just kept coming & coming, with Steve's BBQ meat, followed by terrific plates prepared by the ladies. Great spread, and augmented by the surprise Xmas cake made by club member Rod Hall, who also won the best bird attire competition on the day, beating Derrin Ray's Toucan shirt and Alan Rowe's Macaw socks.



One of the best aspects of our club is the social interaction between members. Great to see those that could come enjoy themselves and sorry that some others couldn't come because of other commitments.

## COMING CLUB EVENTS:

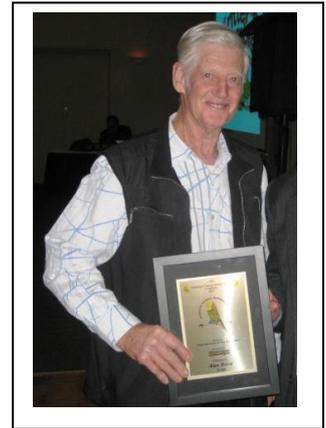
### FEBRUARY TRAINING PRESENTATION – DARK EYED CLEAR & RECESSIVE PIEDS – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – 7-30 start

This informative session to be presented by Champion breeder and retired National Judge, our own show manager, Alan Rowe.

Come along and learn all about how to breed these varieties.

Even if you think you know it all, there is always something to learn.

**Visitors Welcome – Non-members or Members of other Clubs – Pizza dinner provided.**



### Refurbished show cages available – Beginners get 1<sup>st</sup> option.

We are able to access refurbished second-hand show cages available for \$30 each. These are in really good condition. If interested ring Vic Murray 0414344081

**We ask that members please support our sponsors. And remember when you go & buy anything from them, tell you are a member of the club to get the CLUB DISCOUNT.**



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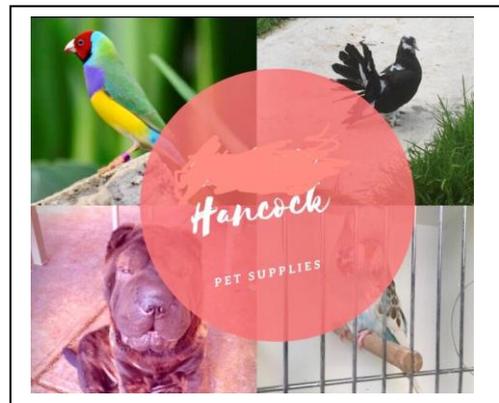
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### New Sponsor Special offer.

**Hancock Pet Supplies** - Lindsay Hancock - PH: 0413 426 224 - E: [budgieboy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:budgieboy@hotmail.co.uk)

Hancock Pet Supplies would like to welcome the United Budgerigar society to take advantage of a proposed discount offering to club members only.

Spend up to \$100 get 5% off total purchase.

Spend over \$100 get 10% off your total purchase.

This discount is only for club members as we at Hancock Pet supplies would like to show our appreciation to the club for your support.

## An oldie but a goodie.

A woman was at her hairdresser's getting her hair styled for a trip to Rome with her husband.

She mentioned the trip to the hairdresser, who responded: " Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty. You're crazy to go to Rome. So, how are you getting there?"

"We're taking Continental," was the reply. "We got a great rate!"

"Continental?" exclaimed the hairdresser. "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?"

"We'll be at this exclusive little place over on Rome's Tiber River called Teste."

"Don't go any further. I know that place. Everybody thinks it's going to be something special and Exclusive, but it's really a dump."

"We're going to go to see the Vatican and maybe get to see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the hairdresser. "You and a million other people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant. Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it."

A month later, the woman again came in for a hairdo. The hairdresser asked her about her trip to Rome.

"It was wonderful," explained the woman, "not only were we on time in one of Continental's brand-new planes, but it was overbooked, and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a handsome 28-year-old steward who waited on me hand and foot.

And the hotel was great! They'd just finished a \$5 million remodelling job, and now it's a jewel, the finest hotel in the city. They, too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us their owner's suite at no extra charge!"

"Well," muttered the hairdresser, "that's all well and good, but I know you didn't get to see the Pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, because as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder, and explained that the Pope likes to meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet me.

Sure enough, five minutes later, the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand! I knelt down and he spoke a few words to me."

"Oh, really! What did he say?"

**He said: "WHO "MUCKED" UP YOUR HAIR?!"**