



UNITED FLYER
JUNE 2020



COMING CLUB EVENTS:

Although we have all been in lockdown, your committee have still been working and planning on ways to keep the club moving and get things back on track as soon as possible, with the gradual reduction in restrictions expected over the next few months.

We had a face to face meeting early in the month and are planning another one in July. So as things develop we will be right on top of the organising required to run events.

United Annual Auction - 16th August - CANCELLED

The committee have decided that the restrictions that we expect to still be in place by this date make the logistics of running this event too restrictive and have decided to cancel this event.

ON-LINE Sales

However, to assist both members that wish to sell quality birds and to help with the finances of the club, we will be facilitating the sale of members birds on the club Facebook site. Please support this as there is a lot of time & work involved for Steve, and the club needs to raise a few funds, whilst helping members sell birds.

A separate notice for this is being sent to members with all of the logistical information.

United Unbroken Cap Show – 5th September

Again, the committee are planning on the assumption the the “Shutdown restrictions” might be lifted by this date, and are proceeding with the plan to hold this event, however the logistics of running it will obviously change the format.

More info will be announced as we get closer.

United Annual General Meeting - 4th August

Although our AGM is usually held by early April, as our year is for Calendar year the same as membership & ring issue. But due to the Virus, the committee are planning on the restrictions being lifted to hold our AGM in August, and are working to that date, with the hall booked. A further notice will come out calling for nominations, as we get closer.

Presidents Report 2019



I believe 2019 was another very successful year for our club. The committee worked well together with the assistance of other members.

In particular, work carried out by the Secretary was much appreciated. The Treasurer managed our books well and communication to club members was done efficiently via newsletters, the website and Facebook. This work and the management of shows, was carried out efficiently. The ladies in the catering area, Bev Bradley and Rita Schembri excelled with their duties. Thank you ladies.

I offer my thanks to those members and all other members who offered their assistance throughout the year.

With the Adult State Championship show cancelled, due to the heat policy, our Diploma Show was the first major club event. This show was held on 23rd March and was one of the most successful shows I can remember (for sometime.) We had 264 young birds and 48 adult birds benched at the show.

In the Young Bird State Championship Show we were successful in winning the event. In The UBC State Championship show in September, we were placed a close second.

A great achievement by our club in these State Championships, however, we need to be mindful that we must have at least 2 members breeding each variety to ensure further success moving forward.

Our UBC Club Championship Show was quite successful, however, more support by exhibitors would have been appreciated.

I believe training nights should continue next year, with more support from club members and visitors. These nights are very well promoted and do cost the club money!

Our annual auction profit was lower, possibly due to the overall quality of the birds, and the increased number of other club auctions. With 15 birds being passed in, I believe we need to better assess the quality of the birds and possibly have a cap of 220 birds. On a brighter note, the commitment by club members assisting on the day, and prior to the event, was outstanding.

The social part of the year concluded with our Christmas gathering at David and Allison Spinks' residence. Thanks for hosting a great day.

Finally, I believe the club is in a very good shape overall. I look forward to fellowship and continued success for the club in the forthcoming year.

Alan Baxter
President

United Diploma Show – 3rd October

Again, the committee are planning on the assumption the the “Shutdown restrictions” might be lifted by this date, and are proceeding with the plan to hold this event.

PLUS, As the Diploma show was cancelled, we are planning this event to be a Diploma show instead of our UBC Show. Further news to follow.

Welcome new members.

The committee would like to welcome new member **Chelsea Unger, Tony McMahon, Sam Bonnici, Daniel Ford & Michael Searl**. We hope that you find the club welcoming and that you enjoy being part of our club.

Don't be afraid to ask for help, all of our experienced members are here to assist.

Help comes in all forms:

Thank you to once again to **Ray Howard** for donating the cleaned Cuttlefish, plus Vanessa & Adam for volunteering to bag it for club fund raising.

Cuttlefish for sale:

There will be cuttlefish for sale at all upcoming events. \$10.00 a bag.

WEBSITE

The club website has all the info you need:

Forms: Ring order -Show entry – Nest cards – Breeding records. Genetic-breeding expectations. Show Matrix.

Training session notes. And much more. There have been a number of new video's added to help beginners. Beginners especially should find these video's helpful.

We have pages for the new show variety “**RAINBOW**” with the judging standard, how to breed them, and lots more.

**AT THE RECENT ANBC MEETING, ANOTHER CHANGE TO THE STANDARD WAS MADE.
THIS TIME THE BLACK EYE SELF**

Download copy of the changes from the club website,

BCV Triennial Annual General Meeting

When:

16th October, 2020 - Friday 7.30pm

Where: Kingston Trophies Boardroom 141 Woodlands Dr, Braeside VIC 3195

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ANBC RING COLOUR CHART

Colour		Year	Year
Violet		2015	
Orange		2016	
Blue		2017	
Red		2018	2024
Black		2019	2025
Green		2020	2026
Violet		2021	2027
Brown		2022	2028
Blue		2023	2029

This month artist and **United Budgie Club member Vanessa White** took a 'paint a picture of a budgie' online art workshop for Virtual Urban Campfire at the Neighbourhood Justice Centre in Collingwood. These online video workshops have been especially designed for kids at the Collingwood and Richmond housing estates during the CoOVD19 restrictions.

Vanessa has been doing painting workshops over the last couple of years and keeps a small special team of budgies as models to take to her workshops, she keeps this team alongside their other breeding and exhibition budgies. Vanessa took two of her painting workshop team in a show cage, with her paints and canvas board to the Neighbourhood Justice Centre. During the filming of the workshop Vanessa painted a small picture of a budgie and spoke about budgies and the process of how to paint.

The video of the workshop will be edited and put online in the coming weeks.



Urban Campfire also hold exhibitions and art programs at the Neighbourhood Justice Centre. The exhibitions are held twice a year and each exhibition runs for about 6 months. The art exhibitions give people a place to showcase their talents. In return the centre is transformed from a utilitarian government agency into a warm and welcoming hub, which is important for a place that's a court, treatment centre and community meeting place. Previously in 2018 Vanessa exhibited five of her budgie paintings at the Autumn Urban Campfire exhibition. As a result Vanessa sold all of her paintings to a Criminal lawyer working at the Centre at the time who was absolutely delighted by the fun and sense of humour the paintings imbued, these paintings now hang in the lawyers chambers in the CBD.



The Neighbourhood Justice Centre uses art as a conduit through which communities explore their aspirations, needs, identity, sense of place, to tackle broader social issues and to enhance the justice experience. Case workers use the art as the conversational bridge to reach vulnerable clients who are drawn to art that expresses many of the issues they're dealing with, such as mental illness, social isolation, and addiction. Art also gives the community a sense of ownership and connection to their local justice service and ensures the Centre is a welcoming space, fundamentally changing the very nature of what is, in effect, a statutory agency within a complex justice landscape.

Urban Campfire art programs and exhibitions curated by Laila Costa, video by Kim Fuhrmann, photography credit Ching Ching Liang.

Neighbourhood Justice Centre

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NJCCollingwood>

Website: www.neighbourhoodjustice.vic.gov.au

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The Irish Millionaire

Mick, from Dublin, appeared on 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire' and towards the end of the program had already won 500,000 euros.

"You've done very well so far," said Chris Tarrant, the show's presenter, "but for a million euros you've only got one life-line left, phone a friend. Everything is riding on this question. Will you go for it?"

"Sure," said Mick. "I'll have a go!"

"Which of the following birds does NOT build its own nest?"

- a) Sparrow
- b) Thrush,
- c) Magpie,
- d) Cuckoo?"

"I haven't got a clue." said Mick,

"So I'll use my last lifeline and phone my friend Paddy back home in Dublin ..."

Mick called up his mate, and told him the circumstances and repeated the question to him.

"Fookin hell, Mick!" cried Paddy.

"Dat's simple it's a cuckoo."

"Are you sure?"

"I'm fookin sure."

Mick hung up the phone and told Chris,
"I'll go with cuckoo as my answer."

"Is that your final answer?" asked Chris.

"Dat it is."

There was a long, long pause and then the presenter screamed,
"Cuckoo is the correct answer!
Mick, you've won 1 million euros!"

The next night, Mick invited Paddy to their local pub to buy him a drink.

"Tell me, Paddy? How in Heaven's name did you know it was da Cuckoo that doesn't build its own nest?"

"Because he lives in a clock!"