



**UNITED FLYER**  
**AUGUST 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, hopefully with reduction in restrictions expected over the next few months.

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**United Annual General Meeting - ~~4<sup>th</sup> August~~ **Cancelled**  
**New date TBA****

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. A further notice will come out calling for nominations, as we get closer.

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**United Annual Auction - ~~16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**ON-LINE Sales**

The online sales for club members has been running well, **thanks to Steve Bradley's hard work.**

Several members have sold their birds at very resonable prices and contributed to the clubs running expences, whilst paying for some seed for their own birds,

Please support this when we get it running again, after lockdown, as the club needs to raise a few funds with no auction income this year, whilst helping members sell birds.

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

## United Unbroken Cap Show ~~5<sup>th</sup> September~~ - CANCELLED

## United Diploma Show ~~3<sup>rd</sup> October~~ - CANCELLED

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### Welcome new members.

The committee would like to welcome new member **Les Hanna**. 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.

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### Cuttlefish for sale:

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

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## 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.

**We also now have a couple of terrific video interviews with Gary Gazzard & Peter Thurn, plus a link to purchase a very inexpensive computer program, BUDREG written in Excel, for keeping your breeding records**

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Unfortunately our club Secretary David Spink has resigned, but this role is now being handled by Brian Reynolds. Brian has previously carried out this task & is familiar with the tasks required. Thanks Brian.

The Treasurer Derrin Ray has also resigned his position, but due to the lockdown situation has advised that he will continue to process ring orders until the Covid situation allows for a replacement to be organized.

This is a reminder that the club needs members to assist by being part of the committee and to think about coming forward at the AGM.

**Members please note, all correspondence to the club, ring orders, membership renewals, copies of bank deposits, nomination forms etc. should be sent to:**

**[info@unitedbudgies.org.au](mailto:info@unitedbudgies.org.au)**

**The club no longer has a P.O. Box.**

**This will ensure that the committee will receive and respond to any correspondence.**

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## ***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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**To All Members,**

All BCV Councillors were hopeful that our September UBC Show would go ahead until the last round of restrictions was put to all Victorians across the last 72 hours.

At this stage the September show is Cancelled.

Having said that our hope is that a November UBC Show can still be staged by having the second-round youngsters able to be shown.

There are three options for the show that the Council is contemplating.

1 - an Open UBC as we are used to

2 - a Closed Show utilizing a small number of judges and officials to execute with an appropriate number of breeders and exhibitors at a time being able to access and view the birds.

3 - a Livestream event that will be again run by a small number of judges and admins that will have each class livestreamed and able to be played back by anyone at any time on our Web Page or Facebook page.

Obviously, we are all in uncharted waters here. It would be easy to simply say "no shows for the rest of 2020".

We choose to be as positive as possible and plan for our event by looking at the glass "half full" instead of the alternative.

We hope you are all breeding well and getting the youngsters on the perch for the time when we can go back to doing what the hobby is all about - catching up with friends and mates and showing our birds.

Finally, the most important asset our hobby has is you, the members. All councillors would like to wish all of our members where ever you are above all good health for yourselves and your families.

Best Wishes to all,

James Smith

Honorary Secretary

Budgerigar Council of Victoria

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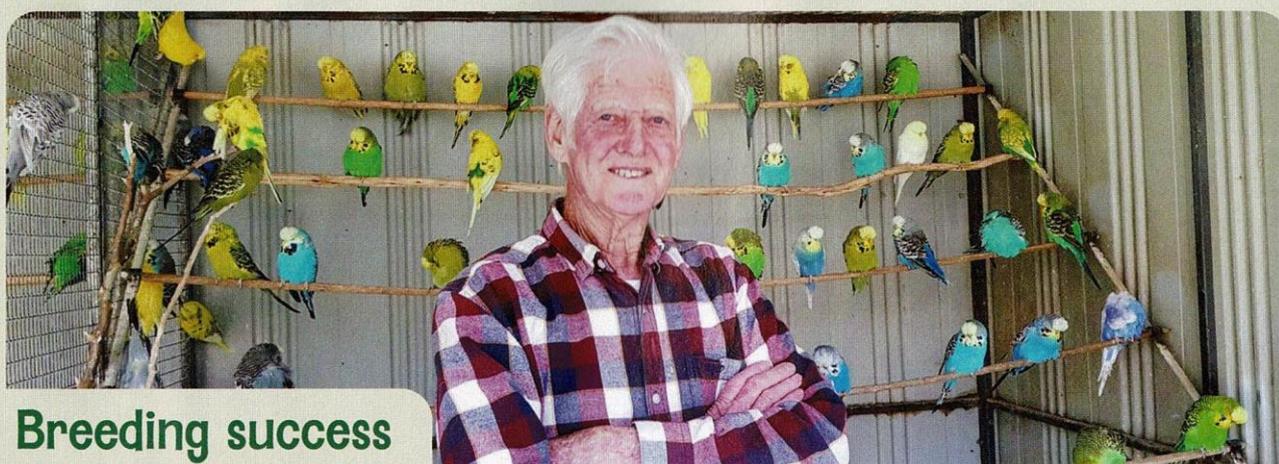
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**Another feather in the cap of our most experienced, successful and long-standing Champion breeder, Alan Rowe.**

**The huge article in Australian geographic on the book "Budgerigar" included this section on Alan.**



## **Breeding success**

**D**ubbed 'The Guru' by fellow United Budgerigar Society members, Alan Rowe first became a budgie fancier as a 16 year old, after seeing "all these colourful little budgies with their big ribbons" at the Royal Melbourne Show. Now aged 80, Alan is like a grandmaster of breeding

and showing budgies, having clocked up 16 national championship class wins. He has judged national shows as well as in New Zealand, Germany and England as part of the World Budgerigar Organisation Panel of Judges. In 1994 his achievements earned him a place in the Australian

National Budgerigar Council Hall of Fame and although he has now retired from judging, he remains very competitive as a breeder. The appeal, Alan says, lies in the challenge of trying to breed birds that most closely meet the standard. "I probably don't get as much pleasure out

of how they act and carry on now like I did when I first started," he admits. "I look at them now with the standard in mind." A budgie is judged on a range of values including size, shape, condition, proportions, the texture of its feathers and how it holds itself on the perch.

## **MEMBER SURVEY (attached file)**

**United is one of the most competitive clubs in Victoria on the show bench.**

**One of the ways we achieve this by helping all our members to improve their birds up to show standard.**

**We also encourage all members to breed at least one of the "Lesser" varieties. This helps ensure that we can field a full team of birds covering all varieties at the 3 State Championship shows, to win the "Shield".**

**Winning as individuals is great, but to work as a team to win as a club is even better.**

**To help us understand who is breeding what varieties we ask that you fill in the attached form and return.**

**This will help us with our forward planning and assist encouragement of breeding the varieties that we are short off.**

**This list is in the same order & format as the show matrix. Please review the list and just the box adjacent to indicate if this is one of the varieties that you breed.**

**When finished, save the file to your computer and then email it back to the club, please.**