



UNITED FLYER
OCTOBER 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.

2020 Additional Ring Orders

Just a quick note to let members know that it has come to our attention that there might be a delay if you wish to order additional un-coded 2020 rings.

We believe there could be a delay of up to 4 to 6 weeks from order, due to short stocks and postage delays from overseas.

So, if you think you are likely to need to order more for this year, you better get your order in ASAP.

Don't leave it until it's too late. Forms available on website.

2021 Membership & Ring Orders

For those members that have not ordered Coded Rings and paid their 2021 Membership, this is a reminder that the Club & BCV Memberships are for the Calendar year, the same as the ring issue.

So if you haven't ordered your 2021 rings yet and want them in early 2021, now is the time to get your order in with your membership.

The ring registrar is going to be very busy getting all of the coded ring orders packed & mailed, plus postal deliveries are slow, so to save disappointment, think about doing it now.

Forms available on website.

BCV Triennial Annual General Meeting

Registration Details:

The following Link is to enable members of the BCV to register for attendance. If an observer only wishes to be in attendance they will need to Contact James Smith on 0412 488 777 or email budgeman77@hotmail.com

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: This FRIDAY Oct 16, 2020 07:30 PM

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcrcOutrD4sGNBHwGHR3O36MNK5xUIpLlcO>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Please Note: James Smith will be Recording this meeting to ensure all details / Reports will be accurately reflected in the Minutes.

Please Note:

The Presidents Report and Financial Report will be shown on the Screen on the night. As always both of these documents will be published in Budgie News as soon as possible.

United Annual General Meeting

New tentative date Tuesday 9th February 2021

Members would be aware that we have had to re-program the AGM a couple of times because of the Covid restrictions.

The rules of the club state that our AGM is to be held in the first 6 months of the year, as our year is for Calender year the same as membership & ring issue, and is usually held in early April.

Rather than have this years meeting in Oct-Nov (Maybe, depending on restrictions being lifted) the committee are working on the basis the restrictions should definitely be lifted by February to hold our AGM.

This would also save having to have another AGM in 2021.

This would mean the report would be for a 2 year period, and as there has been very little activity this year, it makes sense.

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

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

I recieved a very good question from a member recently:

“What does the role of a committee member entail? What area(s) are our Club currently recruiting new committee member(s) for?”

I suppose some club members may have been considering joining the club's committee but are not sure of their role and responsibilities

As has been said previously, we have one of the most successful clubs on the show circuit, both at state level where the club wins the majority of the state Shield competitions against the other clubs, and at individual member level Nationally, at State level and Diploma shows.

This is in part because we have some of the top breeders in the state, but probably moreso because we have been able to create a “Team” attitude within the membership, where we all help each other (with friendly rivalry).

Especially our beginners, because they are the future of the hobby.

If we use the sport analogy, compare a successful sporting club. The club has a good Management team, to look after the admin, a Leadership team within the player group and Individuals striving to achieve the best individual performance, all in the “team spirit”.

The committee consists of President, Secretary, Treasurer plus 5 committee members, and like any organisation, Govt body, Business, Sporting club or similar, it starts at the top with Leadership, Organisation and Accountability. So the club committee membership needs people that can contribute in any small way to the proper function of the club, which includes, but not limited to the following. These functions can be swapped or combined to suit members skills & availability. Suggested:

President

Preside over meetings and manage-supervise all committee member functions.

Vice president

Chair committee meetings when President not available & carry out one of the work functions listed.

FUNCTIONS FOR EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE CLUB

Secretary & Assistant Secretary:

Organise meetings, Prepare Agenda in consultation with President, distribute notices of meetings, prepare & distribute Minutes of meetings, Correspondence, Membership & all other record keeping, Legal obligations, Insurance, Dept of Consumer Affairs returns, Liaise with BCV.

Prepare advertisements for shows – Auctions – Club events, produce and distribute Newsletters, Maintain Facebook and Website.

Treasurer & Ring Registrar:

Manage finances, collecting of moneys at shows & auctions, banking; prepare Committee meeting and Annual financial reports, maintain membership list in conjunction with Secretary, Order & record rings, Pay accounts.

NOTE: All transactions to be presented and approved by the committee.

Show Manager & Assist Show Manager:

Prepare the Annual Show – Auction – Sale – Training Calendar and Syllabus in conjunction with the Secretary, Book the Venues, Invite judges, organise stewards, arrange for set up of venues & staging, manage shows – Sales – Auctions & Training sessions.

Purchase all prizes & trophies for all events. Assist show manager in all functions & preside over shows when Show Manager not available. Purchase raffle prizes,

Show Secretary:

Computer entry & administration of Club Selection shows, Diploma & UBC shows, Interclub events, Club nights, Shield teams and record reporting to BCV Points coordinator – Budgie News editor & BCV web manager. Purchase all consumables and stationery for shows IE: Cage stickers, Judging dots, Certificate frames.

Assistant Show Secretary:

The show secretary's job is too big for one person, and there should always someone in training. So this person would assist the Show secretary in any way required.

Auction Manager:

Vendor invitations, Computer data entry, distribution of cage stickers & manage on auction day, vendor bird coordination (transport- storage & show cages). Financial report of results to committee.

New member - Beginner Mentor: Not one individual.

Be the first point of contact for help.

Help all new members to feel welcome into the club, assist with information and advice, encourage variety breeding, assist with bird purchase- pairing - culling.

Promotion of the club to gain new members in conjunction with other committee.

Training: Not one individual.

Prepare, plan & help present training sessions.

Fund raising: Not one individual

For the club to function properly it needs finances to hire the hall, buy trophies & prizes for shows, pay judges fees, insurance, BCV affiliation fees, Dept of Justice fees, maintain website & sec Treasurer costs, etc. Seek Sponsors.

All members, not just committee, can and do contribute in many ways with assisting in running the shows, tytaking entries, setting up, cleaning up, catering, fund raising etc. So if members don't feel they can give the time be on the committee because of other commitments, such as work, family etc, that doesn't matter, as any contribution is appreciated.

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.

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.

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

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

The club no longer has a P.O. Box.
This will ensure that the committee will receive and respond to any correspondence.

Important Information Regarding the Potential to Import Budgerigars from The UK and Europe

Budgerigar Council of Victoria **Comments on the potential importation of Psittacine birds into Australia** **11th September, 2020.**

- The BCV believes that the importation of Budgerigars into Australia is a very important matter for its members and the general bird loving community.
- There are potential animal welfare concerns at all stages of the importation process. Animal Welfare is one of the highest priorities for the BCV.
- The BCV will endeavour to keep members and other interest groups up to date with the enormously complex matter of importation. There are still many questions for which we have no answers. As information comes to hand it will be shared with members and others.
- The government veterinarians have asked for commentary on the Draft Importation Review. As one of the peak bodies for psittacines in Australia, the BCV felt it would be irresponsible not to obtain independent specialist advice on the draft proposal which is a very technical paper.

Background. The DAWR (Department of Water and Agricultural Resources) initiated a review of the importation conditions for psittacine birds following the suspension of imports in 1995. This review is now reaching its final phase with DAWR releasing the draft import conditions for comment. The deadline for comments on the draft is 19th September. Following this, DAWR will review the submissions and provided there are no impassable objections, they will release a new approved set of importation conditions for psittacine birds.

There are currently many rumours and stories circulating as well as some ill-informed commentary on various social media platforms. The aim of this document is to provide some facts for our members pertaining to potential importations and to address the “fake news” currently circulating.

What are Psittacine birds? Psittacine refers to the broader parrot family and this is certainly not limited to but includes budgerigars

DAWR have established slightly less onerous conditions for “Pet” birds than “Aviary” birds. What is the definition of a Pet bird and an Aviary bird?

- “Pet Birds” are household pet psittacine birds, with owners immigrating to Australia to take up residence. These birds must have been owned by, and in the possession of their owners for at least one year immediately preceding pre-export quarantine. There will be a limit of two birds per person immigrating to Australia.
- Aviary psittacine birds including birds kept for hobby purposes or exhibition, in zoos, wildlife parks and conservation programs, birds in breeding centres and private collections, and birds purchased from overseas. There will be no limit imposed on the number of birds imported under this category.

What does the importation process look like? DAWR have provided the following information:

- Imports will be permitted from countries that have been approved by the department as having satisfactory animal health services, providing a high level of assurance in the - treatment, management and health status of animals exported to Australia.
 - *It should be noted that the document refers to a number of countries that are permissible for the importation of Pet birds, however it is silent on countries acceptable for aviary birds.*
- A quarantine period in the originating country of approximately 30 or 35 days will apply.
- All imported birds be subject to a range of tests for diseases of biosecurity concern
- Birds must have a unique identifier, such as a solid ring or microchip, both prior to and upon arrival in Australia.
- Aviary psittacine birds undergo post-entry quarantine at the Mickleham facility in a Biosecurity Containment Level 3 BC3 live bird room for approximately 15 days.
- Approximately 500 birds can be held in a Level 3 BC3 live bird room at the Mickleham facility.

What countries can “PET” birds be imported from? Countries with a history of compliant trade in relevant avian commodities with Australia will be approved for the export of household pet psittacine birds without the need for further assessment. These countries are Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, The Netherlands, United Kingdom and the United States. Other countries seeking to export household pet psittacines, **and any country seeking to export aviary psittacines will require assessment and approval before trade commences.** Details of this process are provided in the draft review report.

To-date the department has provided no details on the costing for any aspect of the process (quarantine overseas and in Australia, flights, ground transport, health testing, etc). The Department is very clear that all the associated risks of importation birds will be held by the importer.

Has Council commissioned an independent review of the draft conditions? Yes, Council have commissioned an independent Avian Veterinarian to review the conditions on behalf of the hobby. Council were concerned about their ability to prepare a submission that could address the following statement that can be found in the document

<http://www.bcv.asn.au/uploads/8/3/6/0/83603870/2020-a04-draft-psittacine-birds-report.pdf>

“We invite comments on technical aspects of the risk assessment and proposed biosecurity measures. In particular, any comments on the appropriateness of the biosecurity measures and any other measures that would provide equivalent risk management outcomes. Comments should include supporting scientific evidence.”

Why is the BCV spending members funds on something that will only benefit a select section of the hobby? The BCV understands some of issues from the 1990 importations syndicates where animal welfare matters could have been managed better. Furthermore, the BCV would not like to see its members birds be subjected to treatments that may cause lasting infertility and or breeding issues. While pet birds are a real focus for DAWR imports, our budgerigars are purchased with the expectation of breeding.

The BCV expects many of its members will jump into importation not realising the pitfalls and for that reason it would be irresponsible if the BCV decided to do nothing and fail to protect its members and their investments. Notwithstanding the real animal welfare matters that need to be carefully managed.

Did the BCV or the ANBC ask DAWR to open the borders to importations? No, neither organisation approached DAWR and asked them to commence this review.

Did individual BCV councillors ask DAWR to open the borders to importations? None of the current councillors have approached DAWR and asked them to commence this review. As this review commenced some time ago, the current council cannot speak for the actions of previous council members.

Are imports likely to re-commence? Provided there are no major technical objections (disease control measures) to the draft document that are supported by strong evidence, then it is likely that imports will re-commence.

When will importation commence? That is still to be determined by DAWR but a likely time frame is 18 to 24 months. One should note this review commenced in 1995, and this paper has been finally produced in 2020.

Does the BCV support the re-introduction of imports? The BCV recognises that there are differing views on this subject amongst the membership and as such, does not have a view on the reintroduction of imports.

Does the BCV have concerns around the re-introduction of imports? Based on experience during the previous importation period, the BCV has serious concerns about the potential impact on membership and participation with the re-introduction of imports.

Can the BCV or the ANBC stop the development of these import conditions? No. The only objections that can now be made can only be of a technical (disease mitigation / risk) nature.

What will the BCV do to try and maintain membership after the reintroduction of imports? Membership is the highest priority for the BCV. Once all the relevant information regarding the sourcing of birds overseas and the importation process and cost is known, the BCV will be working on a plan to try and make imported birds accessible to any interested members.

Have any BCV Councillors formed a syndicate to import birds? No. Councillors have not formed syndicates at this point in time. There are no rules prohibiting Councillors forming syndicates with other Councillors or with anybody in the hobby for that matter.

What is the cost of the independent avian veterinarian’s review? The estimate of this review is between \$4,500 and \$6,000 and we have engaged Dr Hamish Baron BVSc (Hons) MANZCVS (Avian Medicine and Surgery) to complete the review on our behalf.

Has the BCV asked the ANBC to pay for this review? Yes, however if the ANBC declines to contribute to the cost, the review has already been commissioned and the BCV will fund it.

The BCV will keep its members up to date on importation matters as they are communicated by DAWR. We will be making a submission back to DAWR and if there are other points that members wish to raise please feel free to write to our BCV Secretary. We hope that this information is useful and standby for future updates.

MEMBER SURVEY (attached file) Reminder

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.

*Please fill in the form and send back, only take a
minute to help our club.*

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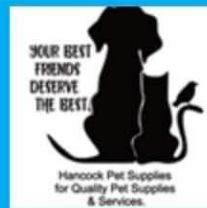
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