



NEWSLETTER

June/July 2021



President's Report

In recent times with events in our hobby being disrupted with covid restrictions, most clubs have been forced to cancel or postpone some scheduled events.

Our club is no exception with having to postpone training nights planned for June and July. A club training night is proposed for August 20th. Details will be on our Facebook page and I urge members to make an effort to attend the event. This night is intended to be a social gathering as well as being an information session.

This year to date we have managed to conduct a successful Diploma show, as well as Adult and Young bird selection shows. I would like to thank the committee and our club members in general for their contribution with the running of these shows. Our committee will keep members informed of future club functions.

On a positive note, we are all fortunate to have a hobby we can enjoy at home. I believe most of us are presently breeding or thinking about pairing our birds up to breed. I look forward to catching up at our next 'training' 'social' night.

Alan Baxter
President

Welcome New Members

The committee would like to welcome **Isabelle** & **Julie Tokhi** to United Budgerigar Society Inc and thank you for choosing our club. We hope that you find the club welcoming and that you enjoy being part of our club.

Any members, especially beginners needing help are welcome to contact **Vic Murray** at any time on **0414 344 081**. Vic can help you get birds, advise on genetics & breeding, help pair up, help cull or advise on any aspect of the hobby.

My Budgie Journey



My name is Isabelle and I'm 11 years old. During Covid lockdown in 2020, my mum was looking at some budgies on her phone. Mum knew they would be a good pet and keep us entertained. We saw some baby budgies from Jen Jewel Brown and decided to get one which we called Billy. Despite the covid restrictions, we managed to get Lindsey to transport Billy to his new home.

Billy was the start of my love for budgies, he was well-trained and he would fly on command and chase balls, and he was

starting to talk too. Sadly, during our renovation Billy escaped his cage and flew away. We searched and searched but couldn't find him. Our heart was broken in a million pieces. However, we think he's now flying with the king parrots in the National Park, as our house backs onto it. After this accident, we contacted Jen again to choose another budgie. We were very lucky to get Billy's brother who was an identical colour to him. We called him Percy, but he was harder to train than Billy. Anyway, we decided to get him a friend. So, we introduced Milly - a Lutino girl, but she somehow turned out to be a boy!

After a few months, we decided to get two girl budgies from Jen – they were a rainbow and an opaline which we named Rosie and Gracie respectively. Sadly, during this time, Percy got sick. Unfortunately, he couldn't be saved despite trips to the vet. Heartbroken again!



It was that very weekend Mum saw the advertisement for 'The United Budgie Bash' in Ivanhoe. The initial plan was to get one bird. However, we left with five! Jen was there and we got a green rainbow boy off her and his name is Limey. He is a funny bird who sleeps upside down like a bat! Jen also gave us Bluey - a clearwing boy, but it was thought that he was infertile. Yet he has happily bonded with Rosie the rainbow. We think she will have eggs soon!

We then got two crested English budgies named Sally and Harry. They are Jim Meale's budgies. Everyone loves Harry with his beautiful crest. They are now hand tamed and can step up. Since then, we got a violet English budgie from Steven Bradley. He has the best feathers, so fluffy. I taught him to roll over and play dead. He would lie on his back for some pats. I am so excited and am starting to look into breeding budgies and what beautiful colours they could produce.



At the moment, I have 1 newly hatched chick and some little eggs with heartbeats in a breeding box by Gracie and Milly. One of the eggs was laid on my birthday, and also one of the others was laid on Billy's hatching day. So, they are very special to me. I can't wait to see what feather colours of the chicks turn out to be. I love all birds. I research them for hours both by reading books and on the Internet. I love budgies!

Isabelle Tokhi



Agony Aunt's Column

Question: I have a hen (a good one as usual), who probably only lays every third egg in the nest box. Any ideas how to get her to lay in the nest box, and not on the perch. Furthermore, she lays pointy eggs with a little nib at the end, and so far, have been infertile.

Answer: *These issues can occur thankfully only with a small number of birds. With the eggs being pointy with a nib on the end, I suggest you at least place soft nesting material under perch and maybe try a different nesting material in nest box. Eggs laid from the perch can be retrieved if not broken and put under hen in nest box. Sometimes a cock bird can be too vigorous and not allow the hen to go to nest box to lay. If so you may need to change cock bird. Hope these suggestions may be of assistance with your problem in future.*

*This column was created for members who have a question or two regarding any breeding issues they may be facing. How it works? Well, members email their question(s) submitted to www.unitedbudgies.org.au where the email subject/title will be marked "**Agony Aunt**". This will ensure the questions will go to the right people who will review them and then pass onto the relevant Champion Breeders to answer. However, only the best Questions & Answers will be selected and appear in the newsletters. All members and champion breeders in this column will remain anonymous.*



Vanessa White

Vanessa White, United Club secretary, artist and video maker has an exhibition 'Budgie Nation' on at Frankston Arts Centre. Vanessa invites you to attend 'Budgie Nation' on display now through to the 25th September 2021.

The paintings in 'Budgie Nation' convey the wit and humour of a knowing artist working with the imagery of rare types of common pet birds, budgerigars. Unlike many other forms of animal or bird art, Vanessa's work is both ironic, artistically playing on sublimated forms of humour, while at the same time, deeply engaging with the key subject, the budgerigar, being a prize-winning budgie breeder.

Vanessa now better understands the idea of the budgie's remarkably diverse personalities, the subject matter which underlies the paintings. The work is amusing, engaging, and gently, enjoyably provokes reflection on our relation to animals and considers our interaction and ongoing relationships with birds.



Exhibition details: 'Budgie Nation', Frankston Arts Centre (FAC), Atrium Gallery, Thursday 24 June to Saturday 25 September Tues – Fri, 11AM - 4PM and Sat 9AM - 2PM (closed public holidays)

Address: FAC 27-37 Davey Street Frankston 3199, Australia, Tel: (03) 9784 1060

Artist: Vanessa White, Ettore's Yellowface (detail), acrylic on poly cotton

Vanessa has been a finalist in National art prizes including The Blake Prize, Hurford Hardwood and the Portia Geach Portrait Prizes. Vanessa also works as a video maker and artist and has won awards in International Film Festivals, including Best Cinematographer and Best Music Video.

Currently Vanessa is working on a documentary about Women Artists' in the Yarra Ranges proudly funded by the Yarra Ranges Council, to be released online this Oct.

Link to 'Budgie Nation' <https://artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au/Whats-On/ArtExhibitions/Budgie-Nation>

Link to Vanessa's website <https://www.vanessawhiteart.com/>

Vanessa's Paintings



Upcoming Club Events



The poster features three budgerigars at the top: two in profile and one facing forward. The central bird is perched on a branch and is framed by a circular logo that reads 'AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUDGERIGAR COUNCIL'. Below the birds, the text 'THE STANDARD' is written. The main title 'UNITED TRAINING NIGHT' is in large, bold letters, followed by '‘THE STANDARD’'. The text below describes the event's focus on conformation, breeding, and judging. It includes details about the time, date, and location, as well as contact information for inquiries.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUDGERIGAR COUNCIL

THE STANDARD

UNITED TRAINING NIGHT ‘THE STANDARD’

COVERING ALL ASPECTS FOR SHOWING AND BREEDING - GENERAL CONFORMATION, INCLUDING SIZE, BALANCE, DEPORTMENT, CONDITION, HEAD SIZE AND SHAPE AND DEPTH AND WIDTH OF MASK.

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH Q & A AND BIRDS ON DISPLAY .

BRING YOUR BIRDS TO PAIR, FOCUSING ON HOW NOT TO DOUBLE UP ON FAULTS

DO YOU KNOW HOW JUDGES ALLOCATE POINTS?
COME ALONG AND FIND OUT FROM THE EXPERTS
WITH ALAN ROWE, ALAN BAXTER AND DERRIN RAY

7.30 - 9.30PM
FRIDAY 16TH JULY
60 Points, Markings & Varieties

WHERE: 1st Eaglemont Scout Hall, Irvine Rd, Ivanhoe VIC
(runs off The Boulevard & is next to Cheltenham park)

EVERYONE WELCOME!
LIGHT SUPPER, TEA & COFFEE PROVIDED
BYO drinks, beer & wine

ENQUIRIES: info@unitedbudgies.org.au | www.unitedbudgies.org.au

This training night was cancelled, but it now has a proposed date - **20th August 2021.**

United Team Selection for the State Championship & Shield Competition

SATURDAY 4th September 2021 This is a morning show at the clubroom in Ivanhoe. Set up from just after 8 am. Birds benched by 9 am. Judging starts at 10 am.

Please ensure that ALL cages have a sticker on the back with your ring code and ring number recorded.

Beginner & Intermediate breeders, bring all of the birds you want. If they don't make the club team, they can still compete for the Beginner & Intermediate awards.

ENQUIRIES: info@unitedbudgies.org.au

United's Budgie Sale and Auction

Steve Bradley, our Vice President, has recommended club's bird sales this time using 32auctions.

The following rules apply:

- Birds must be of **good show quality** and **in a healthy condition**;
- Equal numbers of hens and cock birds; AND - Ages of birds are the same as for auctions.

(Remember that the birds you submit not only reflect on you BUT on the club as a whole.)

There is a link to 32auctions on the club website as well as the Facebook page. Or [click here](#) to go to currently running online auction.

If you have birds available for the auction, please message or call Steve to discuss on 0417 300 667 or email him on steve.bradley29@hotmail.com.

Following that, Steve will require:

- a filled-in pro forma entry sheet (the entry sheet can be downloaded from United's website in the forms section);
- photos of your birds;
- In the appropriate section on the entry sheet, please set your starting price. This acts like a reserve (please be realistic). However, Steve reserves the right to question the reserve; AND
- detailed comments about the birds in the comments area which include bloodlines and positive points about the birds

Once the photos have been added to the Facebook page promoting the forthcoming auction, you can forward Steve a 10 to 15 second video of each bird detailing all the bird (head to tail). Alternatively, you can add the video in the comments area of each photo.

(Remember it is also a club fundraiser and 10% of all sales goes towards the club.)

This process is more time consuming for Steve than the online FB sales, so please be realistic of the birds you submit.

"If you would not buy it at an auction, then nobody else will either".

Thanks to everyone who supported our first auction last night.
The next one will commence next Friday, 6th August.

Again, we look forward to hearing from you and appreciate you supporting your club. ☺

Other Club's Events

This event has been **cancelled**.



This event has a new date
Now - **29th August 2021**.



BENDIGO BUDGERIGAR CLUB INC
16TH ANNUAL AUCTION
SUNDAY 18TH JULY

BIRDS FROM SELECTED QUALITY BREEDERS & LOCAL CLUB MEMBERS

- All birds benched by 8:45am
- Viewing from 9am – 10am
- AUCTION STARTS AT 10AM SHARP

Location:

Lockwood South Community Hall
Entrance at Crusoe Road or
Calder Alternative HWY,
Lockwood South
Food & drink available
EFTpos available
PHONE BIDDING WELCOME



FINAL SELLOUT OF
PETER TIRANTS BIRDS

Enquiries: Marlene Hall, mobile 0437 102 425
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Brett Ricardo Secretary, mobile 0409 572 442
Email: brettric@hotmail.com

Please Note: 2% Buyers Premium is payable on all bird purchases

The Budgerigar Council of Victoria Unbroken Cap State Championship & Shield Competition Show

SUNDAY 12th September 2021, Venue: Carwatha College 43 - 81 Browns Rd, Noble Park. 3174. Trade Stands for all your bird requirements. Food and drinks will be available straight off the Show Area. 8.30am – Benching of Team Birds, 9.30am – Cut Off for Benching of Team Birds, 10.00am Judging Commences.

(Details of these events, show schedules & entry details are available on our club website at: www.unitedbudgies.org.au. The complete Syllabus for the year can be downloaded from the website.)

Club Promotion

The Avicultural Society of Australia Inc 2021 Expo

This event which was rescheduled to 25th July has now been **cancelled** for this year. However, there will be another great opportunity to promote the club. This will be at the **2021 Whittlesea Show** on 6th & 7th November. We are seeking some volunteers and are asking anyone who are able to assist to contact Vanessa (the Club's secretary) via the club email

info@unitedbudgies.org.au. 😊

Club's Business Card

Introducing the club's new business card. They will be handed out at club's events, bird shows, bird expo, etc to promote our club. *We'd like to thank Vanessa for taking the time and effort to design and produce the card for the club.*



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Remember, when you go & buy anything from them, tell you are a member of the club to get the **CLUB DISCOUNT**.

Mario The Cage Man is always looking to buy culled birds. If you have any to rehome, please contact Mario directly on **0416 929 344**

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Contact Us

All correspondence to the club, e.g., ring orders, membership renewals, copies of bank deposits, nomination forms etc. should be sent to info@unitedbudgies.org.au. As the club no longer has a Post Office Box, this will ensure that the committee will receive and respond to any correspondence. Thanks!