



# OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

## Nepean Budgerigar Society

### UPCOMING EVENTS

16<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm  
BCV Triennial AGM

(subject to confirmation from the BCV as to if this meeting will be a date change or if it will be an online meeting. Members will be notified as soon as Nepean has notification)



### PRESIDENTS REPORT FROM JOHN FREEMAN

Welcome to October!

It is with great pleasure that we can welcome our new members and potential new members to the Nepean Budgerigar Society. As a club we will always endeavor to help new members starting out with birds and anything else they may require to get started, including aviary visits to other members set ups. One of our new members Brad who has only just started requested some help, myself and Steve Ponton were able to help Brad out with some nice birds to start breeding with. I believe they are doing ok and I will follow up in next months report.

Things of note that are happening at the moment, there are a number of online auctions going on all around Australia. Be careful here, as you can only purchase off photo's and that can be difficult to the untrained eye or even an experienced eye. Aso the Budgerigar Council of Victoria have their 3 yearly AGM coming up soon, apart from that not much is happening on the budgie scene.

I can't wait until a little further down the track, when we can have a few get together's at members homes and enjoy each others company, set ups and birds. But until the Covid 19 restrictions are lifted, allowing us to meet, we will just have to wait a little longer and obey the rules. Until then take care and please don't hesitate to contact myself if you have any queries or even if you you just want to have a chat (I'm always available to chat about the mighty Tigers in the AFL).

So until we meet again adios amigo's.

Hope to see you all soon.

***John Freeman***

Nepean Budgerigar Society

Would like to



You!

## New Member Enquiry

It has been wonderful to see such an increase in enquiry the past few months. Some enquiry is for membership, others have been in relation to help finding local breeders to purchase budgies as pets.

While we have been in lockdown, and so restricted to our homes, people are realizing they need a home hobby! Some are revisiting past passions from their youth, while others are discovering their feathered friends for the first time. Either way, it is good to see our hobby growing! Looking forward to our club members being able to catch up to meet out new members.

## Current Restrictions

In line with the current restrictions, all Nepean club events are still cancelled or postponed. Disappointing we know, but as most of our members fall into a high-risk category for contraction of the Covid-19, we believe it is the right thing to do. This is also the case with other club events.

## 2021 National Young Bird Show

The BCV have confirmed that Victoria will be hosting the 2021 National Young Bird Show. The ANBC made the decision to push back the 7 year rotation one year so Victoria did not miss out.

## BCV Triennial Annual General Meeting

***At this time, Nepean is still waiting for confirmation from the BCV due to the current restrictions whether this date will be changed, or the meeting will be held online. Members will be notified as soon as we are. At this stage, if it goes ahead online, nominations are closed.***

When: 16th October, 2020 - Friday 7.30pm ***All welcome!***

## Monthly Chuckle...

John visited his 90-year-old grandpa who lived way out in the country. On the first morning of the visit, John's grandpa prepared a breakfast of bacon and eggs. John noticed a film-like substance on his plate, and asked, "Are these plates clean?"

His grandpa replied, "They're as clean as cold water can get them. Just go ahead and finish your meal."

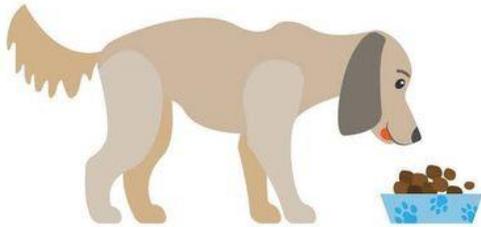
For lunch, Grandpa made hamburgers. Again, John was concerned about the plates, as his appeared to have specks of dried egg on it. "Are you sure these plates are clean?" he asked.

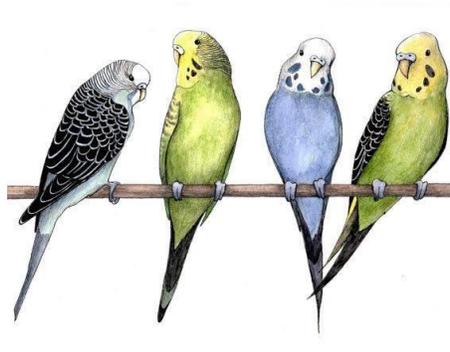
Without looking up, Grandpa said, "I told you before, those dishes are as clean as cold water can get them!"

Later, as John was leaving, his grandpa's dog started to growl and wouldn't let him pass.

John said, "Grandpa, your dog won't let me get by!"

Grandpa yelled to the dog, "Cold Water, go lie down!"





### *This Month's Article*

#### *An interesting perspective on natural perching*

##### **NATURAL PERCHING IS BEST:**

Using natural perching of differing widths and textures is the best way to keep a parrot's feet healthy.

All manufactured dowelling perches, supplied with larger cages, or the square-shaped grooved plastic perches, intended for lovebirds, parrotlets or budgies, should be discarded.

##### **WHY?**

Select fresh branches of varying sizes that will naturally exercise and stretch the birds feet, helping to keep their toes supple, and prevent cramp or arthritic conditions from developing. Smaller birds with more delicate feet find plastic perches particularly uncomfortable and are more likely to suffer swellings, corns, foot sores, infected ulcers on the soles of the feet, and bumblefoot.

Budgerigars are particularly susceptible to the latter, which is a chronic bacterial infection that penetrates deep into the tissue of the feet. This is mainly due to repeated abrasive injury when their feet are continually set in the same position, and/or dirty conditions.

Treatment is surgical drainage and antibiotics.

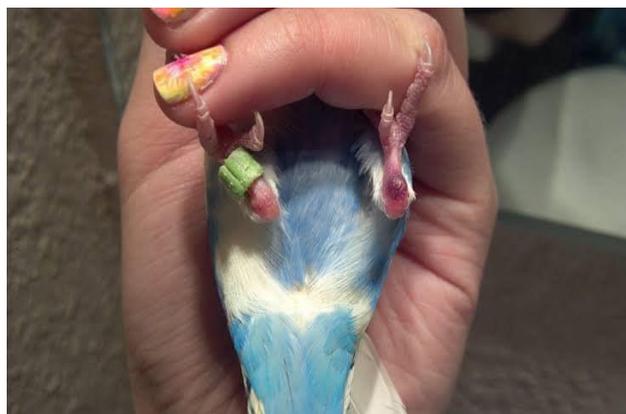
##### **SAFE AND BENEFICIAL PERCHES:**

Cut fresh perching or branches for parrots to gnaw and chew on from:

- Any fruit tree, including apple, Guava or pear, but NOT cherry wood, which is thought to be toxic to Budgerigars or Parrots.
- Any nut trees, including hazelnut, walnut, and almond, but NOT chestnut.

- Olive tree wood
- Eucalyptus
- Any variety of willow
- Neem tree

These trees are non-toxic (except those indicated) to birds and most contain a great diversity of minerals and medicinal properties, which are very healing and beneficial to parrots that enjoy exercising their beaks regularly.





Do you have anything bird related for sale you would like to advertise in our newsletter? Or are you looking for something?

Please email Mim on [info@nepeanbudgerigarsociety.org](mailto:info@nepeanbudgerigarsociety.org) with a short description, and an image if you have one. Also please feel free to email through any news, information or tips you think may be of interest in our newsletter.

**Would you like to join a family friendly budgerigar club?**

**Please call or email one of our club contacts. We would love to hear from you!**

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