



NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Nepean Budgerigar Society

UPCOMING EVENTS

November Intra Club Show
Tuesday 19/11 7.45pm start.

December – Bunnings
Sausage Sizzle Tuesday 3/12

December 10th Tuesday
@ 7pm Dingley Hotel
334 Boundary Rd
Dingley Village

PRESIDENTS REPORT FROM JOHN FREEMAN

Welcome to November!

With Christmas fast approaching it is imperative that we look after our birds a little more than usual in the hot weather. I tackle this topic every year as I feel it is extremely important. Now that very hot weather arriving, it is important keeping our birds out of the heat and prevent them from overheating. A few ways we can do this is by the following...

*For those who have metal aviaries, shade clothe drooped over the roof with approx 100mm gap between the roof and sale is excellent, a sprinkler misting system works well and insulating the roof via ply or chipboard can also keep the radiant heat at bay.

*Old carpet placed on the roof and dampened or wet on hot days.

*For those with bird room oscillating fans work very well (NO CONSTANT DRAFTS)

*Venting of the room via windows at either end will help to keep the air moving.

*Natural shade via trees.

*Shallow dishes full of water placed in the aviary , the birds love to bath and I have found to be the very effective, but make sure to change and clean it a few times a day.

*The one thing to avoid is hosing the inside of the cage / aviary as this will wet the floor and can cause an outbreak of disease, if you must wet the birds use a spray bottle (not a super soaker).

There are quite a few shows happening at the moment and it is great to hear some of our members are attending and doing well. At the Eastern clubs show last weekend Rohan, Mim and Rob entered birds and all did well wining prizes in their respected categories, well done to all.

All keep well and keep those birds COOL.

John Freeman

Nepean Budgerigar Society

Would like to



You!

Nepean Budgerigar Society 2020 Diploma Show

Yes, you heard right! Nepean are back with their annual Diploma Show in 2020!

The date has been secured with the BCV as the third Sunday of the month of October, 18/10/20. The venue will be the hall at the Dingley Community Village. We will discuss this at more length at our meeting in early 2020. But in the meantime, we ask for you to start thinking about if you have any contacts for any person or business that may want to sponsor trophies or awards by way of monetary payment, vouchers, goods or services. This will be a wonderful club event, and we look forward to our members working together as a team to bring the event together.

November Nepean Intra Club Show Night

The next club get together will be November 19th at our usual Dingley venue. We will be holding a **Nepean Intra Club Show Night**. We are fortunate enough to have James Smith coming along to judge the birds for us

Birds to be benched by 7.45 for judging to commence at 8pm

The categories to enter into are:

- 1.) **Adult birds**
- 2.) **2018 rung young birds**
- 3.) **2019 rung young birds**

The awards given will be:

- 1.) **best adult bird**
- 2.) **Best opposite sex adult bird**
- 3.) **Reserve best adult bird**
- 4.) **Best 2018 young bird**
- 5.) **Best opposite sex 2018 young bird**
- 6.) **Reserve best 2018 young bird**
- 7.) **Best 2019 young bird**
- 8.) **Best opposite sex 2019 young bird**
- 9.) **Reserve best 2019 young bird**



The award winners will receive recognition with a certificate. The standard BCV shows rules apply.

We encourage you to be involved and bring some birds along! It's a bit of fun for all. For those not used to showing, or those who haven't for a while, it gives a chance to practise your show prepping and get into the showing action!

Nepean Christmas Get Together

Its that time of year again! We discussed the date at our last meeting. Weeknights seem to suit everyone best. With the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle the first week of December, it was decided to move it to the second week. The date of our Christmas get together will be:

Tuesday 10th December 2019 @7pm

Dingley Hotel

334 Boundary Rd, Dingley Village

Please RSVP to Mim

0421 085 974 or info@nepeanbudgerigarsociety.org by 29/11



Upcoming Club Shows

There are plenty of club shows coming up for the remainder of the year all around Victoria, for adult, young birds and ubc's.

We also now have 'Nepean' stickers available for helping to find your cages at collection time at the shows. Just ask Mim for some at the shows, or at our club events.

3	Su	Nov	<i>Club Champ</i>	Clyde	Carwatha College, Noble Park
10	Su	Nov	<i>Club Champ</i>	Western Sub.	Masonic Hall, Werribee
16	Sa	Nov	<i>UBC Show</i>	Colac	Colac Youth Hall, Hearn Street, Colac
17	Su	Nov	<i>Club Champ</i>	Baw Baw	Exhibition Hall, 15 Howitt St, Warragul

Bunnings December Sausage Sizzle

Nepean has been lucky enough to be offered a 2nd Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser for the year. This will be on Tuesday 3rd December. Thank you to those who have already put there hand up. If anything changes with this offer, please let us know, as our helper numbers will be tight being a weekday.

If you can help, please let Mim or Rohan know so we can organize a roster for the day. Any amount of time you can come along for will be appreciated! For 2020, please also pop into your diary, our Saturday date we have been allocated, 18th April. These fundraisers are an important component to the future plans for our club, and are a great opportunity for us.

Website 'About Us' Updates

Please don't forget each club member has the opportunity to have their own 'about' page on our website. Please email Mim some images and a blurb, and she can pop it up for you. Anyone with an exisiting page, you can always email Mim any text or image updates as well.

Total Bird Supplies – Rob Ponsioen

Most of you will have by now met our club member, Rob Ponsioen. Rob has a business that supplies bird products. This includes seed, supplements, toys etc. He is based in Langwarrin, and will look after our Nepean members as best he can.

So please, support our members, and hopefully save yourself some money at the same time. Give him a call and have a chat to see what he can do for you! Rob can be contacted on: Mobile 0418 533 322 or email robertponsioen@hotmail.com

This Month's Article

A timely article with the weather changing, and many birds going into moult:

The regular moult is characterised by the loss of large and small feathers (wing, tail, body) which happens naturally and causes no pain. In general, moulting birds should permanently remain able to fly during the whole natural process of their plumage change. During a regular moult no patches of naked skin should be visible, the bird's body should always be covered by a few feathers. In place of the old and worn feathers new ones will appear soon after the old ones have been shed. While they are developing, these new feathers look like tiny sticks with a thin, translucent to white coloured covering. One calls this a pin feather. Within a few days this covering opens and the new feather unfolds. The photo in the paragraph shows some of these coverings in the range of the bird's head and you can easily see why these structures are called pin feathers.

During the moult, budgies and other birds are substantially less active than they used to be in general. In particular, older birds tend to sleep more and occasionally they are even extremely excitable and sensitive to disturbances, which are acknowledged with loud grumbling and furious bites. If you support your bird during the moult with food supplements and vitamins and let him take his time he will most probably soon recover and feel better again.

While they are moulting, budgies and other pet birds should always remain able to fly. In case they lose too many feathers at once, they might suffer from difficulties while they try to fly. Most older birds who are experienced in flying can adjust skilfully. Young birds who undergo their first moult (juvenile moult) are usually less trained than their older fellows. Therefore there is an increased danger of accidents and you as their owner have to take care of them while they fly around your room.

In order to help a bird while it is undergoing the natural moult, you should let it sleep as much as the animal wants. The older the bird is, the moodier and more unbalanced your feathered friend may become during the moult. A bird's organism needs much energy in order to build up the new feathers. Therefore it is important to provide healthy fresh food like fruits or vegetables. Salad cucumber for example contains a lot of minerals the birds need during the moult, also sprouted wheat is a recommended food. The photo on the right shows a lined parakeet eating some salad cucumber.



Monthly Chuckle...

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies,

then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on."

The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him,

"We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now."

The child ran back to his father and said,

"You lied to me!" His father replied,

"No, your mum was talking about her side of the family."



Nepean Budgerigar Society Club Events November – December 2019

November 19th Nepean Intra Club Show Dingley Community Centre @ 7.45pm. Enquiries to Rohan

December Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Tuesday 3/12 Enquiries to Mim

December Christmas get together – Tuesday 10/12 RSVP to Mim by 29/11 please

BCV Club Shows

November 3rd Clyde Club Champ

November 10th Western Suburbs Club Champ

November 16th Colac UBC Show

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!

Club Contacts

Emails – info@nepeanbudgerigarsociety.org

Venue – Dingley Community Centre

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