

# Feathered Tales *of the CBS*



# **CAPRICORNIA BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY INC.**



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**February 2026**

Dear Members,

Welcome to a new year of Feathered Tales of the CBS. I hope everyone had a very enjoyable festive season and have returned all fired up for the year ahead, both breeding wise and for showing. I'll take this opportunity to give everyone a gentle reminder that membership renewals are now overdue. If you haven't renewed, please forward payment to Shayla (Same price as last year) and remember you can only buy 2026 rings if you are a financial member.

I noticed quite a few of our members travelled to the ABS auction held at Beenleigh. Some had birds for sale and did quite well. Great to see breeders from other areas recognizing the quality of birds being bred within our club area. There were also quite a few new stock birds purchased, which hopefully will improve the standard of the birds in those members aviaries.

Our Annual Show is fast approaching and now is the time to select your show teams and start preparing. (Show schedule is in this edition.) Then after our show it is then not long until our Young Bird Selection Show, Zone Selection and the National Show. Speaking of the Nationals, those intending to go need to get their registrations in ASAP as I believe they close in March, same with accommodation. Full details on the ANBC web-site.

With our first meeting of the year on the Sixth of February I would urge members attending these meetings to bring along some birds for our table shows. These shows have dropped of greatly in numbers the last couple of years. These table shows, especially for beginner breeders, are one of the best ways of learning about our birds. Learn what judges are looking for as well as the different varieties and just join in the general banter about birds. After all the Budgie is what our hobby is all about. Table shows are one of the best show training methods you can get, it get the birds used to the cage, being looked at and moved by strangers up close, as well as strange noises and lights. The travelling to the meeting helps settle them as well.



At the February meeting the feature talk will be on crop feeding, I will be doing a demonstration and giving some tips. If anyone is interested you can bring along a bird to have a practice on. If you already have a crop needle and syringe, please bring them along. Crop feeding is a very useful skill to have in the birdroom. If you are not confident in crop feeding come along and we may be able to help you.

Russell Ogden  
(Editor, Feathered Tales of the CBS) [ogdenrc@bigpond.com](mailto:ogdenrc@bigpond.com)



## MEMBERS INFORMATION PAGE

- **Committee Members:** Confirmed at AGM

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President:	Russell Ogden	0437 025 793
Vice-President:	Kev O'Callaghan	0411 956 345
Treasurer:	Michael Evans	0409 160 569
Secretary:	Shayla Evans	0408 731 846

- EMAIL Addresses: To allow for more efficient distribution of club information, please forward a test email or your email address to [cbudgerigars@gmail.com](mailto:cbudgerigars@gmail.com) and for newsletters to [ogdenrc@bigpond.com](mailto:ogdenrc@bigpond.com) ***Thanks to all those who have forwarded these details previously.***
- **SHOW & WIN!!!!!!** Starting at our 2025 Breeders Show, you will become eligible to win a \$200 Credit at our Annual Auction by showing at the 3 Major Shows (Breeders 2025, Annual 2026, Young Bird Show 2026). You will receive one ticket for showing 1 to 10 birds, 2 tickets for 11 to 20 entries, etc. After the Young Bird Selection Show in 2024, the winner will be drawn. The more you show, the better chance you have to win. It is only open to CBS Inc members. You must show at all 3 shows unless you are judging the show or are genuinely ill or have a family emergency. The aim of this incentive is to encourage members to show consistently at all 3 shows.
- Services Section: The Club Shirt is now being worn by many members. If you want to purchase one, contact Shayla Evans 0408 731 846 (Please do not call after 7:00 pm) Shayla will also have a supply of 2026 rings, (65 cents each and sold in lots of 25, postage is extra \$5.00) and show cages and cage fronts if anyone needs some.
- Future CBS Variety of the Year are as follows: 2026: - Crested. These are judged at the Annual Show each year.

# What Is Responsible Bird Breeding?

*Adapted from an article by Jeanette Gower*

Is it just genetics, conformation charts, and pedigrees that go back to the nineteenth century?

Or is it the long game--- the buying, raising, training, showing and placing birds into lives where they won't end up as a cautionary tale on a rescue page?

Being a breeder covers, the pairing up, the raising of chicks, training, showing, nutrition, buying strategies, marketing and ethics. Some might say that's "off-topic" I'd say that's responsible breeding.

You can't raise good birds in a vacuum. You need to understand markets, training realities, and what a "forever home" actually looks like. (Spoiler: there is no such thing.)

## ***Breeding is a system, not a snapshot.***

Anyone can put a cockbird to a hen.

What separates a breeder from a hobbyist is what happens after.

Are you breeding for good health, confirmation and temperament that you've seen in the winning birds?

Do you understand what buyers at sales are actually paying for?

Are your birds being taught calmness, confidence, and show steadiness from hatching, or do you hand them off like parcels and hope for the best?

**Showing:-** Not for ribbons, but for reputation. If a bird of your breeding can't prove itself in public, why would someone know about and want to try your stock?

**Health and Appearance:-** Your birds need to be complete of feather, clean and active. This applies to your bird room, flights and equipment also. Again, reputation influences people in wanting your stock.

**Training:-** Because a sound healthy bird with no training is much harder to sell in today's cautious market. How would you know it is sound unless it perches correctly and calmly displays itself?

**Buying:-** Because if you can't evaluate stock wisely, you'll never refine your stock or buy the right birds to improve your programme, or understand a buyer's needs.

## ***A broader lens builds better breeders.***

If you want to breed well, you need to live wide.

Not just in aviaries and breeding rooms, but in sale and auction sheds and around the kitchen table where buyers or fellow breeders tell you what they really want.

I write about those things because they're the context. This isn't an article about breeding mechanics. It's a space for thinking breeders.

People who care about the long haul. People who want their birds to thrive in today's world, not just make it into it.



## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

**Crows are among the smartest animals on Earth.**

**When a crow feels sick, it finds an ant nest and disturbs it.**

**The ants crawl over the crow's body, but the crow stays still with its wings spread.**

**The ants spray formic acid on the crow, which help kill germs and parasites.**

**This works like a natural medicine. After the ants are done, the crow feels better.**

**This behavior is called "anting" and other birds do it too.**



**"When people say 'it's always the last place you look.' Of course it is. Why would you keep looking after you've found it?"**

**-Billy Connolly**

Billy Connolly Fans

# **True Grit – The unseen miles.**

*Author – Unknown. Copied from the internet.*

Where true breeders, like true runners, find their strength. Running has its roads. We have our flights, birdsrooms and nest checks. Runners face the wall at mile twenty. We face it when that super bird dies, when the seed is scarce and expensive or when a years worth of breeding plans fall apart.

Just as the runner keeps moving when their lungs are burning, we keep showing up when the plan unravels. Grit is not a medal. It is cleaning out flights, breeding cages and birdroom every day. It is a quiet decision to keep walking towards the aviary when every muscle says stop.

Every breeder knows the easy part is dreaming. The hard part is keeping faith when nature reminds you who is really in charge. Grit is not talent. It is not luck. It is the thing that kicks in when both of those have left the aviary.

Just as the runner trains in the dark long before the race, the bird breeder works in silence long before the results appear. You see grit in the hen that lost her chick but still feeds and cares for the remaining chicks. You see it in the breeder who works a promising youngster into a show winner. You see it in yourself when you put down the disappointment and pick up the show cage again.

There are no medals for the heartbreaks we survive. No applause for the times we wait through a disease outbreak or the plans that never make it past the breeding room. But grit lives there, in the unseen hours holding onto hope when everything shakes.

Just as the runner finds strength in the rhythm of their breath, we find it in the rhythm of the birds in flight, the soft chatter of the birds in the flights and the steady sounds of the chicks in the nests. Those rhythms remind us that progress is built on persistence not perfection.

The truth? The finish line never comes. It is not the ribbon at the show, not the sale of a bird, not even the perfect bird. It is merely a checkpoint. A reminder to keep refining, to stay humble, to keep learning.

Because breeding like running, is not about winning. It is about becoming unbreakable.

So the next time things fall apart, and they will, remember this. Grit is not about pushing harder. It is about staying true, steady and kind under pressure.

Now take a breath. Walk down to the aviary. Look at your birds. They already know.

Then start again.



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## **Australian Wildlife Supplies**

Hi, we would just like to let you know that **Australian Wildlife Supplies** are now going to do a **Seed Run up North every 3 months** starting our first run on the **2nd, of September** to order people can email, send sms ph or order online, if you could please let all the members know would be appreciated.

Seed Prices are as follows

### **MIXES**

Finch Mix	\$40
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### **PLAIN SEEDS**

Red Panic	\$40
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Jap Millet	\$38
Canary Seed	\$46
G/Stripe Sunflower	\$44
Rape Seed	\$29
Hulled Oats	\$32

**Orders over 10bags are discounted by 10%**

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Kindest Regards  
Ray & Tereena Wust  
Australian Wildlife Supp

**CBS Inc.---Calendar of Events---2026.**

Note that some Friday Night meetings have been changed to follow a Show or Club event.

11 Jan Sunday	ABS Inc Auction	Beenleigh Show Grounds Brisbane		
Jan 13 Tuesday	<b>Committee Meeting</b> Discuss Annual Show, Auction, Judge for YB Show & Breeders Show Zone Matters eg. carers etc. Incorporation review.	Evans residence	5.45 pm	
Feb 06	General Meeting  Judges Meeting to follow.	North Rockhampton High School (NRHS)	7.15pm	<u>Table Show</u> A/A & Y/B & N/F  <u>FEATURE</u> : Crop Feeding – Russell Ogden
March 06	General Meeting	North Rockhampton High School (NRHS)	7.15pm	<u>Table Show</u> A/A & Y/B & N/F  <u>FEATURE</u> : Veterinary Lecture – Dr Bonnie Wetherall
March 09 Monday	SHOW ENTRIES due by 8:00pm	Phone, Text or email Show Secretary		
March 14 Saturday (	<b>58th ANNUAL SHOW</b>  <b>Judge: TBC</b>  Selling class included.	Nth R'ton High School Hall.	Bench by 8:50am	A/A & Y/B & NF  Judging commences 9:00am
March 17 Tuesday	<b>Committee Meeting</b>  Discuss ZONE & ANBC Agendas. Young Bird Show CBS Auction details Club Trip	Evans residence	5:45pm	
March 21 Saturday	<b>Wynnum Redlands BS Inc.</b> <b>AUCTION</b>	Capalaba Showgrounds Smith Street <b>Venue TBC</b>		

April 10	General Meeting	NRHS	7.15pm	<u>Table Show</u> A/A & Y/B & N/F  <u>FEATURE:</u> Annual Schedules – Throw a question to the Meeting.
April 10 CBS Inc. ANNUAL AUCTION ENTRIES DUE TODAY!!!!!!!				
<b>Easter: G o o d F r i d a y April 03 – Monday April 06</b>			<b>Sat April 25. ANZAC Day</b>	
May General Meeting	May General Meeting to follow Young Bird Selection Show			
May 02  Saturday	<b>CBS INC YOUNG BIRD SELECTION SHOW.</b>  May General Meeting to follow this SHOW  Draw of CLUB REWARDS for credit of \$200 at CBS Auction	Mount Larcom Showgrounds  Day of Show entries close at 8:30 am.  CBS Members Only	Benching by 9:00am	Y/B Rung 25 & NF Rung 26  Judging commences by 9:10am  CBS Members Raffle drawn.
May 16 Saturday	<b>North Qld Budgerigar Zone Inc:</b> 1. Judges Panel & 2. Delegates Meeting.	Venue: Townsville		3:00 pm Judges Meeting TBC 3:30 pm Zone Delegates Meeting TBC
17 May Sunday	<b>North Qld Budgerigar Zone Inc.</b>  <b>CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.</b>	Venue: Townsville		Benching by 8am Judging starts after benching
Friday May 22 Saturday 23 Sunday 24 Monday 25	<b>ANBC C'SHIP SHOW</b>	<b>South Queensland Budgerigar Zone</b>  <b>Mantra Sharks Gold Coast</b>	See ANBC Website for information and details, eg, Venue, times, Auction, ANBC Judges Meeting, etc.	
No JUNE General Meeting				



Sat June 06	Pre-Auction Dinner	Venue: Victoria Tavern (upstairs) TBC	6.30 for 7.00pm	North R'ton Hall opened from 2-4pm for setup & birds to be dropped off.
June 07 Sunday	ANNUAL WINTER AUCTION	Nth R'ton High School Hall.	Bench by 7.45am	View 8.am Starts at 9:00am
Sun June 14 BC&CBS Annual Show Bundaberg. TBC Sat June 20 SQBBA Auction, Brisbane. TBC Sat 20 & Sunday 21 June MOUNT LARCOM SHOW. TBC				
July 03	General Meeting	North Rockhampton High School (NRHS)	7.15pm	<u>Table Show</u> A/A & Y/B & N/F  <u>FEATURE</u> :My Strategies in the Breeding Room. Ian Schneider
July 14 Tuesday	<b>Committee Meeting</b>  Discuss AGM, Club Trip, October Breeders Show, Judge,	Venue: Evans residence	5:45pm	
July 25 or 26. TBC Sat	Moreton Club Annual Auction	CLUB ANNUAL EVENT  Strathpine BNE		
July 31 AGM & Monthly Meeting)  Avoids Clash with Newcastle	<b>ANNUAL          GENERAL MEETING</b>  General & Judges Meetings to follow	North Rockhampton High School (NRHS)	7.15pm	No <u>Table Show</u> or <u>FEATURE</u>
August 08 Newcastle Budgerigar Auction. TBC Saturday				
Sept 04	General Meeting	NRHS	7.15pm	<u>Table Show</u> A/A & Y/B & N/F  <u>FEATURE</u> : Progressing in the Hobby Mick Evan

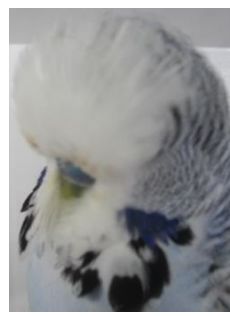
September 15  Tuesday	<b>Committee Meeting</b>  Discuss Calendar of events, Venue booking. End of year event, Judge for Annual Show, donation for Meeting Room. Vendors for Auction 2026	Venue: Evans residence	5:45pm	
Oct 05 Monday	ENTRIES for Breeders Show due tonight 8:00pm		Phone, Text or email Show Secretary	
<b>Oct 10</b> Following Breeder's Show	General Meeting	NRHS		<u>No Table Show</u>  <u>No FEATURE</u> : s
Oct 10 Saturday	<b>58<sup>th</sup> BREEDERS SHOW</b>  Judge: TBC  Selling class.	Nth R'ton High School Hall.	Benching by 8:50am	A/A & Y/B & NF  Judging commences 9:00am
Nov 06	General Meeting	NRHS	7.15pm	<u>Table Show</u> A/A & Y/B & N/F  <u>FEATURE</u> : A Breeder's Interpretation of 'The STANDARD'.
Novem 17 Tues	Committee Meeting If required to finalise Calendar 2027, Auction Invitees, etc.	Venue: Evans residence	5:45pm	
Sunday Nov 22	CHRISTMAS BREAKUP,	TBA		
Dec 04	General Meeting	NRHS	7.15pm	<u>Table Show</u> A/A & Y/B & N/F  <u>FEATURE</u> : Medications for a healthy flock – Guest Speaker (Veterinarian? )

**RINGS:** 2026 Rings are 65 cents each for coded and un-coded rings, sold in lots of 25.

Package and Postage is extra \$5.00.

Contact Shayla Evans.

# **Capricornia Budgerigar Society Inc.**



## **58<sup>th</sup> Annual Show.**

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**

**Venue:** NORTH ROCKHAMPTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL  
Performing Arts Centre, Simpson Street' North  
Rockhampton.

**Judge:** TBA

**Chief Steward:** Ian Schneider

**Show Secretary:** Kev O'Callaghan

**Entries:** All entries must be on CBS approved entry  
forms (provided)  
Exhibitors need to use the class numbers as  
per this schedule.

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 per bird up to a maximum of \$20.00.

Team of Three: \$2.00 per team.

**Entries Close:** Monday 09<sup>th</sup> March, at 9 pm.

[kevocalloptusnet.com.au](mailto:kevocalloptusnet.com.au) ph 0411 956 345

Late entries will not be accepted.

**Benching:** To be completed by 8-50 am.

**Judging:** Commences at 9-00 am.

**All persons responsible for winning exhibits must be present for checking of  
rings on completion of judging or exhibits will be disqualified.**

**Presentation of Trophies:** Approximately 30 minutes after completion of judging.

**Release of birds** to follow presentation. The Chief Steward will advise time.

Food and drinks will be available throughout the day.

**Please Note:**

- Birds entered in any Class '28' must have the Variety NOMINATED on the Entry Form by the Owner.
- CBS Inc. Club show rules must be strictly adhered to.
- Proof of ownership must be produced for all winning exhibits, CBS rings excluded.
- Drinkers must be in show cages.
- Standard seed mix to be used as floor covering in cages.
- Cage stickers to be adhered on the RIGHT hand side of cage.
- It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to ensure all of their birds are nominated in the correct classes and benched in the correctly marked cage.
- **All birds entered must be Owner-bred.**



# **CAPRICORNIA BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY** **INC.BREEDERS SHOW AWARDS LIST**

## **Grand Champion of Show.**

Jack Martin Trophy, plus \$25.00  
Cash Prize.

## **Ch. Opposite Sex of Show.**

O'Callaghan Family Trophy.

## **Ch. Young Bird of Show**

Mitton Family Trophy.

## **Ch. Intermediate Bird of Show**

Rod and Val Gardiner Trophy.

## **Ch. Beginner Bird of Show.**

CBS Trophy.

## **Ch. Nestfeather of Show.**

CBS Trophy.

## **Best Team of 3, must be all same Sex.**

\$15.00 cash prize.

## **Champion Young Cock of Show**

**\$50 Cash Award**

## **Champion Young Hen of Show**

**\$50 Cash Award**

## **Champion Derby Bird.**

Noel Shanahan Memorial Trophy.

## **Champion Derby Bird- Beginner.**

CBS Trophy.

## **Derby Bird - Cock and Hen.**

Share the Derby Rings Prizemoney Pool.

## **CBS Variety Bird. (2026 is Crested)**

CBS Trophy.

## **Best Lesser Variety Bird of Show.**

The GFE Perpetual Trophy\*\* donated by  
Fisher, Guinane & Eriksen Families

\*\* Best of Classes 7,8,9,12,13,14,19,20,21,26,28.

## **OPEN, INTERMEDIATE, BEGINNER CLASSES each receive:**

Champion Any Age Cock

**\$15.00 cash prize**

Champion Any Age Hen

**\$15.00 cash prize**

Champion Young Cock

**\$15.00 cash prize**

Champion Young Hen

**\$15.00 cash prize**

Champion Nestfeather

**\$15.00 cash prize**

Reserve Champion Any Age Cock)

**\$10.00 cash prize**

Reserve Champion Any Age Hen

**\$10.00 cash prize**

Reserve Champion Young Cock

**\$10.00 cash prize**

Reserve Champion Young Hen

**\$10.00 cash prize**

Reserve Champion Nestfeather

**\$10.00 cash prize**

## **Champion overall in each of 27 ANBC Variety & AOSV :**

**\$15.00 Cash Award per variety**

## BUDGERIGAR SCHEDULE for CBS Inc. SHOWS

VARIETY	ANY AGE COCK	ANY AGE HEN	YOUNG BIRD COCK	YOUNG BIRD HEN	NEST FEATH ER
NORMAL GREEN	1	101	201	301	401
NORMAL GREY GREEN	2	102	202	302	402
NORMAL BLUE	3	103	203	303	403
NORMAL VIOLET	4	104	204	304	404
NORMAL GREY	5	105	205	305	405
YELLOW FACED BLUE (Normal Only)	6	106	206	306	406
AUSTRALIAN GOLDEN FACED BLUE (Normal Only)	7	107	207	307	407
BLACK EYED SELF	8	108	208	308	408
DILUTE	9	109	209	309	409
LUTINO	10	110	210	310	410
ALBINO	11	111	211	311	411
DARK EYED CLEAR	12	112	212	312	412
CLEARWING	13	113	213	313	413
GREYWING	14	114	214	314	414
CINNAMONWING	15	115	215	315	415
SPANGLE DOUBLE FACTOR	16	116	216	316	416
OPALINE	17	117	217	317	417
OPALINE A.O.S.V. (Includes Blackeye, Clearwing, Greywing, Cinnamonwing)	18	118	218	318	418
CLEARBODY (includes Opaline)	19	119	219	319	419
LACEWING (includes Opaline)	20	120	220	320	420
FALLOW	21	121	221	321	421
SPANGLE (Normal Only, not class 23 combination)	22	122	222	322	422
SPANGLE A.O.S.V. (includes Greywing, Cinnamonwing, Opaline, Fallow)	23	123	223	323	423
DOMINANT PIED (includes Greywing, Cinnamonwing, Opaline, Fallow, Spangle)	24	124	224	324	424
DANISH RECECCIVE PIED (includes Greywing, Cinnamon, Opaline, Fallow, Spangle)	25	125	225	325	425
CRESTED	26	126	226	326	426
AUSTRALIAN WHITE CAP	27	127	227	327	427
A.O.V. / A.O.S.V. (includes Darkwing, Saddleback)	28	128	228	328	428

**Birds entered in Class 28, 128, 228, 328, 428 must have the ‘variety indicated on the Show Cage sticker by the exhibitor.**

**Please Note :- Only combinations of sections 8 to 16 is Yellow Faced Series Blue. See ANBC matrix at**

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**for combinations of other sections 16-27**

**ENTRY FORM acceptable for CBS Inc. Shows.**

**Name.** .....

Open\_

Intermediate Entry Fee: \$

Beginner ☐ (tick one)

**Entry Fee:** \$          (\$2 per bird, maximum fee of \$20, ie no charge after first 10 entries!) Add \$2 per Team of Three.

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# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

## 2026

### Capricornia Budgerigar Society Inc.



Forward to: Capricornia Budgerigar Society Inc.

Secretary: P.O. Box 10165

Frenchville QLD 4701

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Christian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (all if partnership)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*This is vital to allow prompt delivery of information to all members.

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

***I agree to keep my birds in a suitable environment and use appropriate husbandry practices.***

My current exhibition status is ..... (Open, Intermediate, Beginner.)

Applicant's Signature.....

Proposer's Name.....Proposer's Signature.....

Date.....

Please make Payment to: " Capricornia Budgerigar Society Inc."

BSB – 084034 A/C No – 283720998 Reference Surname & Membership

#### Membership Rates for 2026:

Senior : \$40.00

Partnership : \$40.00

Family: \$40.00

Memberships due by January 01 each year. Membership after June 30 will be \$20 for remainder of current year.

CBS Inc WEBPAGE: **[www.capbuds.org](http://www.capbuds.org)**