

CAPRICORNIA BUDGERIGAR

SOCIETY INC.

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Dear Member,

With our Breeders Show coming up in October, it signals that the year is fast coming to a close. I therefore urge all members to send it out in style by making this show our best yet. The show schedule for this event can be found in this newsletter.

Thanks must go to our hard-working, outgoing committee, most of who would like a rest from those rigors for a while and are therefore not seeking re-election. Therefore, please consider taking on one of those positions to enable our great club to continue in the way we all want it to. The AGM is scheduled to be held on Friday the 2nd September so please come along and have your input on the future of our club.

Unfortunately, our annual club aviary visit had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, but some of our members have organized to privately visit some aviaries. Also, some members travelled down for the Newcastle auction weekend and visited about a dozen different aviaries in that area. Quite a few birds were purchased on this trip and will hopefully over time lift the standard of the birds within our club.

These trips are a great way to see and learn alternative ways of managing our own aviaries and getting to meet other breeders and make contacts and friends. Some ideas might not suit you and others might be a lightbulb moment. Some birds that you look at may not be your cup of tea but others might be the way you wish pursue and you may see varieties that are uncommon.

There is not a lot to report this edition, but I have included an article that you should find interesting. I implore members to please let me know what you would like to see in these newsletters as it can sometimes be hard to find things to include.

Russell Ogden (Newsletter Editor, CBS Inc.) <u>ogdenrc@bigpond.com</u>

MEMBERS INFORMATION PAGE

• Committee Members: Confirmed at AGM

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- **SHOW & WIN**.!!!!!! Starting at our 2022 Breeders Show, you will become eligible to win a \$200 Credit at our Annual Auction by showing at the 3 Major Shows (Breeders 2021, Annual 2022, Young Bird Show 2022). 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 2021, 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 2022 rings, (60 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: 2023 :- Fallow. 2024 :-Clearbody. 2025 :- Greywing. 2026 :- Crested. These are judged at the Annual Show each year.

Import and Export – Setting the record straight

By Sam Davis

First published in Australian Birdkeeper Magazine Vol 35 Issue 4 (Aug-Sep 2022) CCBFA affiliated clubs currently and unanimously support the following motion which has been put to our federal government via the previous federal Minister for the Environment Sussan Ley, and to a range of bureaucrats directly and via various submissions. The motion is recorded in CCBFA minutes and within the letter to the Minister dated 23/2/2021. All is publicly accessible on our website www.ccbfa.org.au.

CCBFA supports and encourages a simplified export system for birds known to be aviary bred. Essentially captive bred birds, whether native or exotic, should be treated in the same manner as dogs, cats, and other routinely exported (and imported) species (except for threatened species within captive breeding programs). This is THE way to deter smuggling, as there is not and will not ever be sufficient sustainable funding to enforce border controls. The only proviso is to include safeguards to ensure captive numbers within Australia for each exported species remain sustainable.

CCBFA continues to be frustrated at the coverage efforts to build a sustainable international trade in captive-bred birds has attracted over recent years. Such diversions can only advantage illegal smuggling and poaching. We envisage an accessible system that is economically viable for hobbyists, protects biosecurity of captive and wild birds and complies with the *Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species* (CITES) by ensuring all birds traded are captive bred.

Once birds to be imported or exported are proven to be captive bred then why should their import and export be any different to dogs, cats, horses, and other animals?

My intention of writing this piece is to present the facts, facts that will go some way to setting the record straight. I possess documentation to support all details much of which is posted publicly on the CCBFA website <u>www.ccbfa.org.au</u>. I welcome queries to verify any doubt readers may have.

Currently there is no legal mechanism for aviculturists to import parrots or any other birds into Australia with just two exceptions. The first permits one or two companion parrots to be brought into Australia from New Zealand when the owner is moving residence from New Zealand to Australia. The second allows permits to be given under "exceptional circumstances" by the Minister as detailed under Section 303GB of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* 1999 (EPBC Act).

The only known exceptional circumstance parrot import was the recent import of a single Red-fronted Macaw (Ara rubrogenys) hen from New Zealand by PRIAM Psittaculture Centre.

Under the old *National Exotic Bird Registration Scheme* (NEBRS) a total of seven Redfronted Macaws were recorded. How many were actually present is unknown, as has been shown for other species there may have been far more or even fewer. NEBRS has been shown to have had poor uptake and poor compliance leading to the scheme being discontinued in January 2002. Current advice indicates there is a sustainable population of Red-fronted Macaws present in Australian aviaries, in fact PRIAM itself advertises birds for commercial sale, so it is somewhat confounding as to why such a bird (at least 30 years old) was considered an "exceptional circumstance" leading to the Minister (Sussan Ley at the time) issuing a permit. This single bird import sets a precedent for the potential import of other parrot species from New Zealand, in term of biosecurity (disease/quarantine) and our obligations as a signatory to the *Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species* (CITES). Note that Redfronted Macaws are listed in Appendix I of CITES – more on this later. CCBFA has recommended to a range of different government inquiries and via various submissions, that opening trade in parrots between New Zealand and Australia would be a logical and controllable first step to more open trade internationally.

For many years there has been an active push to open the borders to allow import of psittacines (parrots). There are three significant roadblocks to be overcome. The first is the development and ratification of a "biosecurity import risk assessment" (BIRA) which is well advanced. Second is adding new species to the live import list (if they are not already present) and third is obtaining import permits – both the live import list and import permits are legislated under the commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Part one of the live import list currently exempts eight avian species from permit requirements, namely domestic pigeons, Red Junglefowl, which includes domestic chickens. and other species of game birds such as the Ringneck Pheasant. Part two lists forty-two species which require a permit. This list includes common species such as Budgerigars, Peach faced Lovebirds, Cockatiels, Indian Ringnecks together with a variety of other parrots, many of which were added to the list and imported back in the 1990s. The includes both native and exotic species and is freely accessible online as the List of Specimens taken to be Suitable for Live Import under Section 303EB of the EPBC Act.

The process for adding species to the live import list is bureaucratic and likely to take some time to accomplish. CCBFA has argued this process should be progressed whilst the BIRA development and approval is underway, all to no avail currently.

The approval of a revised "biosecurity import risk assessment" (BIRA) for parrots continues to be a prime example of bureaucratic red tape, with numerous delays and limited communication with stakeholders. The process has been ongoing for a decade. The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) released a draft BIRA back in July 2020, and recent advice to CCBFA indicates finalisation is still some time off. DAWE is currently looking at environmental issues and is "actively reaching out to experts in wildlife epidemiology and ecology, environmental biosecurity, and risk management methodologies to provide further expert input." CCBFA has requested details of these experts so we may assess their credentials.

Based on the draft BIRA it is likely the following will be required for all parrot import shipments.

- At least 35 days quarantine and testing pre-export in the source country under the control of a vet employed or approved by the government of the source country.
- Transport to Australia which involves a range of biosecurity checks and balances. All shipments must arrive into Australia at Melbourne airport.
- Finally, 15 days in the Biosecurity Containment Level 3 (BC3) facility at the new Mickelham facility on the outskirts of Melbourne.

In general terms CCBFA supports the proposed risk management measures within the draft BIRA. We made the following recommendations to DAWE back on 18/9/2020.

Recommendation 1. CCBFA continues to recommend a regulated import regime that is economically viable, whilst protecting the biosecurity and biodiversity of

Australia's captive and wild birds. Such a system will deter smuggling (including poaching).

- Recommendation 2. To prevent irresponsible reporting, CCBFA recommends the BIRA includes an unambiguous statement making it clear that imports will be restricted to captive bred birds from approved countries.
- *Recommendation 3.* CCBFA recommends the requirement for BC3 level quarantine at Mickleham be reassessed.
- Recommendation 4. CCBFA recommends imports from New Zealand (NZ) be considered as a special case. This includes consultation with NZ regarding potential reciprocal arrangements for both imports and exports.
- *Recommendation 5.* CCBFA recommends welfare of birds during the quarantine period is addressed. CCBFA welcomes the opportunity to draft a set of welfare standards/guidelines to assist.
- Recommendation 6. CCBFA recommends review of the Draft Report and approval of the psittacine BIRA occurs in a timely manner and that officers reviewing the live import list and CITES regulation are able to begin their work forthwith.

Both import and export require permits under the EPBC Act. at the Australian end, and similar permits for any CITES listed species from the overseas country. All parrot species are listed on CITES Appendix I or Appendix II apart from four species, namely Peach-faced Lovebirds (Agapornis roseicollis), Budgerigars (Melopsittacus undulatus), Cockatiels (Nymphicus hollandicus) and Indian Ringnecks (Psittacula krameria).

Currently Australia allows anybody to export parrots, both native and exotic species, so long as they are not listed on CITES Appendix I and for Appendix II export is only for non-commercial purposes limited to research and exhibition (and zoos). The definition of zoo is up to the receiving country.

A range of export shipments of non-CITES listed species have been exported regularly from Australia for decades. This includes thousands of Indian Ringnecks, Canaries, and various exotic finches including large numbers of European Goldfinches.

More recently small shipments of CITES Appendix II parrots have been exported. PRIAM Psittaculture Centre has exported to Parfos Zoo in Cyprus, to the Association for the Conservation of Threatened Parrots (ACTP) which is a registered zoo and not for profit organisation under German law, and to Loro Parque which is a zoo and private breeding facility located in the Canary Islands. Profits obtained from the sale of parrots bred in captivity at Loro Parque are fully invested in conservation projects worldwide. Further consignments to ACTP were sent from individual Australian breeders.

There remain real anomalies in how Australia implements its obligations as a signatory to CITES. In particular CITES (conflicting with Australia's EPBC Act) states that when Appendix II birds are proven by the source country to be captive bred then no CITES documentation is required, rather a captive bred assurance from the Management Authority of the State of export is sufficient. In addition, Appendix I species shown to be captive bred should be treated as Appendix II species.

CCBFA continues to actively lobby to have these issues corrected as part of the current review of the EPBC Act. **CITES is a convention on "trade" in endangered species not the prevention of trade.** The aim is to encourage trade in captive bred animals, not prevent trade as is currently the situation enshrined within Australia's EPBC Act. CCBFA has offered its expertise to draft suitable amendments to the EPBC Act to correct these anomalies.

Therefore, the crux of the issue is proving birds intended for export are captive bred. The old *National Exotic Bird Registration Scheme* (NEBRS) was a failed attempt to prove parentage of birds. A new national registration scheme, NEBRS 2.0 if you like, was touted by some as a possible way forward. CCBFA and all our affiliated clubs totally and rigorously opposed such a solution as it would involve registration of all parrots apart from Peach-faced Lovebirds (Agapornis roseicollis), Budgerigars (Melopsittacus undulatus), Cockatiels (Nymphicus hollandicus) and Indian Ringnecks (Psittacula krameria). A number of finch species listed on CITES would also require registration under such a crazy scheme. A huge impost on aviculturists nationally that would be costly and more importantly will not solve the problem.

The only stakeholders unwilling to oppose a national registration scheme were the Associated Birdkeepers of Australia (ABA) and PRIAM Psittaculture Centre.

CCBFA has recommended DNA parentage testing to two government-initiated inquiries into the matter. First KPMG and more recently ThinkPlace. The KPMG report recommended DNA tests be investigated and we await release of the ThinkPlace report which has examined the issue in some detail. CCBFA made a number of representations both written and in person to ThinkPlace and the Office of Wildlife Trade in Canberra. Our "Proposal for a DNA Parentage-based Export Protocol" can be found on our website www.ccbfa.org.au. In summary, to prevent smuggling and poaching requires an accessible system for import and export of proven captive bred birds. CCBFA has recommended a way to achieve this outcome, perhaps commencing initially with trade between New Zealand and Australia. We need a system whereby aviculturists internationally can swap a few pairs of captive bred birds with their counterparts in Australia. Maybe a group of Budgerigar breeders exchanging bloodlines, or neophema breeders exchanging new colour mutations with an overseas friend, perhaps birds imported or exported to improve genetic diversity in captive stock and maybe import of the odd new species. If such a system is shown to work, and is not abused, then maybe over time we can look at import and export of finches and even some softbills. Am I dreaming? Maybe - time will tell.

Sadly, any import/export system that is not accessible to general aviculture will not solve the smuggling issue and will be used to profit a few unscrupulous operators.

"Tell me and I will forget. Show me and I may remember. Involve me and I will understand." – Chinese Proverb

CBS Inc.---Calendar of Events---2022

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

Sun 16 Jan	ABS Inc Auction	Brisbane		
Feb 04	General Meeting Judges Meeting to follow.	North Rockhampton High School (NRHS)	7.15pm	Table Show A/A & Y/B & N/F FEATURE Q & A Getting ready for breeding
March 04	General Meeting	North Rockhampton High School (NRHS)	7.15pm	<u>Table</u> <u>Show</u> A/A & Y/B & NF FEATURE
				Recessive varieties
Monday March 14	ENTRIES for SHOW due tonight 8pm	Phone Russell Ogde	n	
Saturday March19	54th ANNUAL SHOW Judge: Brad Hargraves ???? Selling section included	NRHS PAC??	Benching by 9:00am	A/A & Y/B & NF Judging commences after benching
Easter: Frid April 02	a y April 15 – Monday April Wynnum Auction confirm			
April 08	General Meeting	NRHS	7.15pm	Table Show A/A & Y/B & N/F FEATURE Preparing for the Nationals
April 09 CBS	Inc. ANNUAL AUCTION EN	TRIES DUE TODAY		
April 29	Committee Meeting Discuss ZONE & ANBC Agendas. Auction details	NRHS	7:15pm	

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Sat May 07th	CBS INC YOUNG BIRD SELECTION SHOW. May General Meeting to follow this SHOW Draw of CLUB REWARDS for credit of \$200 at CBS Auction	MT LARCOM Day of Show entries close at 8:30 am.	Benching by 9:00am	Y/B Rung 21 & NF Rung 22 Judging commences by 9:30am CBS Members Raffle drawn.
Saturday 21 May	N & C Q Zone: 1. Judges Panel & 2. Delegates Meeting.	Townsville Racecourse		3:00 pm Judges Meeting TBC 3:30 pm Zone Delegates Meeting TBC
Sunday 22 May	N & C Q ZONE CHAMPIONSHI P SHOW.	Townsville Racecourse		Benching by 8am Judging starts after benching
Friday May 27 Saturday 28 Sunday 29	ANBC C'SHIP SHOW	South Australia		ebsite for information and enue, times, etc.
Monday May 30	ANBC Delegates Meeting	South Australia		
NO JUNE MEETI	NG			
Sat June 11	Pre-Auction Dinner	R'ton Leagues Club	6.30 for 7.00pm	Performing Arts Hall opened from 2-4pm for setup & birds to be dropped off.
Sunday June 12	ANNUAL WINTER AUCTION	Nth R'ton High School Hall.	Bench by 7.45am	View 8.00am Starts at 9:00am
Sat June 25 SC	BBA Auction, Brisbane	Venue TBC		
July 01	General Meeting	North Rockhampton High School (NRHS)		Table Show A/A & Y/B & NF FEATURE .Q&A Breeding
July 15 July 24 BRAS	Committee Meeting Discuss AGM, Club Trip, Judge for and October Breeders Show. SEA Auction, Strathpine	NRHS	7:15pm	AGM nominations close
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July 29 (Note: this is August AGM & Monthly meeting)	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING General& Judges Meeting	North Rockhampton High School (NRHS)	7.15pm	No <u>Table Show</u> or <u>FEATURE</u>
Aug 13 New	castle Auction confirmed			1
August 27 & 28	27 th Visit to ??? Aviary TBConfirmed 28 th Attend Moreton Club (formerly Pine Rivers) Annual Auction	CLUB ANNUAL EVENT	Depart early Saturday morning	
Sept 02	General Meeting	NRHS	7.15pm	<u>Table Show</u> A/A & Y/B & N/F FEATURE How to Judge a bird
September 23	Committee Meeting Discuss Calendar of events, Venue booking. End of year event, Judge for Annual Show,	NRHS	7:15pm	
Monday Oct 03	donation for Meeting Room. ENTRIES for Breeders S 8:00pm	how due tonight	Phone Show Se	ecretary
Sat Oct 08	54 th BREEDERS SHOW Judge: TBC Selling section	North R'ton High Performing Arts Centre (PAC) Simpson Street.	Benching by 9:00am	A/A & Y/B & NF Judging commences by 9:30am
Oct 08	General Meeting	Follow SHOW	7.15pm	
Nov 04	General Meeting	NRHS	7.15pm	Table Show A/A & Y/B & N/F FEATURE Culling Birds

Sunday Nov 27		Rockhampton Venue to be confirmed		
Dec 02	General Meeting	NRHS	7.15pm	<u>Table Show</u> A/A & Y/B & N/F <u>FEATURE</u> Q&A

Capricornia Budgerigar Society Inc.



Breeders Show Schedule. Saturday, 8th October 2022.

Venue:	NORTH ROCKHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL PAC,
	Simpson Street, North Rockhampton.
Chief Steward:	Rodney Vidler.
Show Secretary:	Mr Russell Ogden ogdenrc@bigpond.com
	or Ph 0437 025 793
Entries:	All entries must be on CBS approved entry forms
	(provided)
	Entries need exhibitors to use the class numbers
	as per the schedule in this newsletter.
Entry Fee:	50 cents per bird.
Entries Close:	Monday 3rd October at 8 pm. Late entries will not
	be accepted.
Benching:	by 9:00 am
<u>Judging:</u>	9:30 am
All persons respo	nsible for winning exhibits must be present for checking of
rings on completi	on of judging or exhibits will be disqualified.
Presentation of T	ophies: Approximately 30 minutes after completion of judging

<u>Presentation of Trophies</u>: Approximately 30 minutes after completion of judging. <u>Release of birds</u> to follow presentation. The Chief Steward will advise time. <u>Please Note:</u>

- 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 as floor covering.
- 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 mark cages accordingly.
- All birds entered must be Owner-bred.

CAPRICORNIA BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY INC.BREEDERS SHOW AWARDS LIST

Grand Champion of Show.JackCh. Opposite Sex of Show.Ch. Young Bird of ShowCh. Intermediate Bird of Show.Ch. Beginner Bird of Show.Ch. Nestfeather of Show.Best Team of 3, must be all same Sex.

Jack Martin Trophy, plus \$25.00 Cash Prize. O'Callaghan Family Trophy. Mitton Family Trophy. R & V Gardiner Trophy CBS Trophy. CBS Trophy **Sex.** \$10.00 cash prize.

OPEN – INTERMEDIATE and BEGINNER CLASSES each receive :

Ch. Any Age Cock Ch. Any Age Hen Ch. Young Cock Ch. Young Hen Ch. Nestfeather Ch. Any Age Cock (Reserve) Ch. Any Age Hen (Reserve) Ch. Young Cock (Reserve) Ch. Young Hen (Reserve) Ch. Nestfeather (Reserve) \$15.00 cash prize \$10.00 cash prize

<u>Champion of each of 27 ANBC Variety & AOSV</u>: \$15.00 cash prize per variety

Dudgerigar Schedule for CDS file. Shows					
Variety	Any Age Cock	Any Age Hen	Young Bird Cock	Young Bird Hen	Nestfeather
Normal Green	1	101	201	301	401
Normal Grey Green	2	102	202	302	402
Normal Blue	3	103	203	303	403
Normal Violet Violet Cobalt only	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 (AOSV)	18	118	218	318	418
Clearbody	19	119	219	319	419
Lacewing	20	120	220	320	420
Fallow	21	121	221	321	421
Spangle	22	122	222	322	422
Spangle A.O.S.V	23	123	223	323	423
Dominant Pied	24	124	224	324	424
Danish Recessive Pied	25	125	225	325	425
Crested	26	126	226	326	426
Australian White Cap	27	127	227	327	427
AOV / AOSV / AOSC	28	128	228	328	428

Budgerigar Schedule for CBS Inc. Shows

Nb only combination of sections 8 to 15 is Yellow Faced Blue. See ANBC matrix at <u>http://www.anbc.iinet.net.au/ANBC%20eStandard%20Final%20October%202013%20master.pdf</u> for combinations of other sections 16- 25

ENTRY FORM acceptable for CBS Inc. Shows.

Name. Open____ Intermediate ____

Beginner____ (tick one)

Entry Fee: \$_____

<u>Class #</u>	Cage #	Description	<u>Ring Number</u>



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