

Eastern District Budgerigar Club Newsletter



August 2021

Hello Members

With the Covid issue still raging, there is no light on the near horizon as to when we will be able to hold club meetings or shows. In the meantime, hopefully you are all having a great spring breeding season.

Welcome to all new members this year:

- Michael Meney
- Michael Neziroski
- Jo Seip
- Richard & Briana Smith
- William Voorsluys

Please feel free to contact us if you want any help or advice.

Key Information

- UBC show 2021 has been cancelled.
- UBC club selection day has been cancelled.
- All meetings scheduled during lockdown will be cancelled.

Be covid safe

REMINDER: please do not attend meetings, shows, auctions or pick up birds from other hobbyists if you feel the slightest bit unwell (Covid or other). Please respect the health of other hobbyists and do not assume that they or their household have been vaccinated or are not immunodeficient, hence more susceptible to catching your bug.

At this stage, not everyone has had access to a Covid vaccine, but with more and more vaccines coming on line, we encourage you to get vaccinated as soon as you can so we can start club activities again.

Farewell Lloyd

After many years at the helm of the Eastern District Budgie Club, Lloyd Richardson has decided to step down from the presidency and committee, Lloyd has been in the hobby for over 50 years and during this time has bred some beautiful birds. During his time on the committee, he has seen many changes including the introduction of the English Budgie from overseas.

Lloyd was also an Australia National Budgerigar Council Accredited Judge and the chair of the Judges Committee.

As a committee member and president, Lloyd was instrumental in introducing auctions as a way of raising revenue for the club and as well as starting the Eastern Diploma shows, both of which continue today and have left the club in a strong financial position because of his hard work and dedication.

When you speak to others about Lloyd, the overwhelming message is he is the "Mr Nice Guy" of the hobby, a person with a lot of knowledge, who is happy to share it with you.

On behalf of the members of Eastern District, the Committee would like to thank Lloyd for all his hard work over many years and we hope he can now enjoy his budgies without the all the responsibilities of running the club.

As Vice President, Brian Abbott, steps into Lloyd's huge shoes, however Mitch will be doing a lot of the actual president's work as he was planning to move into the role next year anyway.

Auction

Lloyd's parting contribution to the Club was running the Annual club auction on line, with the help of the Aussie Seed Company. The total revenue from all four auctions was \$29,710, with the net club earnings being \$1485.

What has the committee been doing the past few months?

The Committee has started to meet monthly via Zoom. If you want anything put on the agenda, please email Penny or Mitch.

The Forest Hill Hall has been rebooked for general meetings and some Saturdays in 2022. The Ringwood Community Centre has been booked for the Club Auction and Diploma Show.

Penny has revamped the Beginners Guide which will eventually go onto our website. If anyone would like a copy, please contact her.

Committee Executive

With Lloyd leaving the presidency, the new Committee executive is as follows.

Vice and Acting President: Brian Abbott - brianabbott@optusnet.com.au

Secretary: Penny Gillespie - chilikath@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Mitch Parr - mitchparr@gmail.com