

# Budgie Blast

## March 2023

Have you checked out our new website or joined our Facebook group: Join us on Facebook – Brisbane & Northern Suburbs Budgerigar Club Inc

Visit our website – [brisbanenorthbudgieclub.com](http://brisbanenorthbudgieclub.com)

**Meeting venue: Bracken Ridge Hall, Corner. Bracken & Barrett Streets, Bracken Ridge. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start.**

Thursday, **March 9th** is the date for our next meeting, and it will be very interesting topic this month with Garry Menzies speaking on Black Eyed Selves, Dilutes and Greywings. You may be thinking this wouldn't be interesting for me as I don't breed those varieties but unfortunately more and more birds are being bred with these varieties in their back ground so you do need to know how to use your birds that have these varieties. As an example, we purchased a Fallow and a split from a top breeder and found out afterwards they both had Dilute in them which came as a very big shock to us. Garry will be bringing down birds in these varieties so you can have a good look at the differences in each of the varieties and be able to recognise it down the track.

Birds to bring along for the tableshow are 2022 rung young birds and either 2022/23 Nestfeathers. The more birds we have at our meetings, the better.

The SQBBA futures show is being held on Sunday, March 19 at the Strathpine Hall. This show is for novice and intermediate breeders only and it is to display your young birds as the lead up to the zone selection show. It is a show that gets lots of entries and is a lot of fun to participate in and I encourage all of you to enter your birds, as many young birds as you have, to join in the fun and see how your birds are progressing.

### Diary Dates:

### Birthday Celebrations:

March 6	Garry Jones
March 7	Carol Gough
March 9	Kirrilee Nardi
March 12	James Smith
March 13	Errol Willey
March 18	Alex Calodoukas
March 19	Arjuna Cooray turning "50"
March 20	Garry Menzies
March 23	Heather Farren-Price

Now is the time to start preparing your birds for your upcoming breeding season as well as the 2023 zone selection show.

For the breeding season and the zone selection show ensure your birds have been wormed, are treated for feather mite, are given good healthy seed to help bring them into condition.

The older birds can be paired up first leaving your young birds bred last year available for your club selection show followed by the zone selection show at the end of May. Spray your birds twice a week with cold water ensuring that no seed gets wet in the process as budgies do not like eating wet seed and neither do their stomachs appreciate it.

You may feel your birds would not be good enough to represent the club selection show, but I can ensure you, you are very much mistaken. We need to fill 28 classes with four birds in each class and a lot of us did not have good breeding season last year. Again, we're going to miss birds from Henry George and Gary Heuvel which will leave a large hole in our team so we do need you to support your club. More information next month re this show.

We need to do fundraising to help our club survive, therefore we hold monthly meeting raffles to help cover the cost of hiring the Council Hall. Also, we are running the \$500 cash prize lucky numbers which I encourage all of you please to take as many tickets as you can. \$500 cash would go a long way in your pockets for an outlay of only \$10 a ticket so please support this venture.

I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday night March 9 and if you could bring a plate for supper that would be appreciated.

Carol Gough  
Hon Secretary