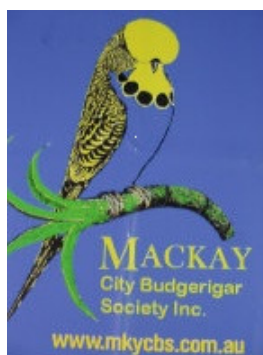


MACKAY CITY BUDGERIGAR SOC. INC.

Newsletter from December 2010 to March 2011



Paul Gill – Show Secretary



Club Banner



Bob Brown – Chief of Steward

President Report

All the shows are over for another year. Our last show was a great success and Ian Schneider did a wonderful job of judging. Ian also commented on “feather rot” and that he uses Liquid Calcium to help prevention.

Big congratulations to Michael Pace winning ‘Bird of the Show’. This is a young bird so he could go well at the nationals in Canberra.

We are waiting to hear from Gavin and Debbie Milton as they have been asked by our club to our Christmas break – up and demonstrate how to prepare budgies for our shows. If they can come we will have to bring along one or two budgies, a pair of tweezers and an old toothbrush so that we can also have a go at what they are teaching us.

We are still waiting for the steel to arrive so we can start replacing the sheets on the roof. We will need help to complete this project.

John Bowgett has sent down the plans for the judging stands so we can have a look at the next meeting

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Sausage Sizzle

Thank you to the workers Ross, Peter, Doug, Matt, Bob, Patsy and Annette at our sausage sizzle on the 28.09.2010. We had a sizzling day with record takings and needed to buy more bread and sausages and other essentials and at the end of the day we didn't do too much only slept like babies all night. Good to see Doug and Ross being sun safe with their hats on. And Everyone following Health and Safety Regulations by wearing Gloves



Left to right – Matt Grant, Doug Wales, Ross Garrett, Peter Wooderson and Patsy Macgregor with a Bunning's staff member

Budgie Bash

On 10.10.2010 we had our last show for the year. There were roughly 195 birds entered in the Budgie Bash with record prize money thanks to our sponsors Aust Bore, Bagley Produce and Steven Wales Plumbing. To all helpers on the day it wouldn't be possible without you all. Ian Schneider was our judge and he kept things running smoothly. Ross Garret cooked the sausage and onions to perfection. John and Sandra Bowgett bought down the lights from Townsville with them which improved the lighting out of sight. Thank you to Ross Garrett for supplying the fluoro lights.

Public Speakers

If you haven't been to a meeting lately you would be missing out on important information on our birds. At our last meeting Greg Shepherd spoke about caring for canaries and Peter Wooderson has other speakers with information about our birds for the meetings. It's very interesting.

New Members

Welcome to our new member Graham Ward. Everyone that's been to Townsville for the Brian West Challenge or the Zones would remember Graham as the friendly person selling drinks ect.

We are finally living in 13 Winifred court and would like to express our gratitude to all the help we got from the club members Bob and Judy Brown, Doug Wales, Bob Robinson and Peter Wooderson. It was greatly appreciated. With many thanks Patsy, John and Raelene Macgregor. Our phone number will remain the same 49524465

Deepest Sympathy

Deepest Sympathy is extended out to Julie Weston and family on there lose of her Father.

Bird Diseases

This newsletter we are going to start a new section called bird diseases. This will just be a couple paragraphs on a disease. The first one is on Air Sac Mites.

DESCRIPTION AND CAUSE:

Air Sac mite is caused by various species of mite which parasities the lining of the trachea, lungs and air sacs of the bird's respiratory system. The most common mite responsible for this condition is Sternostoma tracheacolum. Finches, canaries, budgies and lovebirds may be susceptible to infection by air sac mite. The Gouldian Finch appears particularly prone to the condition. Air Sac Mite is highly contagious in dirty or over crowded aviaries. This disease is transmitted by an infected bird coughing eggs or nymphs of the mite into the air which can then be inhaled by another bird

SYPTOMS:

Infected birds are often seen gasping or mouth breathing after mild exercise. Respiratory difficulty can often be accompanied by a high pitched wheezing or sucking sound and frequent attempts to cough up material from the trachea. Excessive beak wiping is also common. Birds with heavy infections might cease feeding, lose body condition and even die.

DIAGNOSIS:

The veterinarian can examine regurgitated tracheal mucous or material collected by a laryngeal swab for the presences of mites. Occasionally mites may be visible as small moving black spots by shining a light on the skin of the bird's throat area. At autopsy, careful examination will reveal the tiny mites on the tracheal mucosa.

TREATMENT:

Infected birds may fed dry seed treated with carbaryl powder. Each 50grams of seed should be mixed with 0.05 grams carbaryl powder and 1ml of either cod liver oil or olive oil, to facilitate the adherence of the powder to the seed. The mixture is then fed to the birds for 18 to 24 hours. This treatment must be repeated ever 10 days over a six week period. The aviary may also be lightly sprayed with pyrethrin-based aerosol spray each day for 5 consecutive days, with the same treatment being repeated a fortnight later. A new drug, avermectin is also providing effective against air sac mite.

PREVENTION:

The simplest prevention measure against an outbreak is to suspend a dichlorvos (Shelltox) insecticide pest strip from the roof of the aviary shelter. The pest strip must be enclosed in a wire frame to deny access to the birds and should be changed at two monthly intervals. If the aviary is very open, the strip might be less effective and it could be necessary to enclose the sides of the aviary while this treatment is being carried out

Christmas time

Please remember the budgie auction on the 4.12.2010 followed by a cent sale and BBQ. It would be appreciated if we have numbers for catering purposes A.S.A.P just phone Doug or Patsy and please let us know how many will be attending and if you are donating a dessert or salad or even a cent sale prize. Thank you

This is also a great time to wish everyone a Seasons Greetings for a Happy Christmas and New Year and a successful season for breeding. After a short break we will have our first meeting on the 3rd February.



Website

I would like to give a quick thank you to Gary Finlay for keeping the website up to date and looking fantastic. Please go on and have a look he has pictures from this years shows and last year Budgie Bash with results just a click underneath these pictures.

For Sale

A Breeding Cage divided into 12 cabinets on wheels with sliding trays and nest boxes that just slide straight out. \$200 please call Matt Grant on 49512777 or 0458126828 for further information or if you are interested

Newsletter

Thank you to all that rang and let me know that I had did an excellent job on the newsletter. It was greatly appreciated.

Thank you Raelene Macgregor

Coming Events

Club Meetings:-

2nd December 2010

3rd February 2011

3rd March 2011 this night will also be our AGM

Shows and Auctions:-

Christmas Auction, Cent sale and BBQ 4.12.10 (Auction birds to be benched by 2.30 with Auction starting at 3.00pm. A BBQ and cent sale will follow for MCBS members only.)

Jokes

2 Fish at the Fish shop in a fight police are called and reported that both fish were BATTERED.

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