



Budgerigar Council Of Tasmania

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Welcome to Budgerigar Council of Tasmania (BCT) update Issue 2 for the ANBC Nationals to be held at the Country Club Resort, Launceston Tasmania from 24 – 27 May 2024.

The Budgerigar Council of Tasmania and the ANBC wish to announce and Congratulate the 2024 ANBC National Judges

- Jim Fletcher (Tas) - Nigel Tonkin (SA) - James Bader (Vic) - Rod Turnbull (Vic) -



JIM FLETCHER (TAS)

The world of Budgerigars is not just a passion - it's been a lifelong commitment. With 50 years of experience breeding and showcasing these captivating birds alongside my wife Judy, the journey began in our early teenage years.

My commitment extends beyond breeding, showing and judging these birds. I have been an active supporter of National Shows across Australia since 1988.


In 1990, I achieved a significant milestone by passing the inaugural ANBC's judging examination. My expertise led me to serve as the Judges Committee Coordinator for several years, along with taking on the role of ANBC Secretary for three years. My passion for breeding and Judging has been pivotal in maintaining high standards within the Budgerigar community.

I have had National judging appointments in 1992, 1996, 2004, 2011 and 2017. I have Judged two World Budgerigar shows: Forli Italy 2013 and Bloemfontein South Africa as well as a show at Southend-on-Sea in England. I was invited to Judge in 2020 at the 36th Budgerigar AZ-European Championship Show in Germany but Covid intervened here.

A pinnacle moment for myself and Judy was the National Show in Melbourne 1991 winning the Spangle class and Rockhampton in 2010, where our Normal Light Green Cock triumphed, winning the normal green class, and earning accolades for its exceptional quality. This bird and its siblings have since become the cornerstone of our current breeding line.

In our breeding program we have specialized in a variety of types, including Normals, Lutinos, Cinnamons, Opalines, Spangles, Yellow Face (English & Aust.), Dominant Pieds, Lacewings, Clearwings, Melanistic Spangles and Australian Whitecap.

I have been lucky enough to have been involved with two new mutations, Spangles, and Australian Whitecap in Australia taking a leading role in writing the Standard for the AWC's.



NIGEL TONKIN (SA)

I was introduced to budgerigars and other aviary bred birds from a very young age. My parents had aviaries in most places we lived and in the main, colony bred budgerigars. I had the shared task of looking after them.

Once I moved out of home, budgerigars were long forgotten until I joined the RAAF and was posted to Wagga Wagga. Neighbours at the side and to the rear had aviaries with a variable of species.

One neighbour asked me to look after his birds whilst he was on a course for the RAAF for a number of weeks and my passion for budgerigars was ignited. Seeing the size, the shape, the colours was amazing.

My parent-in-laws lived in Kyabram and when on RAAF leave I would head there and I met a number of breeders that guided me, took me to shows and I was further hooked.

I left the RAAF and landed in Mt Gambier and a further growth spurt occurred. From there I went to judging school in Adelaide over a 15 month period from memory, progressed through the ranks, passed the ANBC Judges exam.

Judged the Nationals in partnership with others in Cairns in 1996, Adelaide in 2000, 2007 and 2014, meeting some amazing people along the way.


Judging with another can give a different perspective as to how another assesses a bird and gives opportunity to compromise if needed with the final decision being by mutual agreement.

Our minds eye might view a particular facet of the bird differently to your judging partner thus the need for compromise.

I am now in partnership with Beau Schutz a young man that is very keen and who is full of energy. The birds have all been moved to his place in recent times because of renovation needs at my home.

Quality is progressing after a period where my efforts for a few years was on a critical family need and minimal birds were bred.

THE BADER AND TURNBULL PARTNERSHIP JUDGING THE 2024 ANBC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW WILL BE THE 2ND PARTNERSHIP TO JUDGE A CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW IN ITS HISTORY, THE FIRST PARTNERSHIP TO JUDGE WAS TASMANIAN'S ROY BLAIR AND DEREK POOLE EXHIBITING AS BLAIR AND POOLE



JAMES BADER (VIC)

I started breeding Budgies when I was 16 years old.

I was influenced by my Grand Mother & uncles to get involved as they were also keeping Budgerigars.

In 1994 I joined Western Suburbs Budgerigar Club.

I became an Aspiring Judge in 2000 after successfully passing the BCV Judges Examination.

Rod Turnbull & I went into Partnership in 2003 & joined Eastern Districts Budgerigar Society.

I became a Senior Panel BCV in 2003 & in 2011 I passed the ANBC Judges Exam.

I have been a BCV National Team Carer since 2011 only missing this commitment when ANBC National Show commitments that Rod or I would be involved with that prevent me from being involved with the BCV National Team.

I Judged at the 2013 Nationals in Toowoomba. I have been the ANBC Judges Co-Ordinator since 2015.

I enjoy all parts of this amazing hobby that we are all part of, Breeding, showing, the friendships that we make but my greatest passion is Judging.

Judging is a privilege & I am honored to have been asked to Judge at this years ANBC Nationals in Launceston.



ROD TURNBULL (VIC)

I started breeding budgies when I was 14 years old. I helped my mother when she was breeding and showing budgies up until I was 12 years old.

A couple of years later, in 1980, I acquired some birds, joined Western Suburbs club and begun my budgie journey.

Showing became more serious and I managed to get my first bird (a Greywing) into the strong Western Suburbs team for the BCV Shield competition in 1985.

It was a long wait until my first BCV Shield success, winning the UBC Shield with a Lacewing in 1996.

I enjoy the genetics side of breeding and have successfully dabbled in many lesser varieties over the years. I currently breed Goldenfaced, Dilutes, Dark Eyed Clears and are slowly getting back into Fallows.

James Bader & I became a Partnership in 2003 & joined Eastern Districts Budgerigar Society.

I became an Aspiring Judge in 2005, after successfully passing the BCV Judges' examination and was promoted to the BCV Senior Panel in 2009. In 2015 I passed the ANBC Judges Exam. I Judged at the 2019 Nationals in Brisbane and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

I have been "unofficial" ANBC photographer since Busselton in 2008 and even though it is a very busy weekend, I enjoy getting close to the birds by taking photos of the winning birds at the National show.

My involvement in the hobby via the BCV has been as Shield Secretary since the UBC Shield in 2002 and a BCV Councilor for nearly 25 years, including National delegate for around 10 years.

I enjoy many parts of our great budgerigar fancy but my greatest passions are judging and then taking photos. These involvements assist in the important social and friendship aspect of the hobby.

Judging is an honor and I am privileged to have been invited to judge at the 2024 ANBC Nationals in Launceston.

Update No 1 included accommodation, and we have again included in this update. We have heard on the *chirpvine* that there is limited accommodation left. We have spoken to the Country Club Resort today, and there is still plenty of accommodation options available. See page 4 for accommodation options available.

The venue has “**blanked**” out all the available accommodation to allow attendees to book, unbooked rooms will be released to the general public on 31 March 2024, so if looking direct online rather than using the links provided or calling you may have been advised that there is no accommodation available.

The Venue has confirmed, it requires a credit card to secure the accommodation booking, no charges will be processed until 48 hours prior to arrival, cancellation is available until 48 hrs prior to arrival to avoid cancellation fees.

Ways to book accommodation:

Online Booking :

Click on the yellow links provided for the **Resort:** [Resort](#) (where the show/bird room will be) or the **Villas:** [Villas](#) which is a short distance away from the resort with a courtesy bus available between the two options.

Follow the prompts, adding your credit card details to secure the booking.

If you wish to make additional room bookings, if using the online option, each room will need to be booked separately. You can add notes to the booking or ring Reservations the next day to request any additional details ie two rooms beside each other.

Phoning:

If you wish to phone to secure your accommodation, call Reservations on 1800 635 344 Monday to Friday 8am to 7 pm. Outside these hours the call may go through to Reception and they may or may not be able to assist.

When calling please quote the Group Code – **Group National Budgerigar Show 2024.**

A credit card will be required to secure the booking.

To assist with travel arrangements:

Travel Distance from : LAUNCESTON AIRPORT TO VENUE - Approximately 15 kms - 13 minutes

Travel Distance from Spirit Of Tasmania (vessel) Terminal or Devonport Airport – Approximately 96 km (1 hr)

We will advise in later updates, links to transport companies for pickup from airport to assist with your arrangements.

Zone Secretaries/ Bird Carers – As a credit card is required to secure the accommodation booking, BCT has not reserved any rooms for zone bird carers.

Further details of bird carers, and your Zone travel arrangements will be requested once bookings have opened up for freighting, and Event Registrations are opened. At this stage, BCT will, if requested by a zone, arrange collection of 2 carers and the Zone Bird boxes from Launceston Airport and return departure on Monday, with the assistance of BCT members, otherwise, Zones are welcome to make their own arrangements to the venue with the Bird Holding Room available from late mid morning Thursday 23 May.

We have been advised that Virgin Freight is now flying animals into Launceston Airport, in addition to Qantas Freight.

Event Registration - We are working towards a mid January opening of Registrations, but are mindful that all our organisers are volunteers, and while some are retired, others are working.

Upcoming Fundraising : As like Vic and SA, BCT will be conducting a couple of “lucky square” bird raffles with the first pair hopefully announced early February. Further details on how to purchase tickets etc... will be advised shortly.

The Country Club Resort has provided BCT with 2 nights accommodation (for 2 people - 1 Room) and breakfast for 2. Look out on the Event Registration to purchase tickets, raffle will be drawn on Sunday 21 May at BCT Shield Selection Show to allow the winner to use as a credit for their accommodation or taken at a later date.

If there is any businesses or budgie enthusiasts that may have items that would be suitable as raffle prizes for our “over the weekend raffle” to be drawn during the Presentation Dinner, BCT would welcome an email to ANBCNationals2024@gmail.com

Distributing Event Information

Although not “great” facebook users, we are currently setting up a page ..Budgie Nationals 2024, updates and information will be shared to this group, we may need to get some assistance from the facebook warriors so give us a few days to get our “stuff” together. Link here: [Budgie Nationals 2024](#)

Thanks to all those that have registered an Expression Of Interest or who have shared our first update to your budgie friends. Please feel free to share this update.

For enquiries please email ANBCNationals2024@gmail.com or after hours on 0409 257 131. If ringing during business hours calls may not be able to be answered. Happy for a text message if this is more convenient to 0409 257 131

BCT wishes everyone a Happy New Year and are looking forward to greeting you all in May at the Championship Show.

Accommodation Options

ROOM TYPES & RATES



National Budgerigar Show 2024



Golf View Suite/Courtyard Suite

Space is plentiful with a large footprint incorporating separate living and bedroom quarters, private guest powder room, and the freedom of having your own balcony.
Room size 57m². King bed.
No. of suites x 16.

\$259.00

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\$299.00



Golf Executive/Courtyard Executive

Open plan rooms allow for an inspiring combined living and working space with plenty of natural light and fresh air. Located alongside our championship golf course, enjoy the views of the course from your window.
Room size 27m². King bed.
No. of Executive rooms x 26.

\$209.00

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\$239.00



Deluxe King/Deluxe Twin

A private aspect offering a wilderness or courtyard view allows you to get up close and personal with the resident wildlife, without leaving the comfort of your room.
Room size 27m². King or Queen & Single beds.
No. of Deluxe rooms x 60.

\$179.00



Country Club Villas (1, 2 & 3 Bedroom)

Spread out and relax in one of the ambient and spacious self-contained villas featuring a separate bedroom(s) and living room. With a private bathroom and parking at your door.
No. of Villas: 54 x 1 bedroom, 10 x 2 bedroom, 6 x 3 bedroom, 8 Villa Suites.

\$169.00

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\$379.00

Note: Rooms are currently on hold .

Rates quoted above are Nett Rates (single/double/twin share) based on bookings directly. Additional fees apply for additional persons/bedding.

Rates quoted above are Net Rates (single/double/twin share) based on bookings direct.

TO MAKE A RESERVATION:

Call Toll Free: 1800 635 344

Email: reservations@countryclubtasmania.com.au

Villas: [Villas](#)

Resort: [Resort](#)

Conditions:

All rates are per night, per room, based on single/double occupancy & Subject to availability. Credit Card Surcharge for Amex and Diners is 1.8%. Rates valid 3 days either side of conference/event dates. Reservations must be cancelled 48 hours prior to the day of arrival to avoid cancellation fees.