

N.Z Budgerigar Society



Grey Cock. Best Bird Special Patronage show 2008
Bred and shown by A & R Grinter

75 years - 1934 to 2009

Welcome to the 75th Anniversary.

I am greatly honoured to compile this booklet to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the New Zealand Budgerigar Society. Much of the information has been found in the minutes of the Society which have been recorded over the last 75 years. What is recorded is only a window of what has happened and my apologies for any shortcomings or data missed in finding this information. You might notice lack of Christian names with many of the earlier officials. This was something which made things harder as until into the 1970's the records make no mention of Christian names and in fact often did not even have persons initials. The earlier minutes people are referred to as Messrs or Mesdames, later reverted to Mr, Mrs, and Miss. As a life member of the Society I would like to offer my congratulations and ask everyone to give thought to all the people over the years whose involvement has made this Society what it is today, and nurtured the hobby, and kept up with changes to the standard over the years, so we have the style of Budgerigar we all keep today. A lot of these changes would never have taken place without exchange of ideas, knowledge and indeed birds from worldwide sources. This is what makes keeping of budgerigars truly international, and New Zealand Budgerigar Society and its members is a small but important part of the fancy

Kind regards

Keith Flockhart

A Word from our Patron.



As patron of the Budgerigar Society I would like to wish all involved best wishes in the achievement of attaining 75 years. I have been a member for 44 years I have spent many a year on the Council, first as a co-opted member, then Vice President, and finally President. 12 years ago I was honoured to be made a Life Member. I have been Patron for the last six years.

It does not seem all that long ago that we celebrated our 50th anniversary and I was privileged enough to have been one of the judges.

I am sure the founder members of the Society would never have dreamed what a truly international hobby Budgerigar keeping has become. From its humble start the

little bird from Australia has changed so much. It would have been hard to imagine the descendants of these birds being imported from Europe back to the land of its birth.

By New Zealand keeping up with the International changes and being a founder member of the World Budgerigar Organisation our little patch has grown accordingly. Some of the changes which have occurred in my involvement would include, exchange of judges with New Zealand judges going overseas and overseas judges coming here, which along with the Judges Panel and training has seen some of our judges as capable as any of the top judges from other countries.

The introduction of buff birds through legal imports from Australia and then Britain has seen improvement in our birds which has led to adopting the Australian standard. It was a proud day for me when the Australians accepted us as an affiliated Society in 2007. There have been various other changes such as despotting our birds, updated show cages with full perches and chrome fronts. We have also seen open judging at some shows. None of these changes would have occurred without the concerted efforts of those involved in the hobby.

With the hobby becoming International has seen the forming of many friendships with fanciers overseas, and I have been fortunate to have met, judged and been guest speaker in various countries. I have also formed lasting friendships with many people both overseas and in New Zealand through the hobby.

I ask that we all stop and think of all the thousands of people who have been members of our Society over the years as it is through their efforts we are part of the most progressive Bird Society in New Zealand.

I am proud of my association and honoured to be patron in this the 75th Anniversary year.

Kind regards,

Alan Gamble.

President's Comments.

As the President of the BSNZ I am very pleased to lead the celebration of our 75th year of existence.

The Budgerigar has been through some amazing changes during this time. It still captivates the attention of hundreds of Fanciers NZ wide and tens of thousands world wide.

I cannot claim to have been continuously involved in the hobby as long as some of our stalwarts Lincoln Baldwin and Alan Gamble to name a few, but I was stunned to learn that of the current members I was one of the first to join the Society, and I thought I was one of the young Bucks.

The 75th Jubilee show and AGM is being held at Oamaru and has been specially planned to enable us to celebrate our 75th Jubilee, meet old friends, make new ones and reflect on our hobby and past members from the 75 years who have all been involved in our wonderful hobby.

Regards David Ingoe
President BSNZ



World Budgerigar Organisation

TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

We congratulate the BSNZ on achieving 75 years in the fancy and our best wishes are extended to all officers and members of the society.

We also send our best wishes for your continued success.

It also demonstrates the strength of the budgerigar fancy in New Zealand to still be in existence and achieving success after 75 years.

Our records show that you may well be the third oldest specialist budgerigar society in the World after the Budgerigar Society of the United Kingdom, formed in 1925, and the Danish BS (DUK) who celebrated their 75th Anniversary last year.

Since the official formation of the WBO in 1994 your society has been, and still is, a great supporter and despite the long distance for you to send representatives to WBO meetings held mostly in England and mainland Europe, the WBO still benefited from your members attending the few meetings that they could. I refer to Alan Gamble (1992), H. Van De Velden (1993), Ans Spaak (1994), Jean Painter (1995), Russ Hewett (1996) and finally your President David Ingoe in 2008.

The initial two meetings in 1992 & 1993 were sponsored by the U.K. Budgerigar Society, leading to the formation of the WBO. At each of the meetings attended, your representatives made valuable contributions in the debates on the various issues of the day. The most significant was from Ans Spaak at the first official WBO meeting in Germany in 1994 who, when the delegates were locked in the definition of the ideal length of the budgerigar, saved the day with the definition that your society had used over the years **"However, the budgerigar is essentially a bird of balance and style and this should always be taken into consideration"**. This I shall always remember and admire.

The budgerigar fancy has advanced a great deal over the years and with the inception of the WBO, countries have been brought together with a common interest and aims. And if ever jealous and negative thinking fanciers wish to dampen the role of the WBO, who act only in an **advisory** capacity, then we can claim that we have brought the World together and made international societies talk to one another; looking at achieving common standards throughout the World and recognising what has been achieved.

When David Ingoe attended the 2008 WBO meeting held in Germany, to coincide with the German DSV society celebrating their Golden 50th Anniversary, he witnessed for himself the friendship and comradeship that exists between delegates attending from the 14 countries stretching from Brazil in the west to New Zealand in the east. And this is what it is all about the hobby; the friendship and comradeship. The WBO has achieved a great deal in its short history by standardising the Colour Standards, the Pictorial Ideal, the Show Cage, Ring Colour & Specification, Budgerigar Colour Guide, Recognition of New Mutations, the International Judges Panel and Guidelines to Judges to name a few.

When Janice and I visited your country in 2004 & 2008 on lecturing and judging assignments we witnessed for ourselves the progress of the hobby in your country and the friendship that exists amongst fanciers.

On behalf of the WBO, and personally from Janice and myself, we wish the BSNZ our warmest congratulations on achieving such a milestone in your history and may your success continue for many more years to come.

Ghalib Al-Nasser
Secretary / Treasurer

The Commencement

The Budgerigar Society came into being on 28th July 1934 at a meeting held in the Unity Buildings in Auckland. Below are some of the decisions made at that meeting.

“On account of the growing popularity of the Budgerigar, the meeting was convened to advance this branch of the fancy”

It was proposed by Mr Walker and seconded by Mr Barnes that a budgerigar society be formed; the name of the Society to be “The Budgerigar Society of New Zealand” The voting was carried unanimously.

They then looked at affiliating with the Auckland Canary and Cage Bird Club but after an amendment the affiliation was changed to the New Zealand Federation of Cage Bird Clubs” They would also be a patronage Society only and not run their own shows. There was an option in the membership to be a member of the British Budgerigar Society for another 5/-. The question of the Society affiliating to the Australian Budgerigar Council was left in abeyance.

The following key officers were elected to carry the club through to its first AGM
President J. Reg Walker Secretary C. Dixon.

There were 17 people present and all agreed to a levy of 1/- to defray expenses while subscriptions were being set.



And this was the bird in question at the time, which saw the Society established

The Society in the 1930's

1934

The Society made good progress and a set of rules were compiled at a committee meeting held three days after the initial meeting. These still remain the framework of the present rules. They also decided to apply to be an incorporated society.

Subscriptions were set at 5/- for seniors and 2/6 for juniors. All of the above was passed at the first AGM on August 23rd.

The standard for the Ideal was to accept the NZ Federation of Cage Bird Club standard which was adopted from the British Budgerigar Society.

It was also agreed to allow non standard show cages to be used as long as they did not exceed the British cage dimensions for the following two show seasons with the standard cage being in use from 1937. Standard budgerigar seed mix to be used on floor of cages.

Monthly meetings to be held on 4th Thursday of the month. Some of the topics decided for coming meetings were: How to form a strain. Food and their values. Mendelism or theory of inheritance. The typical budgerigar. Judging contest, History of the budgerigar.

It was also decided to form a ladies committee to arrange supper for the meetings. Members were to get closed rings stamped with an initial and number. Members having a British Society number could use this. (Coded rings)

The September meeting had 100 members present.

In November it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister of Internal Affairs in regards to importing budgerigars

The society also appointed it first 4 judges

1935

The topic for the first meeting was French moult.

8 members donated a total of 22 Budgerigars. These would go to a scheme to be held in following 3 months in which each new member would be given a budgie.

Patronage was awarded to 4 Auckland clubs, and Huntly and Hamilton.

Classes for show season to be

Light Green cock	Sky Blue Cock	Greywing any colour suffused cock
Olive Cock	Cobalt Cock	A.O.C including Dark Green cock
Light yellow cock	Mauve cock	White any suffusion cock
Light green Hen	Blue, cobalt, mauve hen	
Light yellow hen	A.O.C hen	

A Trophy was donated for "Best talking budgie" This was to be competed for annually.

A demonstration on taxidermy was held at a club night.

Drinkers in cages was discussed and recommendation was these be filled after judging.

For the donation of six silver cups Mrs Edwards was awarded an honorary membership.

The ladies committee was expanded to cover the social side of the society. Madame Voleska was convener

Standards for judges was set and intending judges were required to attend training classes and pay 10/-

The ladies were asked if they would give permission for smoking to be allowed at meetings.

Due to ill health Mr Dixon resigned as secretary and Mr Rusden replaced him.

1936

Patronage was awarded to the Grand National Show and 12 clubs – all North Island.

A letter was sent to remind people not to put their names on show cages.

A letter was sent to the Christchurch CBC pointing out that NZBS judged to the British Standard not the Australian, and suggested they read the "Cult of the Budgerigar" which has just been published.

It was decided to use coloured closed rings.

The AGM saw 30 to 40 members present. The club was in a healthy financial state with 2 pounds 4 shillings in cash and assets of 50 pounds. (Mainly cups)

There were 7 NZBS approved judges on the list. There were also Federation Budgerigar judges.

1937

Patronage given to Grand National Show – Auckland and 15 clubs including one in Sth Island – Christchurch

Show cage specs were set. Some alteration to front rail and perch height was carried out and it was decided to have insides painted white and outer black.

The classes were discussed and confirmed that only one class for yellows whether dark or light. Green would have 3 classes Lt Green, dark green and olive.

Society membership is approximately 200

Cash balance increased to 25 pounds. A raffle netted a profit of 50 pounds.

There was issues with delays in delivery of closed rings from England so enquiries were being made in Australia.

1938

There was an increase in classification of recognised colours.

Light Green,	Dark Green	Olive	Yellow
Yellow olive	Sky blue	Cobalt	Mauve
White Blue	White Cobalt	White mauve	White wing blue
Yellow wing greens	Greywing Lt green	Greywing dk green	Greywing olive
Greying blue	Greywing cobalt	Greywing mauve	Cinnamon
Redeyes	A.O.C	Pairs	Teams

Patronage increased to 21 clubs.

All clubs were asked to appoint a representative to look after BS matters in their clubs.

There was discussion on a letter and remarks made of a judge and his ability to judge and also his honesty. The Society had confidence in the judge and left it to Federation to sort out.

Honorarium paid – Secretary 5 pounds 5 shillings, Treasurer 2 pounds 2 shillings

They decided to use PC as a means of notifying members of monthly meetings instead of a circular. "PC" in those days was not politically correct or personal computer but a postcard.

The Federation and Budgerigar Society had different standards for Budgerigar and Federation were asked to endorse The Ideal as per the British Budgerigar Society Coloured rings being bought in Australia

1939

Patronage now awarded to 25 shows

Drinkers in show cages to be the standard Australian show drinker

Issues with Australia meant that closed rings again sourced from England

AGM had 32 members present.

2 life memberships awarded to Messrs Rusden and Corringham.

It was decided that the committee be known as BS Council (As still is today)

It was passed at the AGM that Judges were to be instructed on how to carry out their duty

The 1940's

There were now 23 recognised colours for the 1940 schedule. Colours not seen on bench today were yellow, white blue, white cobalt, white mauve, yellow wing and white wing. There was also a white pinkeye and a yellow pinkeye but not sure if they included all pinkeyes in that series, fallows, lutinos, albino etc.

10 Judges including one lady on judges list

With New Zealand at war the amount of business appeared to decrease. In 1941 there was a motion that members of the Society going on active service become honorary members for duration of service and six months afterwards

It was agreed in 1942 that a skeleton council for rest of year as members were having difficulty getting away from EPS duties etc. This was further expanded to duration of war and council would be Secretary, President and Treasurer. It was circulated to members and postal vote agreed 100%

It was agreed that the Society would move to Wellington in 1944. An initial meeting was held on 22nd April with 18 members present The AGM held in December with very few attending It appears the war and change of city saw ongoing struggles of the Society. Various members were still being called to active service.

The rest of the 1940's was an ongoing struggle with the average attendance at the AGM's being around 10 members.

Right up till the end of the decade the main business appears to be setting patronage, and approving accounts and voting on Federation remits.

Birds carrying a combination of visible factors not listed as a class to be entered in the AOV

The Society also introduced the illustration of the ideal and then extra pieces illustrating faults which could be overlaid onto ideal

Members who already had their own rings were to forward to Council for checking

The initial Society rules were given an update in 1945

There was a motion that the Society approve judges for Grand National shows and no novices be permitted to judge the budgerigar section. Carried

The ring issue date appears to have been set each year with it varying between July and August Around 4,000 to 7,000 rings were being bought each year

New Zealand to adopt the new English standard from August 1948

Judges who had not exhibited budgerigars in a federation show in previous two years were to automatically be removed from judges list

A judges selection panel was set up consisting of between 3 to 6 Champion members including the council secretary if they were a champion exhibitor.

The 1950's

There were issues with the 1951 AGM minutes and President deemed them to not be correct and refused to sign. An extraordinary meeting was held 14 days after AGM and Secretary resigned and was replaced. No reason why was recorded.

There was concern that the Best Bird and runner up birds at shows were subject to unnecessary prodding with lead pencils after judging when shows opened, and a letter was to be sent to clubs requesting that the birds be placed in elevated positions to minimise interference.

9,000 rings purchased for 1952 year cost of rings from the manufacturer –Hughes, was around 3 cents each. Rings required an import licence and duty of approx \$6 per 1000 was paid. A further 1000 were bought later in season

Attendance at the 1952 AGM was 19 members. There was talk of Council moving to Auckland but this was scotched as being rumours. A vote was held and 16 were against the possible shift

It was decided to publish the new length of the ideal in the 1953 year book. This would be 8 ½ inches

There was an issue with awarding the best buttercup to a lutino at one show

1954 Ring purchases had increased to 12,000

The AGM of 1954 there were 27 new members listed, one being Brian Townsend from Hastings who is still a member and a judge.

The Society also nominated that the Poverty Bay Budgerigar and CB Society be affiliated to Federation.

Ring order for 1955 was 15,000

The Society also held an all Budgerigar show in Wellington in 1955 to celebrate the 21st Anniversary. This was first proper show run by Society. Table and garden shows had been run previously. The show was a Friday, Saturday show with all birds required to be benched by 9.00pm on the Thursday

1956 rings ordered 18,000 to 20,000

It was also decided to specify the Budgerigar mix for show cages. This being 50% plain canary, 45% white millet, 5% hulled oats. This to take effect from 1957 show season. There was a need for a letter to be sent to Auckland Budgerigar Club as they wanted grass seed included in the mixture, but this was not acceptable

1957 saw 212 new members joining Society

1958 also saw clarification on cage fronts in that they had to be punch bar. Birds exhibited in cages with welded fronts to be disqualified

30,000 rings were ordered for coming breeding season. Ring issue date was set at 15th July

AGMs continued to be poorly attended even though the membership was booming. In September 1958 there were 99 new members nominated for membership.

There was a complaint that judges were not judging hens to the ideal hen standard

The July 1959 meeting approved another 132 members including David Ingoe, and Ian MacPherson

The Society protested to Federation against the affiliation of the Pied Budgerigar Society of Australasia as it is a branch of an overseas society and not eligible for Federation affiliation and they also had a different standard

The 1960's

44,000 rings were ordered for 1960. Ordering rings still required getting a government licence for the overseas funds required for the cost

Shorty Rodgers joined the society in June 1960

The cost for rings in 1961 was set at 3/- (30 cents) for 10

The following current members joined the Society. Lincoln Baldwin 1961, Jim Ziarno 1962, Alan Gamble 1965, Kevin Rickerby 1967

1966 The Society picked the ring colours. Subscriptions were set at 10/6 (\$1.05) for adults and 3/6 (35 cents) for juniors. A 5 cents levy was added to subs for 1967. This caused upset and some members would not pay as they had paid a levy to their parent clubs. By 1968 subs had increased to \$1.50, rings were 45 cents for 10

Mrs E Elliott who had been Secretary for 17 years passed away in 1966

The greywing cup for the National was damaged but was not replaced as there was a lack of quality greywings being benched

The 1968 AGM was the first in 20 years to get over 20 members attend – 23. Though numbers dropped back again in future AGMs to as low as 14 There were 3

nominations for President and two ended up with same vote so further ballot required. Mr J Walker was successful.

The other issues for late 1960's was not enough encouragement for birds in AOC class, but generally insufficient in these classes to warrant their own class.

A lot of clubs were writing to multiple judges requesting what they would charge to judge, then using cheapest judge. This was causing time delays and also not always getting right judges as some judges were "Buying" their appointments.

Some confusion on judging as the standard stated 8 ½ inches but the pictorial bird was only 8 inches. It was decided to recommend that the Society accept the new English standard and adjust pictorial size to the 8 ½ inches. A copy of specifications sent to all members and were given a month to give their comments and whether to accept. Majority were in favour and the standard was to change from 1972

The 1970's

Membership of the society for the first half of the decade was around 600 to 700. With around 150 new members and the same amount of resignations each year.

There was still ongoing struggle to get members to AGM, numbers varied between 14 and 19 attending. Around 30,000 to 32,000 rings were being bought and in 1971, over 20,000 had been sold prior to the issue date. 1974 ring costs were 50 cents for 10

Some judges were confused over the term Any Age being used instead of adult and were awarding the Any Age specials as open and including CYCR birds. This terminology was clarified to all members, and was to be continued to be used. There was also quite a few award-winning novice CYCR birds being found to be bought birds when rings checked by Society and this was also to be clarified that CYCR needs to be BBE

Current members to join included Herb Duston 1970. Ans Spaak and Noelene O'Callaghan 1971. Calvin Appleby and Gary and Beryl Carter 1973.

1974 saw the removal of the hulled oats in the show mix which changed to 50% plain canary and 50% white millet.

There was discussion on whether to change the cage fronts to stainless steel or chrome. One of committee arranged for some fronts to be done in the following: Chrome which was listed in minutes as attractive. Zinc – not attractive or practical and nylon epoxy which looked identical to white paint. A trial of 8 fronts found the epoxy was strong in that the birds could not damage it but it still got chipped when contact made during packing and carrying in show boxes. It does not appear that any recommendation was given to members on this trial. There were also some problems with show cages not having the correct door, with some being round. The Society allowed the squaring up of these as round doors were not acceptable. There was also a person in the South Island making show cages for \$2.60 which although to standard specification were poorly build and shoddy. Members need to be aware and check cages prior to buying or accepting.

There were also some issues in mid 70s of a pet shop bringing in coded closed rings from same supplier as Society. There was a need to ensure that birds rung with these rings were not eligible for CYCR awards

1976 saw the Society hold their AGM on a Sunday to try to get more attend, unfortunately only 14 turned up.

A member wanted details of importing budgerigars from Australia but was informed the Australian authorities would not permit this.

In 1978 Brian Cram asked what steps the Society could take to eliminate mask plucking. It was decided it might be better to look at allowing it as per the English

Society as it was almost impossible to prove whether bird had been plucked to enable the rule to be enforced.

The price of plain canary seed in 1978 60 cents per kilo

The 1980's

Rings bought for 1980 would be 34,000 and cost would be \$1.30 for 10. All rings were used and they had 2000 rings from 1966 in identical colour which were issued to make up a shortfall. There were issues even in those days of the number colour coming out of the rings. The ring order for 1981 was increased to 37,000. In Long flights were starting to turn up on show bench and judges notified not to give awards to these birds

The Society decided to run a Jubilee show in 1984 to celebrate 50 years. They received a letter from Tauranga who were concerned it could detract from the national they were running that year

In 1981 as Society was having trouble with getting a Secretary after Miss Ashton resigned on health grounds it was decided to employ someone for around \$1000 which would add a \$1 to each members subscription. Mrs C. Carlyon was appointed to the position. As well as being paid \$1000 per year a mileage allowance of 10 cents per km was given.

1981. It was decided to allow drinkers to be attached to cages after judging with the show secretary's permission.

In 1981 37,000 rings purchased and by end of August only 9,000 left in stock. The AGM that year had only 11 people attend. Subs set at \$6 per adult and partnership and \$3 junior

December 1981 there were 630 financial members.

The Society received a photo in December 1982 of a feather duster and this was included in Bulletin with a request that if any members had bred one to let them know as it did not appear to have been seen in NZ. A reply that some had been bred from Lutinos imported from Australia.

1982 also looked at New Classes for harlequins (Recessive Pieds) and spangles which were increasing in numbers. Also need to look in near future as splitting opaline class into colours.

Shorty Rodgers sent a letter to Council in regards to twin budgies

The government instigated a price freeze for New Zealand in 1983 and Ian MacPherson notified the Council that there had been complaints from some people that the subs had gone up while the freeze was on. The Council contacted the Trade and Industries department and were informed subs were exempt from the freeze.

In 1983 there was a dispute between F Brooky the Society President and his parent club over some money which went missing from that club. The Federation expelled Mr Brooky. At the AGM the Society felt it could not operate under this duress and the decision to disaffiliate from the Federation was passed. 3 members of Council who were also members of the Wellington club also received letters requesting them to attend a meeting. It was stressed to them that they attend as they could be liable to expulsion from Federation if they did not Mr Brooky was voted as President again. The police and solicitors were involved and after an investigation F & J Brooky were cleared of the accusation of misappropriation of funds.

The Society made application to become affiliated from 27/7/84 and allowed to have representatives at the AGM. This was agreed by Federation.

The 50th Patronage show was held in 1984 in the old car factory building in Porirua, and it was rather cold that queens birthday weekend. All first in class received a special diploma, printed with in gold lettering GOLDEN JUBILEE SHOW on it, No

special dinners or such were organized I have been unable to find any figures on exact benching but thought to be over 400 budgies

The 1984 AGM saw the Council elected being based in the Hawkes Bay, Wanganui, Palmerston Nth area, so after being based for well over 40 years in Wellington it was moving.

In 1985 there were 69 qualified budgerigar judges. There was a need to look at setting standards for judges. A judges panel was set up to deal with judging issues.

November 1987 membership was 458

It was agreed to allow people to have personal coded rings from 1987 on.

Society donated \$2000 to Palmerston Nth for their National in 1989 - \$1500 for patronage and \$500 towards expenses. This would enable a special patronage show to be held. A special Budgerigar convention would also be held in conjunction with the National. Ron Hunt from Australia was to be guest speaker.

It was at this meeting where the possibility of importing Budgies from England was raised and people asked to register their interest on being involved, 30 replies were received with 80% in favour

1989 the amount of rings ordered had dropped to 27,000

The 1990's



There were some rapid changes in the 1990's with the British standard being adopted in 1990. See above which is the Ideal hen pictorial

That year also saw the AGM pass changes to the show cage. The painted fronts were to become chrome, though stay the same design and material. The perches would be changed to full length perches with no boss at back. There was a 3 year phase in period but after 1991 season there was a rapid update to chrome as it gave better viewing of birds and less maintenance. Some of the old fronts which were chromed are still in use 18 years later.

There was still dialogue going on with MAF in regards to imports but things did look promising with possibility of working in with a lot of Australian imports and quarantining of the birds in Australia.

The 1991 Budgerigar Patronage show was awarded to Tokoroa.

1991 Also saw the Federation rules changed to allow removal of surplus spots on the mask. This caused some dissention and several council members went as far as getting a petition going and got 35 signatures. At the end of the day the change went through and is widely practiced today.

The present BS Panel and training programme was instigated in 1992

The 1992 AGM was held in conjunction with a weekend seminar in Hamilton

New Zealand joins the World Budgerigar Organisation in 1994

Mega bacteria was the buzz word as awareness of this dreaded disease became known. \$500 was donated to research being carried out in Australia.

The importation of British birds came to fruition.

Special interest groups were set up to promote Spangles, Pies, Yellow Face, Red eyes and Grey wing/dilutes

1996 The drinkers were added as a show cage requirement.

The 21st Century

The Society continued with it closer bonds with overseas and more judges from Australia and Europe judging here and some of our judges judging overseas. Alan Gamble judged at the Millennium show in England in 2000.

We also saw a change to the standard by adopting the Australian Pictorial



This was followed by adopting their judges manual with some modification to New Zealand requirements.

2007 also saw us become an affiliated member of the Australian National Budgerigar Council.

There is still progress being made on bringing in another lot of imported birds and hopefully we shall see these in this decade.

2009 is our 75th anniversary and the Budgerigar Society is the largest specialist society in New Zealand bird keeping.

Oamaru are running the special patronage show and weekend celebrations.

Society Officials

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1934, 1935	R. Walker	C Dixon	R. Cruikshank
1936	R. Walker	N Rusden	R. Corringham
1937	R Chambers	N. Rusden	R. Corringham
1938	R. Walker	N. Rusden	R. Corringham
1939	R. Walker	A. Cutler Replaced in January by N. Rusden	Mr Griffiths
1940	R. Walker	B Humphrey	M. Hawk
1941 - 1943	A. Barnes	N. Rusden	M.Hawk
1944	E. Monks	R Hislop	Mr Bruce
1945	R. Thorburn	R. Hislop	S. Birchan
1946 - 1948	R.Thorburn	Mr G Elliott	S. Birchan
1949	G James	Mr G Elliott	Mrs N Thorburn
1950	G. James	R. Thorburn	Mrs N Thorburn
1951	G. James	R. Thorburn	E. Jones/ G Elliott
1952- 1954	Reverend R Wearne	Mrs E Elliott	Mrs Parsonage
1953 1954	Reverend R Wearne	Mrs E Elliott	Mrs N Thorburn
1955-1958	S. Grey	Mrs E Elliott	Mrs N Thorburn
1959	S Grey till april. He passed away and was replaced by G Elliott	Mrs E Elliott	Mrs N Thorburn
1960 -1963	J. Walker	Mrs E Elliott	Mrs N Thorburn
1964, 1965	B O'Dea	Mrs E Elliott	Mrs N Thorburn
1966	B O'Dea	T Grantham	Mrs N Thorburn
1967- 1968	J Walker	M. Waldron	Mrs N Thorburn
1969	J Walker	M. Waldron	M.A. King
1970 1974	G Gentleman	M Waldron	M.A. King
1975-1977	M Waldron	E Ashton	M.A. King
1978 -1981	F Brooky	E Ashton	Mrs M. Broad
1981 - 1983	F Brooky	E Ashton	Mrs M. Broad
1984, 1985	B Cram	N Smith	N. Jones
1986	B Cram	C Bourke	N. Jones
1987, 1988	B Cram	D Signal	P.Croft
1989, 1990	B Cram	N Jones	P.Croft
1991	A. Gamble	N Jones	P.Croft
1992	A. Gamble	N Jones	Mrs A Spaak
1993 - 1995	A Gamble	K. Flockhart	Mrs A Spaak
1996 - 1998	L. Baldwin	K. Flockhart	Mrs A Spaak
1999, 2000	N De Malmanche	K. Flockhart	Mrs A Spaak
2001	C. Delamore	K. Flockhart	Mrs A Spaak

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer
2002	C Delamore	R Staal	Mrs A Spaak
2003, 2004	M. Fuller.	G. Price.	Mrs A Spaak
2005 -2007	D. Ingoe	G. Price.	Mrs A Spaak/R.Taylor
2008	D. Ingoe	G. Price.	Mrs A Spaak/R.Taylor

Life Members

The Society over the years have not awarded too many life memberships, with only 20 people being given this accolade in seventy five years. Below is the list of those members.

N Rusden	Mr Corringham	L. Hawks	A. Barnes
Mrs E. Elliott	Mrs M. Thorburn	J Walker	H Conway
M Waldron	G. Elliott	M. King	G. Gentleman
B O'Dea	P.T. Watkinson	D.H Smith	T. Howley
B. Cram	L. Baldwin	A. Gamble	K.Flockhart

Looking through the records I have tried to get some details on these life members and the year they were awarded their life membership, but time and lack of information has seen some information hard to find.

N Rusden -1939 Involved in the Society from start up, being on the initial committee and becoming secretary in 1936 to 1939 and again in 1941 to 1943.

Mr Corringham – 1939 Treasurer of society from 1936 to 1939

A Barnes Part of the start up group for the Society on the committee and Vice President from 1934 to 1937. Involved in the judges panel

L. Hawk – 1942 Treasurer of Society 1940 to 1943

Mrs G. Elliott – 1957 Was one of people involved when the Society moved from Auckland to Wellington. Her husband was also heavily involved in the Society and also a life member. She was on judges panel. Was a Council member from 1945. She became secretary in 1951 and held this position until her death in the mid 1966

Mrs N Thorburn –1957 Another from a husband and wife partnership which was heavily involved with the society. She was on the Council formed at the move to Wellington in 1944. She was treasurer from 1949 to 1951 then 1953 to 1969. She was also involved on the judges panel.

Mr G Elliott. -1966 Had similar involvement as his wife with the transfer of the Society to Wellington. He was secretary from 1946 to 1950 and also on judges panel. He continued his involvement in the Council and was acting President for a period in 1960 when the incumbent passed away.

H.J Conway – 1970 Was a Councillor in the mid to late 50s and again in 1963. He exhibited the best bird at the 1952 and 1953 Nationals.

J. Walker - 1973 President of the Society from 1967 to 1970. Active on the judges panel. Exhibited best bird at 1957 National.

Murray Waldron –1973 Was secretary from 1967 to 1975. He then became president from 1975 to 1978. Another involved in judges panel.

Merv King- 1978 Society treasurer from 1969 – 1978. Was also involved on judges panel. Exhibited best bird at the 1971 National

George Gentleman -1982 A gentleman by name and nature, he was deeply involved in the society including president from 1970 to 1974. Also involved in judges panel. The minutes record his life membership as being awarded for over 40 years active service to the hobby. He was a mentor to present secretary Graham Price.

Bernie O’Dea –1982 Another to be recognised for over 40 years active service to the hobby. Deeply involved in the council and also judges panel, president from 1964 to 1967. Exhibited best bird at national 1977 and 1978

Trevor Watkinson –1982



The third but not least of the members awarded life membership in 1982, all having been in the hobby over 40 years. Trevor was from Christchurch but and was heavily involved in Society and Federation. He was patron of the Society. Trevor started with birds in 1920 as a 10 year old and bought his first budgerigars in 1932, he joined the Society in 1937 and was a member for an incredible 58 years when he passed away in 1995. He became a judge in 1939 and officiated at hundreds of shows including 21 Grand Nationals. In later years when unable to attend AGMs he always had a letter tabled congratulating the Council for their work the previous year and also included a donation to the society. Trevor wrote a book on the hobby which until recently has been given to new members. Trevor exhibited best bird at the national in 1950 and again in 1975 when he had both best bird and best young bird.

Dave Smith –1983 Another member from the Wellington area who was awarded his life membership for services to the Society over a long period. Dave was a familiar site around the shows with his trademark hat. He was heavily involved in the Hutt Clubs nights, and was made a Life member & Patron of the Upper Hutt Club, Life member & Vice Patron of the Hutt Valley Club. He was well thought of, the type of guy you could go to and talk about your avian problems, with him often bringing out the old fashion remedies that he used in his earlier days and they worked. He still had birds right up until his death.

Tony Howley –1990 From Auckland area, Tony was never on the Council, but heavily involved with the hobby in the upper North Island

Brian Cram – 1992 What can you say about Brian, a born orator and writer who would not use single words when he could use dozens instead. His eloquence of using the English language was seen in the Bulletin and also various judges papers he was involved in compiling. He was in partnership with his wife Lorna who did a lot of work and ably assisted Brian. Brian was president from 1984 to 1991 and was instrumental in getting the society back on its feet after the issues of 1984. He was involved in setting up the BS judges training scheme to improve and set the standard for bird judging in New Zealand. Brian had a plan where he wanted to go with his birds and had set 2000 as the year he wanted to be there, unfortunately mowing his lawns he suffered a heart attack and died in front of his aviary, so was unable to fulfil his dream.

Alan Gamble – 1996 Alan is another person who has been involved in the hobby over 40 years. He was involved in Council for many years including President from 1991 to 1996. Alan was involved in many firsts including bringing in the first recessive pieds and it was also through his efforts that the English imports of the 1990 occurred. He has always pushed for excellence in birds and that we should have the same type and standard as overseas societies and has helped pushed the New Zealand standard in that direction. He has been heavily involved in improving the judging standard in New Zealand and as such has been recognised overseas and

judged over there including the prestigious Millennium Show held in England. Alan has exhibited the best bird at Nationals more than any other exhibitor with wins in 1990, 1995, 1996, 1999, 2004, 2005, and 2008

Lincoln Baldwin –2002 Lincoln was President of the Society from 1996 to 1999. He was actively involved in both the Society and Federation for many years. He was part of the group which set up the BS judges set up. Exhibited the best bird at the 1988 National.

Keith Flockhart –2007 Co-opted onto Council in 1992 and became secretary next year and remained in this position till 2002. Agreed to edit one bulletin after Brian Cram passed away and ended up doing so for over ten years with a small break in the middle. Have judged for 15 Years and also involved in judges panel.

National Winners

The list of the exhibitors who won the Nationals is listed below. Due to some records not being complete there are gaps in the list. CYCR awards were not given in the earlier years and there were some conflicting results. Bearing this in mind there could be some errors in the list, but every endeavour has been made to give correct data and where doubt the Federation Year book results have been used.

Year	Best Bird	Best CYCR
1934		
1935		
1936		
1937	A Gilbert	
1938		
1939	Mrs A White	
1940	Mrs A White	
1941		
1942		
1943		
1944		
1945		
1946		
1947		
1948	L. Brain	
1949	Mrs M Thorburn	
1950	P.T Watkinson	
1951	V Mangin	
1952	H. Conway	
1953	H. Conway	
1954	P. Bryant	
1955	N Overend	
1956	N Overend	
1957	J. Walker	
1958	H Dagnall	
1959	E & A Leeson	
1960	E & G Elliott	
1961	A & E Baldock	
1962	A Cochrane	
1963	A & E Baldock	
1964	R & R Dean	

Year	Best bird	CYCR
1965	T & R Tutbury	
1966	M King	
1967	R Hobbs	
1968	P Watkinson	
1969	R Hobbs	
1970	B O'Dea	
1971	M King	
1972	Mrs D Mackay	T & R Tutbury
1973	Mrs D Mackay	J & J Walker
1974	E. Hellyer	Mrs P Cousins
1975	P. Watkinson	P Watkinson
1976	E Hellyer	B O'Dea
1977	B O'Dea	W Richards
1978	B O'Dea	B O'Dea
1979	E Hellyer	W. Richards
1980	E Hellyer	E Hellyer
1981	I Shand	E Hellyer
1982	J & S Jenkins	J & S Jenkins
1983	M Thomas	J & S Jenkins
1984	E Hellyer	E Hellyer
1985	E Hellyer	N Lee
1986	N & J Walker	E Hellyer
1987	J & S Jenkins	P & E Irving
1988	L & F Baldwin	N Lee
1989	N & J Walker	P & E Irving
1990	A & H Gamble	A & H Gamble
1991	P & B Fraser	A & H Gamble
1992	T & L Patten	N De Malmanche
1993	E Hellyer	A. Gamble
1994	M Thomas	A & R Grinter
1995	A. Gamble	A. Gamble
1996	A. Gamble	E & S O'Hallaron
1997	M. B & R Thomas	M. B & R Thomas
1998	T & L Patten	T & L Patten
1999	A. Gamble	A. Gamble
2000	N&J&J Walker	B & J O'Sullivan
2001	T & R Tutbury	FL & CM Hellyer
2002	A & R Grinter	B & J O'Sullivan
2003	N&J&J Walker	N&J&J Walker
2004	Gamble - Fuller	FL & CM Hellyer
2005	Gamble - Fuller	P & J Garnier
2006	M & R Cox	B Ackroyd
2007	N O'Callaghan	N O'Callaghan
2008	Gamble - Fuller	Gamble - Fuller