

BUDGERIGAR COUNCIL OF TASMANIA INC.

Definitions & By-Laws



Budgerigar Council of Tasmania Inc. (BCT) Definitions & By-Laws

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Definitions:

Exhibitor: Fully paid annual member and or Life Member of one of the three Tasmanian Societies being Coastal Budgerigar Society Inc. (CBS), Northern Tasmania Budgerigar Society Inc. (NTBS) and Tasmanian Budgerigar Society Inc. (TBS). A fully paid member of CBS, NTBS and TBS will be governed by their society's constitution and rules and the Budgerigar Council of Tasmania Inc. (BCT) Constitution and By Laws.

Budgerigar Council of Tasmanian Inc. (BCT): All financial members of the affiliated societies are automatic members of the BCT.

BCT Council: Council representing the Societies in Tasmania who have been accepted by the BCT and have fully paid their annual affiliation fee to the BCT by 31 December of each year.

Affiliation Fee: A fee set at the Annual General Meeting of the BCT each year and payable by each Society by 31 December of that year.

BCT Council: The Council is made up of three delegates from each of the affiliated clubs and three official office bearers – President, Secretary, and Treasurer

BCT Delegate: Exhibitor as defined of an affiliated Society and nominated by those Societies. All delegates must be active breeders and exhibitors.

BCT Non-Voting Member: is deemed as per being an exhibitor.

Young Bird Definition: A young bird is defined for all shows up to and including the ANBC National Championship Show as a bird bearing the official ring of the year of the previous BCT Annual General Meeting. After the National Show young birds bearing the current year's ring shall be eligible to be shown in Young Bird classes prior to 1 September of that year.

Any Age Bird: A bird of any age and exhibitor status.

Rings: Style and type of ring as determined by BCT and ANBC which is affixed to the bird's leg. All birds exhibited apart from those in Any Age will be permitted to have one leg ring only of the current exhibiting year.

Show Cages/Cages: To be constructed and exhibited as per the ANBC Show Cage Standard and /or changes and amendments as approve by the BCT.

Cage Floor: Floor of a standard show cage to be covered with mixed budgerigar seed (no sunflower).

Cage Stickers: Stickers as determined by the BCT, to be issue by the Show Secretary to the exhibitors stating class and cage number. Stickers to be adhered to the show cage on the left side of the bottom front rail. All old stickers to be removed prior to placing new sticker on cage. A "N" or "I" placed in front of the class number will indicate exhibitor current status.

Judges Decision: Will be final on merit and classification, as will any directive or judgement by the Show Manager

Open to the Public: All shows with the exception of BCT Shows may be opened to the public and exhibits will be cleared as soon as possible after 3pm.

Standard: The Standard in all cases shall be that adopted by the Australian National Budgerigar Council.

Benching: The placing of exhibitors show cages at the determined site for shows /or placed on show stands by the authorised persons as per By Law 2.1.11

Australian National Budgerigar Council (ANBC): Council comprising of all affiliated Zones of Australia

ANBC National Show: Annual Show held at a destination as determined by the ANBC for the running of a Zoned competition comprising of "teams" of selected birds where the nominated entries form each Zone in each variety are judged.

Zone Team Carer: One or more exhibitors at the delegation of the BCT Council can be requested to be the Zone Team Carer for a period of up to 2 weeks, one week prior to the ANBC National Show and 1 week during and on completion (including travelling) of the ANBC National Show.

Team Carers: A team of up to 4 exhibitors from the State may be delegated by the BCT Council to be Team Carers at the ANBC National Show.

By Law 1 - General:

1.1 BCT Animal Welfare and Health Checks

1.1.1 Budgerigars often display a 'preservation instinct' which means that they can sometimes appear healthy despite being very ill. Veterinary advice should always be sought immediately if you suspect that your bird is not well.

The following signs of illness can be subtle in birds:

- appearance of droppings (quality and quantity)
- amount of food or water consumed
- behaviour (e.g. ability to fly)
- appearance or posture (e.g. sleepy or fluffed-up)
- bodyweight (loss)
- rate and depth of breathing

Particular signs that indicate a health problem are:

- discharge from nostrils, eyes or beak
- excess loss of, or soiled or misshapen feathers
- inappetence (failure to eat) and weight loss
- soiled vents
- enlargements or swelling of body parts
- vomiting or regurgitation
- injury or bleeding
- dull or closed eyes
- lameness, wounded or swollen feet
- lumps or wounds on the body
- overgrown beak or nails
- stains or scabs around eyes or nostrils.

1.1.2 Budgerigar feeding guide:

- Always provide an adequate supply of a clean quality budgerigar seed mix. A cheaper mix may have a higher percentage of less edible seed(s) and /or husk.
- Spoiled seed, due to mould, age or faeces, is the one of the most common cause of poor breeding performance and recurrent illness in the budgerigar aviary.
- Provide a varied diet - you should feed your bird a combination of both a high quality commercial food and some natural foods. e.g. fresh fruit, vegetables, seeding grasses, native flowers, green foods etc. that are appropriate and safe. Check with your vet and experienced aviculturist to ensure all foods offered are appropriate and non-toxic.
- Food should be fresh and clean, and stored in a way that prevents deterioration or spoilage.
- Food containers should be checked daily to ensure there is an adequate supply. Feed should be changed regularly, rather than topped up.
- Placing a cuttlefish bone in your bird's cage will provide important trace minerals. Mixed grit and a source of calcium should be available for those bird species requiring it.
- Ensure fresh clean water is available at all times at a temperature and quality that meets the birds' needs and that the bird will drink. Water should be changed daily and receptacles kept clean.

- Please do not feed your budgerigars avocado, coffee or chocolate as these are highly toxic to birds, among other substances.

1.1.3 Supplements:

- Vitamins specific to Budgerigars can be administered at the recommended dose.
- Grits, shell and stone types, need to be fed to help Budgerigars digest their food. Remember that birds don't have teeth to grind their food, but use the grits they swallow to grind food in their gizzard.
- Probiotics
- Minerals

1.1.4 Parasite control

Budgerigars can be affected by both internal parasites such as intestinal worms and external parasites such as lice and mites. Factors such as the number of birds kept, the birds' housing system, exposure to new or wild birds and the climate, among other factors can influence the worming product and regime recommended. So please consult your vet directly for more information about parasite control in pet birds.

1.1.5 Vermin

Rodents such as mice and rats are carriers of disease that cause more expense and harm to your prized stud of budgerigars than is first obvious. Rodents not only feed where your birds feed, but also foul the seed making its consumption very, very harmful to budgerigars. Given a chance Rodents will actually eat newly hatched budgerigars. Aviaries should be built in such a manner that denies these animals access.

1.1.6 Moults

At certain times of year budgerigars go through a natural process of replacing their old feathers with new ones. After a budgerigar's first moult at 10 to 12 weeks of age their feather replacement process can be quite variable. Sometimes they lose a few feathers at a time and at other times they cast a lot. The process generally takes from 2 to 8 weeks to complete. A full moult taxes the budgerigar's system quite heavily, so it is very important that adequate nutrition is maintained during this period.

1.1.7 Weather

Budgerigars should be protected from extreme hot and cold temperatures and other weather extremes. Any aviary or cage which is exposed to the weather should be constructed so that all budgerigars have the ability to perch in a place that is sheltered from wind, rain and constant direct sunlight.

1.1.8 Ventilation

Budgerigars need adequate ventilation but also protection from draughts and fumes. For indoor housing, at least half of the largest side of the cage should consist of a metal grill, netting or mesh. For outdoor housing to provide shelter against prevailing winds, a solid material or cladding on the roof and walls should be used, and should cover at least one-third of the total area, running continuously around three walls. It is recommended that at least three-quarters of the area of one wall should be constructed from open-weave mesh.

1.1.9 Noise

Budgerigars need to be protected from loud or sudden noises as they can be easily startled or stressed. A radio, on low, playing your favourite music tends to help by creating a happy environment for yourself and your birds.

1.1.10 Housing requirements:

Birds require sufficient horizontal and vertical space to allow for natural free movement and flight. Please note that birds usually do not fly straight up and down vertically (like a helicopter) therefore, cages that are narrow with a lot of vertical space but not a lot of

horizontal space often do not provide adequate or suitable dimensions for pet birds.

Aviaries and cages need to include the following:

- Provide protection from the elements with ease of access
- be clean and hygienic
- provide a variety of different diameter perches with enough space for all birds. Perches should be rough and made of natural, non-toxic wood to help prevent overgrown toe nails. Sandpaper should be avoided as this may lead to footpad abrasions. Perches should be placed apart to encourage flight but not placed directly above other perches or food and drink containers to avoid contamination
- provide environmental enrichment for mental and physical stimulation
provide an adequate number of feed and water stations to meet the requirements of all birds
- provide sufficient room for nesting boxes - if birds are used for breeding
- be predator-proof. Predators should not be able to gain entry to the aviary. This can be achieved by installing concrete barriers or galvanized steel or mesh (or a similar resistant material), buried to a depth of 300mm
- be escape-proof
be simple structures to enable birds to fly freely with clear lines of flight and allow for easy cleaning.

1.1.11 Wire caging

Due to the presence of zinc and lead, galvanised wire may be toxic, especially to budgerigars. The risk of poisoning can be reduced by thoroughly brushing the wire, removing loose metal flakes and 'dags' of galvanised iron that could be swallowed. New wire should be washed with a mild acidic solution such as vinegar followed by a rinse with water. Weathering the new cage for twelve months also helps reduce the risk. Ideally, leave new wire mesh to weather naturally before using it to construct the cage.

Regardless of these precautions, wire chewing birds need to be regularly monitored for signs of poisoning. The selection of wire gauge size should be based on the birds' potential ability to chew through the wire, and the wire's suitability in deterring predators and vermin.

1.1.12 Minimum cage size guidelines:

- The minimum width of a cage for a pair of birds should be three times their combined wing span.
- The minimum length of a cage should permit at least 2 wing beats (the more the better) between perches. Perches should be placed far enough from the ends of the cage to allow the birds to turn around on the perches without scraping their tail feathers against the cage.
- The minimum height of a cage should be three times the length from head to tip of tail of the largest bird to be confined in it, and should be increased accordingly if more than one pair or more than one species is kept in the cage.
- The cage should be constructed or positioned such that at least one perch is at standing shoulder height (for the sense of security of the birds).
- The cage should provide room for the bird to fly between perches in an approximately horizontal plane.
- There should be sufficient room for the bird to fully extend its wings and to fly without damaging wings or feathers on the walls or ceiling of the cage.

1.2 BCT Guidelines for Budgerigars travelling to and from the National Show

Preface

- Intended as a minimum set of basic Guidelines.
- By entering a bird for Tasmanian selection the breeder agrees to these minimum guidelines
- There are 3 broad aims of the following protocols
- To minimise stress on individual birds
- To prevent any diseases that may break out from passing to other birds
- To treat any ill birds that become apparent during the National Show

1.2.1 What breeders should do before bringing birds to the Club selection and subsequently the “BCT State Shield Show”

Parasite control.

This is the responsibility of the individual breeder, long before travelling to selection at the State Shield and the National Show.

In the months leading up to selection, breeders should recognise potential problems in their flock and treat if required, any external parasites such as scaly-face.(for example Ivermectin) In addition during the week prior to the club selection, apply lice and mite spray to all birds (For example F10).

General Health.

Only bring birds for selection if you know they are in good condition and health.

Do not bring ANY birds if there are significant health issues in the rest of your flock.

- Note. Any bird that feels “light” will not be selected in the Tasmanian team, please refer to the Logistics process (below) after team selection.
- Sick birds will not be selected to travel to the ANBC event.

Diet.

Enhance the diet (for example millet sprays) several weeks before, to bring the birds into optimal condition for travel.

Cease green feeding several days prior to club team selections

For 1-2 days prior to selection provide a recognised energy and electrolyte supplement (For example Spark).

1.2.2 Tasmanian (BCT) procedure with the birds from Sunday to Thursday prior to travel.

- Birds are recorded by owner and ring number and taken from the BCT State Shield venue, to the holding cages at the carer’s premises.
- Birds that are housed together are further noted as they are spread into the holding cages, as far as practical keeping birds from different owners separated in these cages. Hens are carefully managed for aggression.
- Fresh water,(changed daily) seed mix 50% canary 40% millets, pannicum, hulled oats,& millet sprays, with shell grit and cuttle fish is available in all holding cages.
- A recognised energy and electrolyte supplement is provided (Spark).
- Light spray with F10 daily.
- Wash dirty or blood marked birds.
- Remove multiple excess spots.
- Thursday travel to the National Event
- No birds, other than the Tasmanian Team, will be allowed in the “travel boxes” or the holding area at the National Show.
- “Travel boxes” have previously been cleaned and disinfected.
- The most direct return flights have been booked, to minimise wait time when transshipment is necessary.

- Prior to departure, lights will be on at least an hour prior to boxing to enable birds to drink and fill their crops with seed Millet sprays will be included in the “travel boxes” for the duration of the bird movement. Specific laws apply in WA where permits are required, which are usually arranged by the host State.
- The Tasmanian team will always travel on a Thursday prior to the weekend competition, to have the birds at the venue as early as possible after it opens, in order to allow birds to settle for the best part of a day prior to further show preparation on Friday.

1.2.3 Thursday arrival at the ANBC Event

- Birds are booked into the holding area by ring number and variety by the carers and security personal.
- Seed mix, millet sprays and hulled oats are spread on the floor of the holding cages to ensure immediate access to all birds as they are checked out of their “travel boxes”, In addition energy and electrolyte supplement is added to the water. (Spark).
- Vet and Carer Checks:
- Birds are assessed visually soon after arrival and again once they have settled in.
- Any ill bird noticed by carers or should be brought to the attention of the vet
- Medications and/or fluid replacement therapy may be required
- Once the vet has finished the examination, any recommendations will be discussed with the carers. Remedial action will be taken on the vet’s advice, it may mean that the bird is removed to a hospital cage and scratched from the competition.
- Records for any ill birds and any medications used will be kept. This information will travel back with the birds when they return home and be provided to the owner.
- When the birds are settled and checked, the holding cages will be secured and the birds will be left to rest until Friday morning.

1.2.4 Friday - Sunday handling and treatment in the holding venue

Observation is continued regularly throughout the time the birds are in the holding room.

- Birds are prepared for show, by washing or removing excess spots or straightening flight feathers.
- Birds are not handled, unless necessary for caging or show preparation.
- Birds are benched in three lots, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.
- Birds are released into the holding cages after each session.

Preparation for travel home early Monday morning.

- Same as relevant parts of “Thursday travel to National event”
- Also “Thursday arrival at National event”
- If any bird is too ill to travel it may need to stay until fit to travel

1.2.5 Handling and treatment once the birds are back in Tasmania at the carer’s premises

1.2.5.1 Monday and Tuesday.

Birds are removed from the carry cages, and as near as possible relocated in their original holding cage, to help settle down before releasing them to the owners, which is preferably after they have taken a drink (Spark) and some seed.

Birds are checked out to individual owners or their agreed representatives.

- “Travel cages” are cleaned and disinfected as soon as possible, before putting into storage.

1.2.5.2 Handling when birds are taken home to the owner's aviary

- Quarantine birds for 6 weeks
- If the birds are ill when they arrive home, the 6 weeks' quarantine begins from recovery
- Supply an energy and electrolyte supplement for one week (Spark)
- Any sick birds should be taken to an avian vet for examination to identify the cause and to prescribe treatment to avoid any problems being passed on to the rest of the flock.

Breeder to advise BCT carers if any health problems arise during the minimum 6 weeks' quarantine period at owners' aviary

1.2.6 Host state requirements:

The host state provides the following at the venue (See also ANBC Attachment 3 to By-Law 1(a))

- Hospital cages, preferably one per Team
- Energy and electrolyte supplement and probiotic
- Clean water, seed mix, millet sprays and hulled oats
- Sink and hand wash disinfectant with paper towels
- Have arrangements to house any birds that are too ill to travel home

1.3 Heat Clause

It is recommended that all clubs abide by the Heat Clause as introduced by the BCT with the welfare of the birds in mind, as follows;

- If the weather forecast on the 7pm ABC Nightly News on the night before any scheduled show is for 35 degrees or more for the locality of the show, NO Diploma and NO Exhibitor Points will be available or awarded.
- Should the temperature forecast on the 7pm ABC Nightly News for the locality of the show be for less than 35 degrees, but on the day of the show exceeds 35 degrees then no penalty will apply.
- Clubs cancelling their show shall be given the option of re-scheduling the show on any available, suitable and approved date in that same year.
- In the event of cancellation of the show, the club secretary must notify the BCT secretary, all club secretaries and, if available, Societies Facebook page at their earliest opportunity.

1.4 Council Meetings

- 1.4.1 The BCT Secretary will give affiliated Societies four weeks' notice of all council meetings and notified business.
- 1.4.2 The Council is made up of three delegates from each of the affiliated clubs and three official office bearers – President, Secretary, and Treasurer, All Delegates must be active Breeder/Exhibitors
- 1.4.3 At all Council meetings, The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and all delegates shall all have one voting right. The BCT President has the casting vote. Other Council officials and BCT Members may attend Council meetings, but do not have ex officio voting rights.
- 1.4.4 Nomination forms for all council positions will be distributed by the BCT Secretary by 30 June and should be returned to the returning officer by 31 July.
- 1.4.5 Where more than one nomination is received, the returning officer will conduct a postal ballot of all members of affiliated bodies listed in the Club membership return for June of the year in which the election is being held.
- 1.4.6 Notices of business from Affiliated Societies should be submitted to the State Secretary at least six weeks prior to a Council meeting to allow incorporation into the agenda of the meeting.

1.4.7 Meetings can be held via 3 methods, nominated meeting place, Zoom or phone conference. Each meeting choice is to be determined to the benefit of the Council delegates and official office bearer's

1.5 BCT Committees

1.5.1 There is one standing committee of the BCT – the Judges and Standards (J&S) Committee.

1.5.2 At its Annual General Meeting Council, will nominate one member to be the coordinator of the J & S Committee.

1.5.3 The J&S Committee will be made up of all Senior Panel Judges. Probationary Judges and Judges in training may attend Committee meetings as observers and may participate at the Committee's discretion.

1.5.4 The J&S Coordinator will present a report to the BCT at each Annual General Meeting of the Council.

1.5.5 The J&S Committee will nominate one of its members as its representative on the national Standards Committee.

1.5.6 The J&S Committee will hold a minimum of two meetings per annum, one of which will be a full day meeting.

1.6 Awareness Day/Judges Training

1.6.1 A Bird Awareness Seminar/Enthusiasts Day /Judges training day may be conducted by BCT or one of the member bodies each year

1.6.2 Participation will be open to all members of affiliated bodies.

1.6.3 The format for the Seminar/ Enthusiasts Day will be determined by the host body, but will include expert input, high levels of involvement by participants and visits to aviaries where possible.

1.6.4 The BCT will subsidise the cost of the Seminar or Enthusiasts Day . The level of subsidy will be determined at the Annual General Meeting of Council each year.

1.6.5 All Judges must attend a Judges training day each year

1.7 Rings

1.7.1 The State Ring Registrar will issue rings bearing the official code of the ANBC each year to financial members of affiliated clubs.

1.7.2 At each Council meeting, Club Secretaries should provide the Ring Registrar with membership return listing all current members eligible to participate in the activities of the Council.

1.7.3 Orders for rings should be placed with the Ring Registrar in sufficient time for orders to be placed with the ring supplier so that rings can be mailed out to arrive as near as possible to official ANBC ring issue date

1.7.4 Exhibitors are entitled to have their rings coded with a unique personal identification code.

1.7.5 Each code will consist of no more than two letters and one single digit number, or reverse, one letter and two numbers, or one of each. e.g. QT1, Q12 or Q1

1.7.6 Exhibitors may nominate their preferred code which must be approved by Ring Registrar after checking that there is no duplication with any other code currently in use in Tasmania.

1.8 Judges

1.8.1 There will be three Judges panels: A Senior Panel, a Probationary Panel and a Trainee Panel.

1.8.2 All judges will be active breeders and exhibitors of budgerigars, presenting birds in at least one Open show each year.

1.8.3 Entry to the Trainee Panel is open to all exhibitors with a minimum of three years, experience as a breeder/exhibitor who wish to nominate themselves. Nominations to be forwarded to Judges Panel Co-ordinator.

1.8.4 Entry to the Probationary Panel is open to Trainee Panel Members who have been certified competent and who have met the requirements set down by the Senior Judges Panel.

1.9 Exhibitor Status

- 1.9.1 Four levels of exhibitor are recognised by the BCT: Beginner, Novice, Intermediate and Open.
- 1.9.2 Beginners are in their first year of exhibiting birds. The status of beginner is lost at the end of the show year in which the beginner first exhibits. In most shows, no separate Beginners division is provided and Beginners are required to exhibit in the Novice Division.
- 1.9.3 Should a Beginner win a Champion Novice or Champion Young Bird in the first year of exhibiting no qualifying points will be accrued towards the change in their exhibitor status from Novice to Intermediate.
- 1.9.4 Novices exhibit in the Novice Division until they have won the award of Champion Novice or Champion Young Bird in Show in competition against five exhibitors and at least fifty entries in two different shows.
- 1.9.5 A Novice who has qualified for elevation to Intermediate or the members of a Novice partnership which has qualified for elevation to Intermediate changes status from the beginning of the next show year or from the beginning of their third year as an exhibitor whichever is the later.
- 1.9.6 Intermediates exhibit in the Intermediate Division until they have won the award of Champion Intermediate or Champion Young Bird in Show in competition against five exhibitors and at least fifty entries in two different shows.
- 1.9.7 An Intermediate who has qualified for elevation to Open or the members of an Intermediate partnership which has qualified for elevation to Open changes status from the end of the show year in which they qualify or at the end of their second year as an Intermediate exhibitor whichever is the later.
- 1.9.8 Champion Awards won in shows in which separate divisions for Novice and Intermediate are not provided do not affect the status of exhibitors.
- 1.9.9 An exhibitor may elect to forfeit their entitlement to show in their Division and may exhibit in a higher Division. Having exhibited in a higher Division, an exhibitor may not resume exhibiting at a lower level except as provided in By Law 1.9.10
- 1.9.10 An exhibitor may request a review of their exhibition status by the BCT and their status may be varied at the discretion of the BCT after the review.
- 1.9.11 The status of new exhibitors with previous exhibition experience will be determined by the BCT on a case by case basis.

1.10 Special Awards & Definitions

- 1.10.1 A BCT Diploma may be awarded to the exhibitor of the Champion Young Bird at championship shows held by affiliated Societies.
- 1.10.2 Shows to be granted Diploma Status will be determined at the Annual General Meeting of Council.
- 1.10.3 Diplomas will be awarded, where birds have been judged by a Senior Panel Judge from any member body of the ANBC and where at least 100 birds have been benched in the Young Bird sections.
- 1.10.4 Challenge Certificates (CC) are awarded for the best of variety in Young and Any Age Sections of Open Shows and each class winner at the G & M Tuthill State Shield Show is awarded a Three Star Certificate.
- 1.10.5 Where shows provide separate Divisions for Novice, Intermediate and Open, the winners of Best in Variety in each Division compete for the Challenge Certificate in each variety.

- 1.10.6 Three levels of Certificate may be issued in a variety:
- * One Star Certificate is issued when more than one bird and fewer than seven birds are exhibited.
 - ** Two Star Certificate is issued when eight to twenty-birds are exhibited
 - *** Three Star Certificate is issued when twenty-one or more birds are exhibited
- 1.10.7 Points are gained by winning Challenge Certificates: one point for a One Star Certificate, two points for a Two Star Certificate and three points for a Three Star Certificate.
- 1.1 0.8 A bird may be declared a Champion Bird when it gains nine points in exhibition, at least three of the nine points must be gained in Any Age competition.
- 1.10.9 A Certificate will be provided to the owner of a Champion Bird setting out its Variety, Ring number, Breeder and Owner.

By-Law 2: Shows Rules and Shows

2.1 Show Rules

- 2.1.1 The BCT will support two shows and one seminar each year:
- (a) Future Champions Show – Supported Show
 - (b) G & M Tuthill State Shield Show – Managed Show
 - (c) State Feature Show – Supported Show
 - (d) Bird Awareness / Enthusiasts Day / Judges training Day Seminar
- 2.1.2 Activities a) c) and d) may be hosted on a rotational basis by all Societies registered with the BCT.
- 2.1.3 The G & M Tuthill State Shield Show will be conducted at a venue in close proximity to the nominated team bird carer for that year, this will allow the team to be settled quickly and ensure the welfare of the birds is paramount over long travelling distances.
- 2.1.4 The club closest to the team carer will provide the venue, staging, stewards and help with the organisation of providing morning tea and lunch.
- 2.1.5 The BCT will meet all costs associated with the venues, trophies, place, champion tickets and meals of the Managed Show.
- 2.1.6 Activities a), b) and d) - Each host club will arrange the venue and provide staging and stewards.
- 2.1.7 The State Show Secretary will manage all secretarial duties at the Managed Show.
- 2.1.8 Classes for BCT shows are to be determined by the BCT and published in the BCT Show Booklet each year.
- 2.1.9 The show year is from 1st January each year, however current year rung birds can be exhibited at shows after ANBC National Show (May).
- 2.1.10 No smoking is permitted in any BCT Show venue.
- 2.1.11 At any of the shows listed as (a)(b)(c) and (d) or any affiliated club shows the benching procedure shall apply as per 2.1.12 to 2.1.17.
- 2.1.12 Birds are to be benched by the nominated benching time. Exhibitors are to place their cages onto the benching tables. The Show Benching Stewards will bench the birds into their nominated classes.
- 2.1.13 Once exhibitors' birds have been benched at any of the shows listed as(a)(b)(c) and (d) or any affiliated society shows, the cages are to be handled ONLY by the nominated show benching stewards, the Show Manager or Judges during the judging period.
- 2.1.14 No other exhibitors /visitors can access the nominated show benching area or judging stands area until after completion of the judging and the Show Manager opens the show to viewing.
- 2.1.15 The Show Manager has the right to request person/s that are not permitted into the Show benching area/judging stand area to leave the area until after the show has been opened for viewing. Noncompliance may result in the person/s being requested to leave the venue until the show is opened to viewing by the Show Manager.

- 2.1.16 The exhibitor/s are not permitted to access, relocate or remove their or any other cage until the Show Manager releases and allows collection of the exhibited cages back to the Exhibitor/s at the conclusion of the Show.
- 2.1.17 Once all exhibitors have collected their cages, and at the approval of the Show Manager, the exhibitors may remove their cages from the venue.
- 2.1.18 The Show Manager should have at his disposal items as listed under By Law 3.1.2.
- 2.1.19 The Show Manger should nominate and then advise the exhibitors and spectators of an area designated as a "Quarantine/No Entry Area" accessible only by the Show Manager for the duration of the show event.
- 2.1.20 At the conclusion of judging, a society may wish to conduct a bird sale.

2.2 Future Champions Show

- 2.2.1 The show is to be held on a date and venue nominated by BCT at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) each year ..BCT may amend the rules of the Future Champions Show each year at the AGM
- 2.2.2 Novice and Intermediate birds exhibited at this show with the following years ring colour will all qualify for the Future Champion awards. Novice and Intermediate Birds with current year ring colour may qualify for Other Awards as nominated each year by the BCT at the AGM.
- 2.2.3 All Novice and Intermediate exhibitors in Tasmania are eligible to enter.
- 2.2.4 BCT Champion Awards will be provided, in each division.
- 2.2.5 BCT Sectional awards will be provided in each division.
- 2.2.6 Judges for the show will be those selected by BCT
- 2.2.7 All birds will be inspected prior to judging by the Judges and the BCT Show Manager and birds found to be wrong classed will be reclassified.
- 2.2.8 A Special Beginners Award will be provided for the Best Bird exhibited in the Novice Division by an exhibitor in their first year of exhibiting.

2.3 G & M Tuthill State Shield Show

- 2.3.1 The show is to be held on the Sunday prior to the Australian National Championship Show.
- 2.3.2. The show is open to all paid up affiliated member bodies of the BCT.
- 2.3.3 Each competing club will be eligible to enter a maximum of four birds in each class.
- 2.3.4 All birds entered in the show are to be available for selection for exhibition at the ANBC Championship Show the following week.
- 2.3.5 All birds entered in the show are to be owner bred and rung with officially identified ANBC rings required for exhibition at the ANBC Championship Show the following week. These rings are to be registered with the State Ring Registrar prior to the Show.
- 2.3.6 All exhibitors must be Tasmanian residents who are registered financial or life members of the affiliated club with which they exhibit. They may compete as members of only one club.
- 2.3.7 The BCT may examine the rings of birds entered in the show to determine their bona fide ownership and breeding. Cage numbers will be nominated at random prior to commencement of judging and the birds in those cages may be inspected by the Show Manager under this rule.
- 2.3.8 Birds are to be benched as per By Law 2.1.12 thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencement of judging.
- 2.3.9 Show entry forms showing the exhibitors' names and the bird ring numbers are to be emailed to the State Show Secretary asap after the club selections, amendments on the day must be handed to the Show Secretary at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencement of judging.
- 2.3.10 Judges selected to judge the show are to be the available Nationally Accredited members of the BCT Senior Panel of judges.

- 2.3.11 Judging is to be conducted by two panels of two judges. (if available) or aspiring judges as nominated by Council at the AGM , National Team to be selected by a panel of judges selected by Council.
- 2.3.12 Management of the show will be in the hands of the State Show Manager.
- 2.3.13 Judges will meet with the Show Manager prior to commencement of judging.
- 2.3.14 Points shall be awarded on a sliding scale from first to last as determined by the judges. Where places in a class are unfilled because no nomination was received or birds entered were disqualified no points will be awarded for those places, but the points awarded to placed birds will not consequently be reduced.
- 2.3.15 The first three placed birds as selected by the judges as per By Law 2.3.11 may represent the State in the National Championship Show, subject to By Law 2.3.16.
- 2.3.16 The final selection of the three birds to represent Tasmania in each class at the National Championship Show will be made on the day of the show by the handlers appointed by the BCT.
- 2.3.17 The club scoring the highest aggregate point score will be declared the winner of the G & M Tuthill State Shield Show. In the event of a tie the winning team will be decided by count back, i.e., the number of placings will be counted commencing with first place and going on to second etc until one team has the advantage over the other(s).
- 2.3.18 The BCT will provide sectional awards for all sectional winners.
- 2.3.19 The G & M Tuthill State Shield Show trophy will be presented to the winning club on the day and returned to the State Secretary at finalisation of the Shield Day. The winning club will be promoted in the Show Schedule Booklet the following year.
- 2.3.20 The winning club will be promoted in the Show Schedule Booklet the following year. From 2025 the Shield will not be inscribed. Care arrangements of the Tasmania Zone selected birds will be as per By Law 1.3.
- 2.3.21 Travel Arrangements for the Tasmania Zone selected birds will be arranged and paid for by the BCT Council.
- 2.3.22 Tasmania Zone selected birds will return to the state on completion of the ANBC National Show, exhibitors whose birds have represented the Tasmania Zone will be advised when their birds will be available for collection from the Team carer.

By-Law 3: Offences

3.1 Show offences

- 3.1.1 Any exhibit suspected by a judge of having been tampered with is to be called to the attention of the Show Manager and removed from the bench to the Quarantine Area by the Show Manager. As soon as practicable the Show Manager, the reporting judge and one other judge (or show officials) are to assemble with the bird's owner or representative to conduct a thorough examination of the apparent misconduct.
- 3.1.2 The Show Manager should always have at his disposal during the Show, the following items:
 - Paper Bags / Paper C5 envelopes that can be labelled and sealed should sample/evidence be required and /or collected.
 - Gloves (i.e. food grade handling gloves) should sample/evidence be required and or collected.
 - Tweezers or other suitable device to enable collection of sample/evidence
- 3.1.3 Details (including photographs) of any suspected show offence must be fully recorded by the Show Manager on the day of the show and supplied to the BCT Secretary within 7 days.
- 3.1.4 The BCT, the Club holding the show or any of the officials of the Club holding the show concerned with the inspection of the bird in question shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to the bird.
- 3.1.5 All complaints received by the Secretary under this Section shall be dealt with in accordance with By-Law 5 Penalties and Procedures for Misconduct.

- 3.1.6 Any Adult or Young bird exhibited with more than one ring will be disqualified, however, a bird with no ring may be exhibited in Any Age Class but is not eligible for exhibitor status points.
- 3.1.7 Any exhibit that may be deemed to have been tampered with.

3.2 Discrimination and Harassment

BCT and affiliated clubs and members must abide as per ANBC By Law 12. This important policy document forms part of the Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc By- Laws and is to apply to all affiliated States and Zones along with Clubs within those States and Zones and all members of those Clubs. The document is also enforceable under Australian Law. This policy defines the requirements and scope associated with Bullying and Discrimination.

3.3 Other Offences

Should a member/members or potential members conduct themselves in a manner deemed not in the interest of the hobby or deemed by the BCT and affiliated Societies Committees as inappropriate behaviour, in any form. Including all forms of multimedia, does not represent the principals and standards of the BCT and its affiliated Societies and members. Action may be taken to address this, see By-Law 5 (Penalties and Procedures for Misconduct)

By-Law 4: Misconduct

- 4.1 A member will be guilty of an offence of misconduct in any of the following circumstances:
- 4.2 Any breach by such member of the By Laws of Association of the Council or Affiliated Societies
- 4.3 Any breach by such member of the BCT By Laws and BCT Judging Guidelines.
- 4.4 Altering the natural colour or shade of natural colour or the natural markings of the bird, by the use of any substance.
- 4.5 Using any substance, preparation, powder or adhesive substance (set or non-set) and which remains on the bird during exhibition to such an extent so as to deceive or be likely to deceive a judge whether it was applied with intent to deceive or not.
- 4.6 Cutting, piercing, breaking by force, or any kind of operation or act which destroys or otherwise alters the natural formation of the bird or its feather texture. Removal of excessive throat spots shall be permitted.
- 4.7 Tampering in any manner with a closed ring
- 4.8 Using a closed ring purchased from the Council at any establishment other than at the nominated address or addresses of the member or in the case of a partnership at the nominated addresses of any members of that partnership.
- 4.9 Using or permitting the use of a closed ring other than their own to be on birds shown by them or their partners in a young bird or UBC class.

By-Law 5: Penalties and Procedures for Misconduct

5.1 Penalties for Misconduct

The penalty imposed for misconduct may include;

- 5.1.1 Formal Warning; in writing or
- 5.1.2. Reprimand; or
- 5.1.3. Refusal of membership
- 5.1.4 Suspension of privileges of membership for a time as determined by Council
- 5.1.5 Any person or exhibitor found guilty of a serious offence of misconduct will not be eligible to hold any office of any kind with BCT or any of its affiliated societies.

5.2 Misconduct Procedures

- 5.2.1 Subject to the BCT By Laws, if the Committee is of the opinion, that a member has refused or neglected to comply with the By Laws of the BCT, or has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member, or prejudicial to the interests of the Council, the Committee may, by resolution;

- 5.2.1.1 Suspend that member from membership of the Council for a specified period;
- 5.2.1.2 Expel that member from the Council.
- 5.2.2 The member may, within 48 hours of the receipt of notification in writing via email or post of the Committee's decision, give notice to the Secretary to the effect that he or she wishes to appeal to the members of the Council in general meeting. In such event the Committee's resolution shall not take effect unless and until confirmed by a special resolution of the members in general meeting.

By Law 6: Disputes and Mediation

In the event of a dispute between: (i) a member and another member; or (ii) a member and the BCT Council, the parties to the dispute must meet within 14 days and discuss the matter in dispute and if possible, resolve the dispute.

If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at such meeting, the parties must hold a further meeting in the presence of a mediator chosen by agreement between the parties, or in the absence of such agreement; (i) in the case of a dispute between a member and another member, a person appointed by the Committee; or (ii) in the case of a dispute between a member and the Council, a mediator appointed or employed by Department of Justice, at 30 Gordons Hill Road, Rosny Park or phone: 1300 135 513.

By-Law 7: Matters that must be brought to the attention Show Manager or officiating Judge

- 7.1 Animal Welfare non-compliance as per BCT By Law 1.1
- 7.2 Cages which do not comply with the Specification of the Standard Showcase for the Australian National Budgerigar Council (Inc.) As Amended – December 2003 -Revision "D" December 2003.
- 7.3 Marked cages e.g.:
 - dirty cages;
 - incorrect seed mixture not to Seed Mixture as per By-Law;
 - incorrect tape on door, (Black PVC Electrical Tape is acceptable);
 - multiple cage stickers;
 - paper or other underlay on cage floor, other than that approved by BCT and /or ANBC;
 - missing/incorrectly placed drinkers
- 7.4 Any other abnormality which will in the opinion of the Steward or Judge constitutes a marked cage.