

SOUTH-EAST BRANCH 30th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The celebrations for the 30th Birthday of the South East-Branch of the Avicultural Society of South Australia, over the weekend of 20th—21st of September, commenced with aviary visits at leisure to some members' homes. Those who could, did some on the way home on the Sunday as well. The highlight of the weekend was the dinner held at the International Motel in Mt Gambier and the PowerPoint presentations by two special Guest Speakers, Tim Nielsen, the assistant curator of birds at the Adelaide Zoo, and Bob Green, the regional coordinator for the Orange-bellied Parrot Recovery Team; both speakers had the full attention of all present and delivered informative and educational information for all to absorb. Their passion in their respective fields was evident, and we are thankful for their effort and time in agreeing to be at this special occasion. Congratulatory words were also given by Tony Melbourne, the Secretary/Treasurer of the Avicultural Society of South Australia, and by David Johncock, representing the United Bird Societies of South Australia. Their attendance and support of the Branch was very much appreciated. Six long serving members were awarded a special "Certificate of Appreciation". The recipients: Jean Ridley⁽¹⁾, Neil Gray⁽²⁾ (both Life and Founding Members of the Branch), Lynne Jackway⁽³⁾, Trevor and Maureen White⁽⁴⁾ and Kelly Bottomley⁽⁵⁾ have continuously given both time and effort in support of the Branch.

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THE SCRUMPTIOUS CAKE



JEAN & NEIL CUT THE CAKE
"Mmm, shall we eat it here, or take it away"



KYM SANDERCOCK
COMPARED THE NIGHT



SOME OF THOSE PRESENT AT THE DINNER



THE DESERVING AWARD RECIPIENTS



FRONT COVER

The habitat of the Caribbean Flamingo includes saline lagoons, mudflats and shallow brackish coastal or inland lakes. Like all Flamingos, it lays a single chalky white egg on a mud mound, between May and August; incubation takes from 28 to 32 days; both parents brood the young. Their life expectancy of 40 years is one of the longest in birds.

The Caribbean Flamingo breeds in the Galapagos Islands, coastal Colombia, Venezuela and nearby islands, the Yucatán Peninsula of Mexico, and in the northern Caribbean in the Bahamas, Hispaniola, Cuba and Turks and Caicos Islands.

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