

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR SANDRA AND BURRELL WITT

It is with pleasure that we announce that Life Membership of the Society has been awarded to Mid-North Branch stalwarts Sandra and Burrell Witt.

Sandra joined the Mid-North Branch in 1986, and joined the Branch Committee in 1988. In 1999 she was elected Branch Secretary, a position she has held continuously since that time. During that time she has missed but one Branch Meeting, and that due to surgery. There is no need to list the vast amount of work she has done on behalf of both the Branch and the Society itself, anyone who has held a secretarial position will appreciate the time and effort that is involved.

Burrell joined the Society in 1981 and not long after was invited to join the Mid-North Branch. He was first elected to the Branch Committee in 1988, and then again in 1993. In 1995 he was again elected and has served continuously from that time. In 1988 he became the Branch Services Steward and has carried out that role ever since.

Sandra and Burrell were pivotal in ensuring the Branch remained an integral part of the Society a few years ago when a small number of Mid-North members agitated for leaving the Society.

All their efforts have been solely for their love of birds. They have never considered their bird-keeping activities to be money orientated, but have seen their involvement as a way of meeting fellow bird-keepers, learning new techniques and sharing their knowledge with anyone that asks. They have never asked for anything in return, to the point where Sandra has only recently received compensation for her secretarial costs, and only then because another member moved that she be reimbursed.

Their Life Member Certificates and Badges were presented at the joint Yorke Peninsula and Mid-North Meeting on Sunday, August 14th.