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2011 UBSSA SEMINAR
ENFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE
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SUNDAY, MAY 29th**

**SPEAKER PROFILES
Peter Odekerken—Queensland**

Peter has always been fascinated by birds and started keeping finches 50 years ago.

He still enjoys finches but currently only keeps parrots.

Peter has written a book on Lorries and Lorikeets published by Australian Birdkeeper and has written many articles for them as well as overseas magazines.

He has also had the opportunity to lecture all over the world including the biggest parrot conference in the world held by Loro Parque in the Canary Islands, Spain.

He has bred most species of Australian and Exotic parrots. He loves all wildlife but has been fascinated with parrots and finches for as long as he can remember.

We have a wonderful range of species here as you would be aware, but he is also interested in exotic parrots.

To that end he has photographed and seen many overseas varieties as well. He has

provided video footage of the rare Cape Parrot in South Africa which has been used in a video production screened on TV and in schools throughout that country to make

people aware of the endangered status of this bird and what are some of the ways to help save it.

Similarly he assisted the Katala Foundation with footage and images of the world's rarest cockatoo. The Philippine Cockatoo is endangered and it is fantastic how this cockatoo has been helped by the locals on Palawan.

He also supplied footage for the re-introduction of the Kuhl's Lorikeet from Rimatara, French Polynesia to Atiu in the Cook Islands. This footage was again used for a video show to Birdlife International and the New Zealand public TV channels.

David Pace—Victoria

David's avicultural history is as follows:

President of the National Finch and Softbill Association.

Vice—President of the Geelong Branch of the Avicultural Society of Australia

Editor of "The Journal" the official publication of the Geelong Branch of the Avicultural Society of Australia

On the NEBRS committee in the late 1990's as an advisor to the then minister

37 years experience keeping finches, doves, quail, parrots and lorikeets

Keen interest in ornithology

Author of "Avian Husbandry Notes for the Pictorella Mannikinn".

Author of over 150 articles and papers on aviculture

Regular contributor to Australian Birdkeeper and Australian Aviculture.

And as a side note, was a member of the infamous Australian Band "The Painters and Dockers" who were inducted in the Australian Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in November 2009.

Barry Blanch—Queensland

Barry has had an interest in birds for most of his life, starting during the 1960's. Back then he also tended to rescue the odd Rosella or Galah that had fallen out of a tree on the farm. The eldest of 10 children raised on a diary farm—south of Rosewood in South East Queensland he had very little time for hobbies and as birds were in plentiful supply they became more important to Barry than school. In those days he would catch and sell finches to the local pet shops. Barry and his brother kept birds in all sorts of makeshift aviaries and cages including 'wired in old tank stands, tea chests and not to mention some old wardrobes. In 1984 Barry began serious bird keeping with the more commonly kept backyard birds—Pale-headed and Eastern Rosellas, Galahs, King Parrots and Red-rumped Parrots. There were setbacks to face, his ABSCO aviaries blew away in a severe cyclone - birds and all-not to mention problems keeping too many different birds in the one flight. That was when a decision was made to build a complex and concentrate on breeding. Over the years, adding another flight and building extra banks has become a necessary weekend pastime. A personal setback was the diagnosis of an inoperable adenoma brain tumour in 1998. At the time Barry was advised to enjoy life to the fullest so—after getting on top of the news— he applied to study a Charles Sturt University for a Graduate Certificate in Applied Science (Ornithology) and engaged in the study of birds to keep his mind active. Completing this course made him realise how little he had previously known about birds! Barry and his wife Julie have been fortunate enough to keep all but one of the Australian species allowed to be kept in Queensland and has had success with most.

Dr. Mark Hill— South Australia

Mark is the current proprietor of the Somerton Park Veterinary Clinic and one of the few bird vets in South Australia.

Mark also holds several other positions with his field of veterinary and these are:

Animal Welfare Officer - Flinders University

Marine Mammal Consultant - South Australian Museum and Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Australian Veterinary Association Representative - Australian Wildlife Health Network.

In addition to the Sunday Seminar there will be aviary visits on the preceding day...Saturday the 28th.

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