

BRANCH NEWS

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SOUTH-EAST BRANCH

A large number of members attended our August meeting held at the home of Barry Virgin, Nangwarry, and enjoyed viewing his aviaries.

Although Barry has been a member of the Branch for many years this was the first time that he had hosted a meeting. Thanks Barry.

Members enjoyed the meal of chicken and salads, (and some enjoyed the odd glass of port that was supplied).

The venue for our next meeting, scheduled for Sunday 12th October, will be Kym and Helen Sandercock's, Naracoorte.

The meal is a BBQ. Please bring a salad to share, chairs, afternoon tea and something for the raffle.

**DON'T FORGET OUR 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20th.**

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MID-NORTH BRANCH

On the 26th July a few of our members went on Aviary Visits to the Port Pirie Bird Club, some starting at 8.30am at Booleroo Centre with the rest meeting us at Laura. The day finished at Mark Kirchners with a BBQ Tea and our President Trevor gave a presentation on his recent trip to Mike Fidlers. It was a very enjoyable day.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday 21st September - Cuttlefish Drive. Meet at Don & Bev Warmingtons' at 10.00am. To be followed by BBQ Lunch. (Supplied by Branch) Names & Numbers attending to the Secretary, Sandra, on 88232534 to assist with the ordering of meat...No Name, No Lunch.

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YORKE PENINSULA BRANCH

On Sunday, August 3rd, twelve members of our Branch participated in an enjoyable day speaking with other bird-keepers and touring their aviaries. The weather was cool and sunny, though a bit breezy, but we were all rugged up and ready to go!

Our day started at 10.00am, at the home of Mick Catford and his extensive finch aviaries. Mick and his father Ron answered our many questions and we were surprised to see his nesting areas out in the open. Ron assured us the finches bred well under these conditions, and this way they were always on display.

Next, we moved on to the home of Joy & Rud Christianson, to see their assorted avian collection which included a pair of Galahs who, Joy said, breed consistently every year.

We then journeyed to the home of Anita & Maurice Treasure, to view their birds, which consisted mostly of N.Z. Kakarikis, Princess Parrots and Turqs. Their huge unpruned fruit trees made our tour challenging, and consequently, I have a job next week to prune these monsters! (I think the chainsaw will be warmed up!) It was now 12.00pm, so we had an hour's break for lunch before travelling to view Mr & Mrs Errol Dry's aviaries, which mostly consisted of assorted cockatiels. They also used nesting logs out in the open which seemed to be extremely successful too. We were also fascinated with Mr Dry's goldfish breeding programme.

Next, members travelled to view Mr & Mrs Critchlow's collection, and although they were not home, they had kindly arranged for a friend to show us around. There were Ooh's & Ah's everywhere as we ogled their many pairs of Major Mitchells, King Parrots and Eclectus. We were also surprised to see many pairs of Scarlets flitting happily amongst these large parrots.

Soon we were on our way to one of our newest members, Trevor Fiegert, where we were entertained by his many finches, especially his large collection of various Gouldians. Members were also fascinated by Trevor's Dama Wallabies.

We then went to the home of Sue and Bill Mitchell, to view their fabulous collection of assorted finches. We were also treated to a display by their Peacocks, and enthusiastically fed grain from our cupped hands to their emu and alpacas.

We were now all tired and hungry and it was getting cold and dark, so we headed back to Daryl and Helen Jones' for a barbecue tea and rest. Some members also quickly looked around their aviaries which is a mixed collection of finches & parrots. They were also entertained by their Sulphur Crested cockatoo, who talks a lot. Unfortunately, they had recently lost their old kookaburra, who was 28 years old.

This concluded our aviary tour and an extremely enjoyable day.

We did not have a formal meeting, but did have our monthly raffle draw. The date of our next meeting is undecided as yet.

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