

BARRY RICHARD HUTCHINS OAM 1935 - 2009



BARRY WITH HIS
50 YEAR
MEMBERSHIP
MEDAL

Members are advised of the passing of our Patron, and Life Member, Barry Hutchins OAM on Sunday, September 6th.

Barry was a prominent South Australian aviculturist and ornithologist from the 1940s until the time of his passing. In his early avicultural days he actively competed for the Society's prestigious First Breeding Medals, often against his arch rivals, and friends, the McKechnie family.

Barry served on the committee of the society for seventeen consecutive years from 1961, holding, at various times, the positions of Committeeman, Show Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President.

In addition to his avicultural pursuits Barry was a keen ornithologist. He travelled all over Australia, often with his fellow Life Member the late Bob Lovell, adding to his Life List of birds observed. Altogether 637 Australian species were added to his list, it is unfortunate that his health prevented him from observing the few remaining Australian species.

Over the years Barry contributed numerous articles to our magazine, and gave many illustrated addresses to members, particularly on birds of the Northern Territory and the Kimberlys. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Barry and Bob Lovell jointly wrote a series of articles for our magazine entitled "*Australian Parrots, Aviculture and Their Habitats*" these articles were later collated and successfully published in book form. To this day many fanciers refer to their "Hutchins & Lovell" for information on Australian parrots.

Although not actively involved in his later years, Barry maintained a keen interest in the activities and wellbeing of the society.

In 2000, Barry was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours for his services to ornithology and aviculture.

In November 2007 he was awarded the society's Gold Medal for fifty years continuous membership.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Ruby, daughters Rosemary and Bronwyn and son Daryl.

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