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Meeting Dates 2020

January
February 12th (Ashley Herrod)
March 12th
April 9th (Breeding Results)
May 14th
June 11th
July 9th
August 13th
September 10th
October 8th
November 12th

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The branch meets on the second Friday of every month, (except December), at 8pm in the **Senior Citizens Rooms**

132 Welsford St

Shepparton.

Guest Speakers, Power Point presentations, videos and other presentations pertaining to aviary birds are featured.

Supper is provided at the conclusion of the meetings and visitors are always welcome.

Services available are:
bird books,
magazines, leg rings,
catching nets,
hand rearing mixes
and other avian items



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello Members,

This month sees the return of our Friday night meetings in Shepparton, the first since March 2020.

Unfortunately, the council is still trying to work out how to clean our usual venue so we are unable to go back there at this stage.

However, we have been able to access a commercial property at Shepparton South Plaster, 81 Benalla Rd Shepparton thanks to Ron Hicks. There is limited parking out the front so please park at the rear of the building where there is ample room.

You will need to comply with the following guidelines on the night:

Sanitize your hands on arrival and sign in.

A face mask will be required whilst inside the building, entry will be refused if you are not wearing a mask. This may change in the next week depending on Dan's rules.

Please stay at home if you are feeling unwell.

We have arranged for Ash Herrod to give us a short presentation / update via Zoom on the Orange Bellied program at Moonlit Sanctuary, which from all reports has been very successful.

The ASA are holding an outdoor meeting at Moonlit on the 14th March and I will be suggesting that we car pool or take a bus and enjoy the day with the ASA.

It seems so long since we have held a meeting that I am really looking forward to it and there is so much to discuss, Bird Sale, Aviary Visits, Moonlit, Guest Speakers etc etc. I hope to see you all there at a safe social distance on Friday 12th February for an 8pm start.

Mark Reynolds
President
GV Branch of the ASA

ASA MARCH OUTDOOR MEETING

Our March get together will be held at the Moonlit Sanctuary located at 550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd. Pearcedale.

When: Sunday March 14th from 11.00am

A free Society Sausage Sizzle will be available. Other food and drink available from the Sanctuary Kiosk.

A special members entry fee of \$16 is payable.

Bookings and payment need to be made online as per the attached document.



Moonlit Sanctuary

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Join the ASA visit to Moonlit Sanctuary on March 14th at 11am and save \$10 on admission.

To purchase your tickets visit **moonlitsanctuary.com.au** and go the **Book Tickets** page to buy general admission tickets.

Enter all your details and use the discount code **ASA** at the checkout.

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Life Membership of the Goulburn Valley Branch of the Avicultural Society of Australia

A subcommittee was recently formed for the selection of Branch Life Membership.

Research was completed and assessed and five members were awarded life membership. It was an easy decision to make once we looked into what each person had contributed to the branch. There were others that could have also been awarded life membership but we all agreed that five was a sufficient number this year.

Our AGM was delayed until January due to Covid 19 and that is where the awards were presented.

The recipients were:

Warren Yardy

Warren has been an ASA member since 1988. Warren has been the GV Branch treasurer from 2000 to 2013 when he resigned due to ill health. He then become treasurer again in 2015 and currently still holds that position. Warren currently has been on the committee for 18 years. Warren is very good at his role as treasurer taking on many tasks including the Annual Bird Expo, assisting in Aviary Visits, organizing Christmas Functions and collecting money for all functions.

Bruce Trotter

Bruce has been an ASA member since 1964. Bruce is the only GV Branch member that was at the inaugural meeting (1978) which was seeking interest to form a branch. He is still a very active member today in his 86th year. Although Bruce has not held an executive position he has helped in many ways over his time in the club including opening up his aviaries for clubs to visit and organized time at the club morning / afternoon teas and lunches. He has attended most aviary visits and has given talks not only at our branch but also ASA meetings and conventions. Bruce has also been a great contributor of the expo, putting up our advertising signs at various locations around Shepparton and Mooroopna and arranging the date and venue changes by a sign writer each year (which he sourced at no cost). Bruce also organized the catering supplies for our expo for many years

Mark Bollard

Mark was our assistant sales steward for 22 years from 1985 to 2007 and Sales Steward for four years from 2007 to 2011, and has been on the committee for 26 years.

The positions of Sales Steward and Assistant Sales Steward oversees a large range of items such as catching nets, books, leg rings, food supplies etc and was especially very busy during the Bird Expo up until commercial sellers started attending and stocking similar products. When Mike retired Mark took over the position for another four years. Mark has also been very generous with his time in helping get kitchen appliances working not only for our Bird Expo but also our monthly meetings. Mark is always more than happy to open his aviaries up for branch aviary visits.

Carl Wallden

Carl was an ASA member for many years and a GV branch member from very early on. He was membership Steward from 1984 to 1988, and then Assistant Secretary from 2003 to 2012, Carl was on the committee for 13 years. Carl helped the branch in many ways over his time at the club including opening up his aviaries for clubs to visit and organised morning / afternoon teas and lunches.

Carl hosted many guest speakers during the early years of the club. The branch also held many Christmas functions at his place over the years. Carl attended most aviary visits and I remember asking Carl where he would like to go on an aviary visit and he responded with "I don't care where we go". Carl also built a shed at his property that housed the old tables/trestles that we used at functions and bird expos. Carl would still be very much involved in the branch but his condition has not allowed him to continue. Unfortunately he was unable to be present to accept his award.

Tod Osborne

Tod is a current ASA member, just unsure as to how many years. Tod was GV Branch treasurer for six years from 1983 to 1989, and Vice President for 13 years from 1992 to 2004 giving him a combined 19 years on the committee. Tod is also very involved with the VAC and is currently the branch representative, a position he has held for many years. Tod helps the branch in many ways including opening up his aviaries for clubs to visit and organising morning / afternoon teas and lunches on his own and often states “don’t worry about it I will look after it all”. Sandra does most of it I reckon. Tod attends most aviary visits. He is very good at sourcing and organising more aviaries to visit (at short notice) other than those already on the itinerary.

Mark Reynolds

GV Branch ASA

President



Why I keep birds

I'm not sure about everyone but 2020 wasn't the best of years. You can go into all the reasons why and the like but from a hobby perspective, it took a bit out of it as well. Add to the fact it was a shocking breeding season with not a lot to be proud of.

We have missed those social gatherings where we can laugh, cry and find out information on birds that we all crave. So, while sitting at home thinking about all the bad and what have I done wrong and the like I thought maybe why not think about the positives and the why we do what we do. Would I be happy to go into my backyard and not see a single aviary? No. Would I miss the sales, meetings, conventions and aviary tours? Yes. Also, what got me started down this awesome path of aviculture? This for me has also come about from the passing of my grandfather who was my reason for getting into birds and the love affair I will always have.

For me I got into birds when my grandfather gave me my first aviary and a pair of canaries to go with it. I had shown much interest in the birds for many years and eventually had worn him down and my parents to except the fact I would look after them. It was one of the happiest days of my life, bringing home that solid steel aviary on the back of the trailer with dad complaining the whole way home about how much fuel he was going through from Rochester to Shepparton. A few weeks later the birds would arrive. I think my mum also enjoyed it a bit too. That was until the day she let the first bird out, I was devastated, and occasionally remind her of this as every good son would. But as my Grandfather always said "you have live ones you have dead ones". From there a replacement was bought and soon after breeding had begun. This was when bird keeping took another level.

The joy of doing things right, so the birds felt comfortable in breeding is to this day an awesome feeling.

Like every kid or adult for that matter. Every chance I got I would go to the pet shop in Shepparton. One particular day I was there and I was taken by a pair of red fronted yellow turquoise parrots. At this time, I didn't know what I was looking at, just that I wanted them. I told my mother about them, she told me to go back to the store and find out more information (thinking this would probably stop me from pursuing it any further). I found out what they were, I needed a license for them and how to go about getting a license. From here I chased everything up I needed to, got my parents signature to obtain the license and waited the following weeks for the license to arrive. Once it arrived, I couldn't find any turqs to buy anywhere. I was a little shattered. I then had to learn the patience game.

Things took a drastic turn for the worst in the case of this disease we call aviculture. When I was introduced to Mark Reynolds. Mark took me to his uncle's place (Bruce) one Saturday afternoon when Bruce wasn't home. I had no idea aviculture on this scale even existed. We were walking along with dad and I didn't know what half the birds were. Mark had previously stated that we shouldn't be here (Jokingly), and as we walked along, I looked at dad at one stage and said that's the birds I want. I didn't think mark had heard and nothing else was said. We just left there with me thinking how can I do something like that. A few weeks passed and I got a phone call from Bruce. He said to me "I hear you have been to my place to look at some birds" I thought I was in trouble. But he then told me he had a pair of birds if I wanted to come out. The true meaning of a helpfulness was shown then. We went out there that weekend. Bruce sold me the pair of birds, he explained to me how to look after them, he gave extra food for them and even gave me a nest box for them to breed in. Which they did that breeding season. I joined the GV bird club and haven't looked back since.

So, when I look back at the season that wasn't and the things that didn't go to plan. I think we all have to look back at why we do this and why we keep doing this. For me I enjoy the many friends I have made throughout the world because of this hobby. Which has been made harder to catch up with due to the restrictions. I enjoy going down to the birds to clear my head and get away from it all. I love those first breeding's, whether it be a colour mutation or a species not previously kept. I love the fact it's something I shared with my grandfather. I also get a sense of pride breeding difficult species or species that are endangered in the wild, knowing that what I do now might be the only reason my kids or grandkids might get to see this species at all. I enjoy the fact that it's hard to breed some birds. The challenge makes the reward even greater when you finally get it right, for me the Naretha bluebonnets are that challenge at the moment. Nothing is a certain when it comes to keeping and breeding birds. A breeding pair of birds might be good one year and killers the next. But there in lies those challenges. We do research, we talk to others who have kept that species, we look at modern diets, we go back to see how they did it 30 years ago. We try different things because we care about those feathered friends we have in our aviaries. We care to want them to live. We care because we want them to produce and we care to see our hobby thrive. I would be lost without my birds.

Restrictions will come and go; breeding seasons will have highs and lows. But as we always say "there's always next year".

Steven Marven



My first aviary, with
my first pair of turqs

My first year breeding
the turqs. Mum and
dad with three of the
four chicks they raised.



Steven Marven



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