



**Budgerigar  
Council**  
South  
Australia

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT 2003**

Firstly I would like those in attendance to show their appreciation to the BCSA Committee for their efforts during this quite challenging year.

The Committee, in the main, has consisted of Barbara Fisher and Bob Deverson (BSSA), John Fisher and Keith Wing (Central Plains), Lloyd Edwards and John Mulley (NEBS) and Doreece Brunton and myself (MtG). To others that have represented Central Plains during the year, I thank you for your input, it was much appreciated. A thank you also to Bruce Stafford and his show team for another high performance year, with a special thanks to Doug Lange for stepping in for Bruce on Logan Shield day. Thanks goes to the North East Budgerigar Society, in particular the ladies - what a bonus having you folk in our midst. If anything is required, ask the NEBS, and it is done. Thankyou.

Further thanks to Brian Marshall, our auditor and this year the returning officer – thank you for another year of service to the fancy. To the delegates and bird carers for the nationals – thank you for your dedication in getting our birds to and from the National event, and on the show bench for their day of judging. To the Judges, the exhibitors and those that just attend meetings for the joy of same, I thank you as without you, there is no fancy. To all of the Juniors, I thank you for participating in this wonderful hobby and encourage you to keep involved, you are the future thus an extremely important part of the fancy.

To those that have lost love ones or have had illnesses, be it personal, or within their family this term, I give my sympathy and can only trust that life moves forward for you this year.

The year did not start off that well for the BCSA and I did not obtain the Presidency in the way one would have anticipated. For those that made sacrifices because of this, you showed great character. From those early challenges, the Committee, with input from Associate and Affiliate Clubs, came up with a draft document (Constitution) that if accepted at today's annual general meeting should ensure that last year's situation should not occur again. This document took a while to complete, and there was much give and take to get it to the stage it is today, which is an absolute positive step forward for the fancy in this State, in my opinion.

I trust that we can continue to move forward for the betterment of the fancy. For goodness sake, are we not in it for the enjoyment of this wonderful hobby and the social side as well? Let the old scars go so we can move on.

Let us remember that all positions held from Committee level, to show manager, to auditor, to helpers are unpaid. We are but servants to the fancy and caretakers for those that might follow. Let us set the example.

Finally, I thankyou for having the faith in me holding this position for another term.

Nigel Tonkin