

Community-Based Bird Clubs

Aviculture - some facts...

- 240+ clubs nationally affiliated with CCBFA
- There are approximately 470 avian species present in Australian aviculture
- The majority of birds are either exempt natives or non-native exotics
- As a percentage of all captive birds, a trivial percentage are native licenced
- Most states acknowledge the trivial risk of aviculture to wild populations and have or are in the process of moving to risk-based licensing
- In NSW the current licensing is broken
- Education is central to the activities of all clubs
- We are the avian animal welfare experts, but native bird licensing is NOT about welfare

Aviculture is diverse and central to the lives of tens of thousands of Australians

Diversity of Clubs

More than 100 clubs throughout NSW

Thousands of events annually

- General Avicultural Clubs
- Canary Clubs
- Exhibition Budgerigar Clubs
- Parrot clubs
- Finch clubs
- Softbill clubs
- And more...



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- Bird sales
- Auctions – onsite and online
- Competitive shows
- Conferences
- Community exhibitions
- Aviary tours and visits
- Monthly meetings
- And more...



Diversity of Activities

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Active throughout the community

- Threatened species work
- Education – aviaries in schools
- Research – advice and assistance to universities
- Health care – birds for therapy
- Fund raising to support charity
- Working in parallel with zoos
- Sharing our story – journals and presentations
- And more...



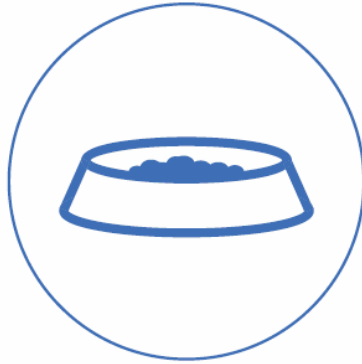


Diversity of Avicultural Events

Clubs are the major animal welfare educators and advocates



The need for a suitable
environment



The need for a
suitable diet



The need to be able
to exhibit normal
behaviour patterns



The need to be
housed with, or apart
from, other animals



The need to be
protected from
pain, suffering,
injury and disease

Animal Welfare – Central purpose of all bird clubs

Specialised and professional expertise



Aviaries

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Diet

- Species specific diet is critical to all areas of animal welfare.
- Aviculture is the source of captive-bred avian diet regimes.



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Invaluable expertise and skills

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- Orange-bellied Parrot
- Spix's Macaw
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NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

Purpose of the BC Act...

- It is **NOT** about Animal Welfare, that is POCTAA and the proposed new Animal Welfare Bill.
- It is **NOT** about whether or not native animals should be or should not be kept in captivity.
- It **IS** about conserving, preserving and maintaining biodiversity of wild populations.
- It **IS** about regulating interactions with wildlife via a **risk-based** approach.
- It **IS** about consultation, participation and knowledge sharing – two-way education.

Aviculture is committed to the purpose of the BC Act.

Community-Based Bird Clubs Recommendations

1. Remove the recommended Class 1 species to exempt (or make a code category).
2. Implement a risk-based tool to enable new species to be added (or removed).
3. Consider support for club-based education initiatives.
4. Reform the NAKCC or its equivalent with oversight for the above.

These continue to be the central recommendations from CCBFA to all states, including over many years to NSW.