



## 1<sup>st</sup> SALDC BATHURST

### Peter Roumeliotis

Peter's game little hen took 20 hours and 14 minutes to fly 1027 kms from Bathurst winning by 5 hours and 19 minutes from J. Crummey in second place, and Virginia Lofts 3<sup>rd</sup> place, these game pigeons were the only birds in race time.

Peter's young BCH flew Keith #3, Parachilna 25/7, Glendambo Open 24/8 and then was trained regularly and then sent to Bathurst.

She is a mixture of Goodger, Marchant, imported Cattryesse, Dr Linssen and Busschaert, with the Dam being placed 32<sup>nd</sup> in Alice Springs in 2013 and the Grand Dam on Sires side 4<sup>th</sup> Alice Springs in 2005.

Peter also has won the SALDC trophy for the most points in the two longest races in 2012 being 5<sup>th</sup> in Alice Springs 1321 kms and 9th Border Village 962 kms.

Peter likes to breed early and puts 24 pairs down in June and takes 4 rounds off each pair. He inbreeds and line breeds to the best stock birds. When breeding he hopper feeds peas and has tried some pellets this year, also they have plenty of grit and pink powder, the stock birds are wormed with GT wormer before mating and this is the only medication they receive.

Peter's loft enables him to put the weaned youngsters into teams, once flying around the loft for 1hr a day for three weeks he starts road training with a 50-60 km toss then to Port Wakefield and then Snowtown. The cocks and hens are not separated during the race season. Peter has his own container supply business so the birds have to fit in with his working hours.

Peter's feeding during the race season is peas and wheat, feeding the wheat first which has a mixture of oil and pink powder over it, once all wheat has gone he feeds peas as much as they want and this is not varied for the whole season. Apple cider vinegar is used 3 times a week plus KD powder one a week.

Peter would like to see the Five Man Committee receive some help on promoting the sport, Peter suggests there are a lot of good people in the Association that could help in this area if asked.

Peter then finished with "there is no secrets in pigeon racing, just good pigeons".