



### **SARPF POINTS WINNER 2013**

Mark Bruggemann won the SARPF points for the 8<sup>th</sup> time in 2013. Winning the Glendambo 15 bird, the Terang 10 bird, Colac and the Glendambo Open in the SARPF.

Mark started his racing career in 1981 and now at 46 years of age is one of the young ones in the sport. He lives at Melrose Park and is a member of the Glenelg Pigeon Club. Some of his highlights have been 1st SAHPA Kilmore 3 bird special, 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup> Temora in the same race and winning the Adelaide 10000 a few years ago. Mark has around 35 pairs of stock birds that enables him to start the season with 150- 160 birds, old birds are made up

of 30 hens and 1 or 2 cocks. His family of pigeons is based on Lawson, Wickham and Delsar, and during the breeding season the birds are hopper fed, he mates his birds in November and uses his best racers to breed from as well as his stock birds. Uncle to Niece and vice versa are a favourite mating that he likes. To improve his family he looks for a local good flyer and uses his birds to cross into his own.

Hens and cocks are flown together and when they are flying well around the loft tossing begins, the first toss is 30 km approximately three weeks before his first race and they will have at least 4 x 100km tosses before their first race then a 100km toss each week on line of flight, he trains over the hills to race over the hills.

Medication is only given to returning race birds, Triple X and Turbosole are used for this.

He uses the Tauris electronic clocking system and believes that the ETS systems have helped racing to a great degree, and clocks could be read on Sunday afternoon or night leaving Saturday night free. This may attract more young people into the sport. Mark would like to see a smaller unit and more limit races. He believes that two lines of flight is the fairest way to fly as you give overfly one week and receive it the next.