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The SAHPA Annual presentation will be held at
Angle Park Greyhound track - Chasers Restaurant

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 10 Baulderstone Road, Gepps Cross.

Year Book – collaboration between Alan Agar and Michael Donnellan.



Committee and Officials: top: David Walker, Russell Somerville, Ricky Williams, Warren March, Graham Mitchell. Bottom: Tom Tirrell, Greg Hamilton, Tony Perkins, Greg Hodgins.

Acknowledgement: The front cover picture is of Graham Mitchell and David Thalbourne inspecting the art work at the back of the old Mile End SAHPA property. The building is now used as an Air B&B called Pigeon Loft. The address is 37 Junction Lane, Mile End. Wendy can be contacted on 0418 882 019. The art work is by Simon K. Burt 0468 477 857.

Trophies and Donors

Race Point	Donor	Winner
Glendambo YBC	Graham Mitchell	Tony Cornish
Lyndhurst SAD	Ross Chapman	Rob Beven
Glendambo Open	Tim Fawcett	Peter Vranek
Farina Open	Greg Hamilton	Saberton & Jeffries
Twins 5-bird Special	Tim Fawcett	Hamilton & Fawcett
Twins Open	Barry Murphy	Horrocks & Seiboth
Marree 5-bird Special	Jim Marafioti	Fred DiMella
Marree Open 1	Warren March	K. & A. Roberts
Marla (Keith Wickham)	Joe Jackson	Chris Mav
Marree Open 2	Joe Jackson	Hans DeVries
Coober Pedy	Greg Hamilton	W. & M. Griffith
Marree Open 3	Gavin Harris	J. & C. Harper

Slowest Winning Velocity	Gavin Harris	Chris Mav
Alice Springs John Pryor	Grant Paterson	J. P. & N. Nicoli
Vin Blanden Shield	Warrnambool RPC	W. & M. Griffith
Aggregate Points (two longest races)	Mat Ginever	Horrocks & Seiboth
Longest Race East line	Grant Paterson	None due to Covid
Bird Of The Year - North South	Gavin Harris / Paul Gardiner	Horrocks & Seiboth / Hamilton & Fawcett
First Cock Alice Springs	Bronte Andrewartha	M. Donnellan
R. Horseman Shield (YBC)	Warrnambool RPC	Tony Cornish
R. Cann Shield (SAD)	Gavin Harris	Rob Beven
Premier Club Trophy	SAHPA	North Suburban
Most Outstanding Perf. (B. Healy)	B. W. Myers	J. & C. Harper
Short Distance	Warrnambool RPC	Horrocks & Seiboth
Champton Long Distance	SALDC	Horrocks & Seiboth
North Line Points	Warrnambool RPC	Hamilton & Fawcett
North-East Line Points	Warrnambool RPC	Fred DiMella
Aggregate Points	SAHPA	Fred DiMella
Ace Bird Young Bird	SAHPA	Adelaide Race Lofts
Ace Bird Old Bird	SAHPA	Hamilton & Fawcett

Juniors:

We had joint winners of the Doug Searle Shield for the 2021 SAHPA Junior Competition.

The winners were: Jack & Max Abbott aged 6 and 3 yrs who fly with their grandfather Lee Abbott in the Hyde Park Club (at left) and Lorenzo Aquilina aged 8 yrs flies with his father Darren in the Para Hills club (at right).



SAHPA 2021 SDC POINTS

	Race 1 N	Race 2 NE	Race 3 N	Race 4 NE	Race 5 N	Race 6 NE	Race 7 N	Race 8 NE	Race 9 N	Race 10 NE	OVERALL	
Name	CA1	PE1	SN2	PE2	BO1	MH1	PI1	OL1	PI2	OL1	TOT.	
HORROCKS & SEIBOTH	30	8	29	13	10	27	29	10	18	24	198	1
NEL FAMILY	22	13	23	30	0	22	11	12	0	28	161	2
BURTON P	17	0	25	22	22	14	28	9	17	0	154	3
PERKINS T & A	0	12	30	0	0	25	0	0	30	26	123	4
MARAFIOTE J	0	26	6	24	0	29	0	17	20	0	122	5
ADEL RACE LOFTS	14	15	5	26	0	8	23	20	0	8	119	6
ABBOTT L & SON	25	14	24	6	0	0	0	26	0	22	117	7
ELLUL A & SON	0	27	0	17	0	9	0	29	0	29	111	8
HAMILTON & FAWCETT	16	0	14	0	29	13	2	0	16	19	109	9
DiMELLA F	29	25	0	25	0	0	22	0	7	0	108	10
KAKOSCHKE G	0	16	11	18	2	28	0	0	2	30	107	11
ALLAN V & G'Dtrs	0	0	0	29	0	23	0	28	0	23	103	12
GRIFFITH W & M	26	0	27	15	0	12	17	2	0	0	99	13
HAMILTON C	28	22	15	9	6	18	0	0	0	0	98	14
BARNES & DUIITS	0	19	0	27	14	0	24	0	0	11	95	15
AQUILINA D & SON	0	6	0	21	28	0	27	0	12	0	94	16
MANUEL S	19	28	0	5	0	15	4	7	0	16	94	17
MOLCHANOFF M	5	0	0	7	16	0	20	25	0	17	90	18
FACCIOL R	0	24	0	0	0	5	12	24	0	25	90	19
HLEBNIKOFF A	4	0	0	2	26	30	0	14	8	0	84	20
MITCHELL G	0	21	21	0	0	20	0	0	19	0	81	21
ROBERTS K & A	27	0	0	0	20	10	18	0	0	5	80	22
STOJAKOVIC N	0	17	0	0	11	19	14	0	0	15	76	23
HARPER J & C	24	0	28	10	0	0	13	0	0	0	75	24
BROKENSHA D	23	0	0	4	23	2	0	18	0	0	70	25
ANDREWARTHA & MARCH	0	30	10	12	0	1	0	0	0	13	66	26
CLARE G & B	0	0	0	14	0	0	6	16	0	27	63	27
MAGRO, MAGRO & LETT	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	27	0	12	62	28
MOUKAS C	11	20	1	20	9	0	0	0	0	0	61	29
HARRIS G & L	2	29	7	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	54	30

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Name	YBC	SAD	GLE	FAR	TWI	TWS	MA1	MAS	MRL	MA2	COO	MA3	TOT.	POS.	TOT.	POS.	TOT.	POS.
DiMELLA F	0	5	0	29	28	0	29	30	16	26	26	29	218	1	70	11	148	1
STOJAKOVIC N	0	0	15	23	16	27	23	26	26	1	24	27	208	2	108	2	100	2
HAMILTON & FAWCETT	25	21	0	15	29	30	0	11	27	0	22	26	206	3	133	1	73	8
MARAFIOTE J	27	16	13	26	21	0	27	10	20	0	25	21	206	3	106	4	100	2
HORROCKS & SEIBOTH	0	0	0	28	30	12	0	20	29	14	28	28	189	5	99	5	90	5
NICOLI J P & N	28	12	29	0	10	17	0	29	8	0	15	14	162	6	107	3	55	13
GRIFFITH W & M	22	27	28	0	0	0	26	0	10	0	30	0	143	7	90	6	53	15
KAKOSCHKE G	0	0	14	27	20	19	13	14	0	0	19	2	128	8	72	10	56	12
MOUKAS C	0	0	18	10	19	0	28	0	19	0	27	0	121	9	83	8	38	32
HARPER J & C	29	0	23	0	26	0	0	0	0	10	0	30	118	10	78	9	40	30
STENCEL K & H	23	0	0	24	22	0	0	0	3	0	20	19	111	11	68	12	43	23
ABBOTT L & SON	7	23	0	0	9	0	19	0	11	19	0	23	111	11	27	34	84	6
ADEL RACE LOFTS	0	3	0	0	12	11	14	4	15	29	6	12	106	13	44	21	62	10
TIRRELL T D & J S	8	0	0	0	0	0	22	22	21	9	17	6	105	14	46	20	59	11
NEL FAMILY	0	29	12	22	0	0	0	8	0	0	12	20	103	15	24	39	79	7
TIRRELL T	13	0	0	1	7	25	20	16	0	0	16	3	101	16	61	13	40	29
VANDERLINDEN & EDWARDS	11	15	0	0	0	21	0	19	0	0	29	0	95	17	61	14	34	38
BROKENSHA D	0	20	0	25	0	0	5	27	0	0	0	18	95	17	0	84	95	4
CUREA V	0	0	0	7	0	3	12	18	28	0	23	0	91	19	54	16	37	34
BURTON P	0	0	7	4	13	18	0	0	25	0	21	0	88	20	84	7	4	70
POLLARD P & FAMILY	0	0	27	16	0	4	0	23	0	0	18	0	88	20	49	19	39	31
HLEBNIKOFF A	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	15	0	18	5	15	77	22	29	32	48	18
TUNBRIDGE & AGAR	4	0	0	17	25	0	0	0	23	7	0	0	76	23	52	18	24	47
MAV C	0	0	0	11	1	5	7	2	30	17	0	0	73	24	36	28	37	35
MANUEL S	3	22	2	0	0	0	0	0	18	2	0	24	71	25	23	43	48	20
DeVRIES H	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	30	0	13	71	25	0	85	71	9
McBEATH & BUTTFIELD	14	0	0	0	0	2	16	0	0	13	3	22	70	27	19	52	51	17
LARSEN & BROOKS	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	25	12	0	9	0	69	28	44	22	25	46
HARRIS G & L	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	24	17	0	0	0	69	28	17	56	52	16
SABERTON & JEFFRIES	0	6	17	30	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	30	32	30	36	36

SAHPA Chairman's Report

Against all odds the SAHPA enjoyed a full racing season in 2021. Considering what we saw happen in other states with hard lockdowns and border closures due to covid 19 we were extremely lucky to have had a full flying season. With some adjustments to the original North East line race points we were still able to deliver 10 SDC Races and 12 SAHPA Races within our state borders.

Congratulations to all those that competed and won prizes during the season, in particular to Fred DiMella on winning the overall SAHPA Aggregate points in what proved to be a closely contested battle that created much interest for pigeon fanciers Australia wide. This is the fourth time Fred has won the points making him one of the all-time champions to compete in the SAHPA.

Horrocks and Seiboth had another fine season winning the Short Distance Championship series and the Long Distance Racing Pigeon Club points. Well done.

As Chairman of this great institution one of my objectives with the assistance of the Management Group is to create and maintain an environment that allows all members to fully enjoy the hobby/sport of racing their pigeons.

This includes headquarters that comply with all health a safety rules and regulations plus a safer and more comfortable environment for our pigeons through the race transporters and training units.

Creating stability, particularly amongst the management group has also been important in 2021 and is ongoing. Having a team in place with common goals and strong work ethics that ensure things beneficial to the SAHPA are achieved in a timely manner.

A big thank you to all those that held positions and or contributed in a positive way to ensure we had a successful racing season in 2021.

Yes it's true that I give our wonderful Treasurer Tom Tirrell a hard time. I constantly plead with him to keep racing costs down, down, down. More affordable and enjoyable racing is the way to keep our members in play.

Obviously costs to do anything in life tend to go up over time so creating new revenue streams that don't encroach or put added pressures on our members will be part of the overall strategy in 2022.

Big and positive things are planned for the 2022 racing season with major wins by the Executive Group and COM already in place.

We can all look forward to 2022 with confidence. Greg Hamilton - Chairman SAHPA.

Tony Perkins SAHPA General Secretary

Being the Secretary is not the easiest job going around but I would like to thank all the Club Secretaries who made the job a lot easier. This year I found a few things we put in place that made the job more streamlined. Next year we will go one further, reducing the money intake on small things such as cardboard and seals etc and just build it into racing costs. My aim is to help every secretary as much as I can, to reduce their workload.

I see first hand where the Committee is aiming to be in the coming years and though it may not look like it to some, they are on the right track and will show results by this time next year. Please be mindful of how you treat your delegates, they are doing their best to help you, the members. Let's not forget they are donating their time and energy where many others won't. The members are the most important part of this organisation, please continue to be supportive and I wish you all the best for season 2022.

Tom Tirrell – SAHPA Treasurer Report

My report: as our financial year runs between 1st January till 31st December I am not in a position to quote Audited Figures (that will be available for the AGM)

However I can report that through the 2021 season our major expenses have been :

- New roller door to replace the aged sliding door.
- New motor and controls to trailer door.
- New loading platform that makes it safer for flyers to load birds.
- Dolly purchase to make shifting the large trailer easier.
- Solar panels installed mid December.
- Purchase of defibrillator.
- CO2 monitor
- Hall lighting replaced

All of these have the future in mind which as Treasurer I look forward to with optimism.

For the 2022 season I hear cries for cheaper more affordable racing. I agree but as treasurer I must treat the SAHPA as being in the business of racing pigeons and returning a surplus overall for the year. To that end I have been advised to start the financial year with a nil balance and endeavour to close the year with a surplus. Should a surplus be recorded then I have no difficulty in returning some (if not all, subject to calls for the money) to the flying members in the following season. This would ensure the SAHPA remains in a solid financial position and return funds to be distributed fairly to the members.

For the coming season I would like to make the flyers involvement, club treasurer's job (and mine) much simpler by making members and clubs pay the SAHPA preferably on two occasions.

Capitation fees to be paid by the 31st March is the first call on the members. I foresee a slight increase on last year to \$225.

The second pre-paid collection which obviously covers the transporting / conveying of the birds to the race points but this to include :

- 1 An allowance to be paid by the member to allow them to send additional birds to the club / SDC race points if they so desire.
- 2 Cardboard to be supplied to the clubs with no need to purchase.
- 3 Vin Blanden Nomination to be included (this will mean Club treasurers will not need to collect monies on a racing night).
- 4 Collection of the money for the LDC cock bird special is currently being looked at.

Then there are the training units upon which there are many and varied opinions. This, I am confident will continue with the COM exploring every angle and opportunity. Personally I believe the charges for sending birds have not kept pace with the cost of the driver, vehicle and trailer over a number of years and this now means the SAHPA is having to prop up a service that is not supported by all members, again for a multitude of reasons.

We as a body at this point in time have three non SAHPA income streams that are adding to our bottom line (Harvey Norman Gepps Cross, Tomas Transport and the solar panel income.) So please support these businesses and mention the SAHPA. Solar will also reduce our electricity charges as well as providing additional income.

I would also like to thank all those who donated prizes for SAHPA Races and awards.

In closing I face the future with enthusiasm and confidence that the SAHPA will remain strong and viable into the future and offer flyers racing at an affordable and realistic cost in today's difficult times.

I wish all flyers Good Health, Happiness and a 2022 season that allows us all to enjoy our sport and pigeons in an enjoyable environment. Yours in Sport, Tom Tirrell (Treasurer).

How to use the Vaccines by Dr Colin Walker

1 Salmonella (Bioproperties)

Preparing the vaccine: The vaccine is presented as a freeze dried pellet. This needs to be kept frozen until use. The vaccine pellet is dissolved into 100 mls of sterile water for injection. This is done by repeatedly rinsing the vial with sterile water (available through your vet) using a needle and syringe until all of the vaccine is dissolved in the 100 ml bottle of sterile water. The vaccine mixture must be used within 2 hours of preparation. Each pigeon must receive 0.1ml of this mixture. Where smaller numbers of birds are to be vaccinated, the pellet can be divided and that portion dissolved in an appropriate volume of water eg ¼ tablet in 25 mls, ½ tablet in 50 mls. The remaining portion of the pellet is returned to the freezer to be dissolved and used later.

How to give the vaccine: The vaccine can be given in 1 of 3 ways:

- 1 0.1 ml injection under the skin at the back of the neck
- 2 0.1 ml of vaccine can be given orally. The vaccine is equally well absorbed from the lining of the bowel as from an injection under the skin. Using this method it requires very little effort to protect your birds. This is the usual method used.
- 3 The vaccine can be added to the drinking water at the rate of 10 mls in 5 litres of water to vaccinate 100 pigeons. All of this water must be drunk within 2 hours for the vaccine to be effective. Because this is difficult to achieve this is regarded as a less optimal method.

Two doses of vaccine are given 2-4 weeks apart. Annual boosters are recommended.

2 PMV Vaccine Two doses of 0.5 ml, 4 weeks apart, under the skin at the base of the neck, after 6 weeks of age, are given. Annual boosters are necessary. In high risk situations a first vaccination can be given at or before weaning, ie at 3 to 4 weeks, but as each pigeon needs 2 shots after 6 weeks of age, this will necessitate giving 3 shots.

3 Pigeon Pox The virus is presented as a freeze dried pellet. This is dissolved in the supplied sterile diluent. After dipping a vaccination needle in the resultant liquid, a prick or scratch on the outside of the thigh is made. Given after 6 weeks of age. A single vaccination confers life time immunity.

4 Rota Virus Vaccine Two vaccinations of 0.5 ml are given under the skin at the back of the neck 4 weeks apart. Annual boosters are recommended.

Recommended Vaccination Program

- 1 After 6 weeks of age - Give a 0.5 ml injection for PMV and separate 0.5 ml injection for Rota under the skin of the neck; 0.1 ml Salmonella given orally (Bioproperties vaccine).
- 2 Four weeks later, same again, ie injection for PMV and separate injection for Rota; also 0.1ml Salmonella given orally (Bioproperties vaccine) but in addition Pigeon Pox scratch on thigh.

Pigeon Herpes Virus

This virus causes a disease called Inclusion Body Hepatitis. This disease has been diagnosed with increased frequency both in the USA and EU and now, in 2021, also in Australia. Affected birds become quiet, fluffed, refuse food, develop a green diarrhoea and may develop respiratory symptoms including a stained cere, watery eye and swollen sinus. Most affected birds lose weight and die about a week after first appearing unwell. Some birds however die acutely within two days not living long enough to lose weight. Fanciers should consider this as a potential cause with any health problem that causes significant mortality, primarily in young pigeons. A routine pan Herpes PCR test is now available for diagnosis in young pigeons with more research on the disease planned for 2022.

New website:

Interested fanciers can learn more by visiting www.vrpb.org.au



The Victorian Racing Pigeon Board, VRPB, is an elected body that represents the interests of Victorian pigeon racers. The VRPB was formed in 2020. Pigeon races were first conducted in Victoria in the 1890's with the first formal organization, the Victorian Homing Association, being founded in 1900. Over the next 120 years, as the state's population grew and the sport increased in popularity, a number of rural and metropolitan pigeon racing organizations developed. Until 2020, these operated relatively independently. Although it had long been mooted that a single state-wide body should be formed, it was not until 2020 that this occurred. From 2012, Victoria had been the brunt of two avian viral (Rota and PMV) epidemics that eventually involved the entire country. Dealing with these highlighted the benefits of a combined state-wide approach to certain issues. It was, however, the Covid 19 outbreak in Victoria, which led to multiple and sometimes prolonged lockdowns and the suspension of all pigeon-racing-related activities, that reinforced the need for a representative state body. This resulted in the formation of the VRPB.



John Paul Nicoli

Alice Springs winner 2021

SA19 22026 BBH vel: 1405.450

Distance: 1322 km Fly: 15:40:43 52 Owners / 314 birds

As all South Australians know this marathon event from Alice Springs in the Northern Territory requires an extraordinary pigeon to navigate this difficult terrain. To fly through the heat, wind, avoid raptors and to compete with other passionate competitors is an outstanding feat.

Once again John Paul has produced a great outcome. He not only presented with the winning pigeon, but also 9th, 13th, 17th, 33rd and his 6th bird home to his loft arrived on Monday. The winning pigeon 22026 has an accredited bloodline. Her two sisters also

competed in the Alice Springs race, finishing 13th and a mealy hen that arrived late is also from the same parents.

Their bloodlines consist of: Goodger / Wickham X Goodger / Gabby. The winning bird flew Marla last year in preparation for the 2021 race finishing 27th in the association. Lead up races were Stirling North and then Glendambo, next start was Alice Springs. (John Paul did not take advantage of the Pimba toss 3 weeks earlier). This hen is also the full sister of his Marla winner in 2020, SA19 22134 mly cock evidence of breeding winners from winners works.

For John Paul the selection process for the next year's Alice Springs races begins the year earlier. Short lead up races, then his testing race is Marla, if the birds do not perform in the Marla race they do not meet his selection criteria for Alice Springs. The birds that were successful this year are utilised for stock in order to improve his racing team. His winning hen is already reaping the benefits of winning and is in respite in his stock loft.

Recovery is reasonably simple: ample hydration upon return, light mix, then then same mix as the race team. John Paul also practices the philosophy of ensuring the birds wellbeing is maintained, return birds are given ample time to recover and not driven to exercise or to over exert themselves, if they do not want to leave the loft and exercise John Paul will let the birds indicate to him when they are ready to exercise.

John Paul is fully aware that his winning margin was one second and has empathy for his fellow flyer D Aquilina and son. If not for modern technology of his Benzing clock the results could have been entirely different.



Robert Beven - 1st SAD Derby

Lyndhurst 503 kms SA20 14656 BBC Velocity 1178.416 2189 birds



Robert currently flies with the Vitesse club from his Modbury house. He has been flying pigeons for over 40 years. At a sprightly age of 77 he states he has to slow down a bit now, as with all of us pigeon racing can be demanding. Robert describes himself as “boring” but with his trophy cabinet in view I would describe him as humble.

His winning cock bird is from a long family of winners. The bloodlines comprise of Goodger/Hofman, and with some strong input from his dear friend Alan Thede. This bloodline has produced over 30 club winners and many association placings. As with many fanciers he breeds winners to winners and currently has a strong line of inbred birds. Robert now flies reservedly, one due to his age and a new respect

for life's leisurely moments. He now enjoys travelling to the country seeking more leisure. So now he selects the races his birds are entered into. The Lyndhurst win has more relevance as Robert does not have an electronic timing system and uses a manual clocking system. So when his bird arrives, he has to be swift in catching it and removing the allocated rubber and placing it into the thimble and turning the key; valuable time compared to the electronic system which is automated.

Tossing: He initially tosses his young birds about 30 kms from home to around Roseworthy then out to Balaklava. He then uses the association tossing truck. Robert believes the tossing unit provides a good service for flyers who are watching their budget as many fliers are retired and on the pension. He prefers the north line of flight. He does not separate his cock birds from his hens, but does admit it can be difficult to manage at times. Depending on the bird's condition post-race, double back selected birds the following week, but prefers about three weeks between races.

Feed and medication: Robert used to be a traditional flyer feeding basic peas and wheat, but has modified his feeding regime utilising pigeon pellets, safflower and numerous small seed grain. As currently noted, this time of year he commented his birds have gone off peas! He is currently reviewing his medication system. He has tried all the old remedies, garlic, apple cider and vinegar but without concrete evidence found it difficult to evaluate the results. So, the jury is currently out.

Over the past couple of years Robert has reduced his loft capacity from about 150 birds to breeding about 50 this year. He will commence breeding about November or even into December. He does like late bred birds as he believes these birds are filled with more vitality. He will not breed from a hen older than about six years old but will endeavour to utilise a productive cock bird up to about ten years of age. He will now race his birds sparingly, at times saving some yearlings for the next season.

Robert reminisces about the golden years when there were about 450 members in the SAHPA, and is fearful of the current decline of the sport. Answers are hard to come by: the size of the house block decreasing, greater flying costs, and the reduced exposure to the public of the sport are all areas of high concern.

Robert like many fanciers, is lucky enough to have an understanding compassionate wife, Raelene, and without her support would find it extremely difficult to compete.

Tony Cornish Glendambo YBC winner

SA 20 2838 BCC. Velocity 1485.934 507 km



Tony has been involved in pigeon racing since he was a young man and he still recalls his favourite pigeon - a gay pied from 1976. He began racing in 1981 in partnership with his father in the Salisbury club. But as things often do, a person's lifestyle changes and Tony made the obvious choice to spend more time with his children. Tony then returned to the sport in about 2011 and flew in partnership with Keith Bowen until about 2017. He then flew independently from 2017 until 2021 from his father's loft. His intention in 2022 is to form a successful partnership with Ian Durant.

The winning bird 2838 is from a strong European bloodline. The sire is from successful flyer Leo Duits with Van de Wouwer bloodlines and the dam has the Heremans bloodlines. A testimony to the consistent bloodlines, the dam achieved 9th from The Twins and 17th from Marla for Ian 2019. The majority of Tony's stock birds are made up of European bloodlines.

Tony believes that the European birds have advanced the sport of pigeon racing in Australia by introducing speed and brilliance into the Australian bred pigeons. Obviously he is not the only flyer to believe in this concept of introducing imported birds to improve performance.

Tony likes to race about 110 birds throughout the year, retaining about 30 second and third year birds. He has no real preference between cock birds or hens, performance completes the natural selection of his pigeons. Normally he will give his first year birds about 4 or 5 races a year as long as they recover well. His seasoned birds again depending on their recovery status will fly about 7 or 8 races a year. All birds are assessed post and prior to the race week. Tony will use the tossing performances as a tool to decide if his bird's performance drops or is maintained. If a pigeon is consistently late on the toss it will be rested, recover, examined and then Tony will determine if it is suitable to return to racing. The bird's welfare is paramount to its racing outcome. Tony proclaims: "you only lose them once". Considering all the time and effort a flyer puts into preparing their birds for the racing season it would be reckless sending ill prepared pigeons. Tony is a firm believer of medicating his birds to ensure their well-being is at its peak. Disease prevention commences with the mandatory vaccinations: PMV, pox and rota. During the season if the birds show signs of illness he will administer medications for respiratory disease such as triple X, also observing for other signs of deterioration of his birds. Note continuous observations of the birds is the key to good loft management. Medications supplies are often purchased from interstate from veterinary services such as Dr Walker in Victoria.

Tossing commences much the same as most flyers, approximately 4-6week before the first race. The first toss is about 40 km then slowly progressing to 60 km then to 100 km. Never rushing the birds because education is the main priority and fitness will naturally follow. Initially Tony will toss independently believing it reduces the possibility of infection while the bird's immunity is not fully established. As this immunity develops Tony will then allow the birds to mix with other pigeons on the transporter. If he notes that his bird's fitness is not to his standard he will give them short sharp tosses, no more than 50 km.

Tony's feeding regime is no secret. Basic peas, wheat, safflower, maize, milo and mixed small grain. He does admit that like many current fanciers the humble pea is losing favour with the modern flyer. He is not fan of pigeon pellets or peanuts, but does understand that many fanciers utilise this produce to meet the deficits in a pigeon's diet. His recovery regime is fairly basic, vitamins prior and post races. No electrolytes added to water during the season.

Tony is one of the lucky flyers who has a successful father who mentored him throughout his racing journey. Dennis has had a brilliant racing career, numerous successful results in the Alice Springs marathon, an Association win from Marla and many association placings. When Tony was asked who has been the biggest influence in his racing career, without hesitation he stated his father! Tony also stated he has great admiration for his fellow Vitesse club members who display true friendship and a strong sense of camaraderie.

Tony is a fan of thoroughbred racing and aptly named his Association winner after a horse called Hot 'N' Hazy, who was unfortunately euthanised after a tragic race fall in Sydney. But Tony has a positive outlook for his winning bird.

Changes to the sport: difficult question, but he believes it would be advantageous to many small lofts if there were more 5-bird races and maybe limit the number of birds from 30 to 20 to make it a little bit fairer for the smaller team flyers but acknowledges this is not always possible due to the dwindling flyer population. Also, he would support some form of rebate for pensioners who find it difficult to make ends meet.

Chris Mav

1st SAHPA Association Marla SA20 551 bch

Breeding: Dam is straight out of Andrew Muirhead's sale (Lot 144). SA12 02011 Off unrun 07 004 x SA10 19207. This pigeon was gifted to Chris by Alan Larsen. First year used and only in loft since last season. Has bred placings for previous owner. Sire: is sire of Chris 5th Alice Springs and is his own original blood (Goodger, Orfanis and Wickham) from the old East Suburban club.

Clocked two weeks earlier in the Twins 5-bird race (35th) 11 hour fly this bird has been awarded winner of the slowest winning velocity for 2021. Flying time 16 hours 55 mins and 17 sec. vel 948.919 which is one of the hardest Marla races we have had for a long time.

This time of the year Chris feeds as much corn as they can eat but also hopper fed peas, wheat, milo and vetch (from Warren March).

Tossing is twice a week early in year - later was between 3 and 5 times a week for a distance of 75 kms.

Chris doesn't think a hen gets too old to breed from. Finally Chris would like to thank the LDC and COM for their hard work.





Wayne Griffith

**1st & 2nd Coober Pedy (Allen Goodger)
740 km**

**SA20 9095 BBH Fly: 8:23:35 SA19 10372
bch. Fly: 8:24:19**

Wayne has been flying pigeons for over 40 years and states he is still mastering the art. His foundation pigeons are Silver Shadow / Van Loon. The sire of the winner is Silver Shadow / Van Loon, the dam is pure Hereman. Wayne believes the introduction of this European blood has improved the speed of his birds. A quick tour through his loft is evidence of a long line of an intense breeding programme. Both the winner and second placed bird are from this breeding back ground. Wayne plotted a path to the Coober Pedy race with only three lead up races. Firstly Pimba, Lyndhurst, then with both first

and second placegetters in the Coober Pedy race. Breeding is often challenging, with a philosophy of breeding winners to winners has the most potential. He understands pedigrees have their place in the breeding programme, but is suspicious of non-verified documentation.

Wayne does not believe in doubling back his birds as he does not consider this is beneficial to the bird's welfare. With the Coober Pedy race three birds landed together at the loft, but only two belonged to Wayne. One bird trapped straight away, the other took off with the stray, a couple of laps later and then she trapped, hence the 45 second difference.

Wayne usually breeds about 200 youngsters a year. Unfortunately, as with many fanciers today, raptors create havoc around his loft. There is a pair of resident falcons on the Modbury hospital who often torment Wayne's youngsters. Wayne considers it important to establish a strong connection with his birds. Post attaching the birth ring, Wayne handles each baby daily to monitor the progress and health status of the bird. Over the years he has tried to configure a pigeon with a rounded, apple shape body. Birds that are too large are not of his preference. His distance preference is short to middle distance races, no desire to enter his birds in marathon events such as Alice Springs or Border Village.

He has a structured management programme. Once all his youngsters are in the race loft, he commences his vaccination programme. He vaccinates for PMV, Rota and Pox. Wayne likes to establish an early immunity for his birds. Once they mix with other pigeons, they are vulnerable to infection.

Diet: There are many views on diets and feeding plans. But much like the human athlete all birds are individuals. Each fancier monitors their bird's progress throughout the year. Wayne commences his feeding regime with carbohydrates, not too much protein. Wheat, barley, maize and other small grain. Like many fanciers, the humble pea is falling out of fashion. Wayne states some fanciers present their bird's top heavy with too many protein-based foods which often leads to internal organs accumulating fats. This he believes is detrimental to the bird's health.

Hydration: Wayne treats his birds with Dufo Plus and Loford as a health stimulant. He administers this product prior to basketing and upon the birds return from races. Wayne encourages all fanciers to study their birds, spend more time with them if possible and observe their behaviours. He does not believe there are any secrets to pigeon racing but the more you observe and understand your pigeons the more successful you will become.

Tossing: Commences when the birds are ranging and present as fit and strong. The first distance is about 25 kms X2, then up to 45 kms, then to Port Wakefield. Wayne only tosses alone, believing education is paramount and does not want his birds distracted by other teams. He also believes it reduces the possibility of infection until the bird's immunity is strengthened. He does not hold strong views on the line of flight, and only tosses in one direction.

Wayne cherishes strong friendships. This is evident in the fact that his dear friend John Cock often breeds birds for him and bred his second placed bird - "a valuable friendship".

Advice for the novice flyer: Document all theories and practices as this will ensure the performance of your birds is correct and accurate, reducing errors in the future.

THE LONG DISTANCE CLUB

Russell Somerville on the LDC: The club was established during the 1970s specifically to organise and provide competition for the enthusiasts who want to establish a long distance family of pigeons.

Race points flown over the years have been:

Madura Pass (WA) 1150 km
Border Village (WA) 975 km
Canberra (ACT) 990 km
Tea Tree (NT) 1600 km
Wyandra (Qld) 1100 km
Morree (NSW) 1225 km
Sydney (NSW) 1200 km
Brisbane (Qld) 1600 km
Devonport (Tas) 985 km
Spreyton (Tas) 985 km
Rawlina (WA) 1300 km

2021 saw two LDC races: Alice Springs and Border Village.

Alice Springs 1325 km - 1st J. P. Nicoli, 2nd D. Aquilina and 3rd G. Kakoschke (all around 15.5 hours). **Border Village** 960 km – 1st & 2nd G. Rayment and B. Andrewartha. Third Hamilton and Fawcett (18 hrs).

Geoff Rayment says he fed peas, wheat, maize, milo and millet as much as they want and trained 150 km and 60 km most weeks in between racing the west-line races. The bloodlines are Rayment / Andrewartha best to best of long distance performance in the background.

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MEMBER	CLUB	Alice Springs 1320km	Marla 970km	Cooper Pedy 750km	Border Village 960km	TOTAL	POS.
HORROCKS & SEIBOTH	PARAH	20	29	30	18	97	1
NICOLI JP & N	NOSUB	30	15	22	26	93	2
CUREA V	METRO	5	28	27	23	83	3
HAMILTON & FAWCETT	KINGS		27	26	29	82	4
KAKOSCHKE G	METRO	28		24	24	76	5
MAV C	METRO	19	30	6	20	75	6
ALBANOS N & M	PARAH	27	3	20	25	75	6
BURTON P	METRO	23	25	25		73	8
RAYMENT & ANDREWARTHA	KINGS	9	16	14	30	69	9
AGAR A	CENTL	15	9	10	28	62	10
ABBOTT & Son L	HYDE	26	17		17	60	11
ADEL RACE LOFTS	NOSUB	22	21	16		59	12
STOKAKOVIC J & N	NOSUB	4	26	28		58	13
TIRRELL T D & J S	GNELG	10	24	23		57	14
MARAFIOTE J	METRO		23	29		52	15
DREW R & L	GAWL		12	8	27	47	16
MAGRO, MAGRO & LETT	HYDE	1		19	21	41	17
BUXTON & SNYDERS	SDIST	25	14			39	18
KOKOLAKIS & N	WTORR	2	11	4	22	39	18
LARSEN & BROOKS	NOSUB		18	18		36	20
SCERRI A & Son	GNELG	16	19			35	21
ROUMELIOTIS P	NOSUB	17		17		34	22
ANDREWARTHA & MARCH	HYDE	12			19	31	23
AQUILINA D & SON	PARAH	29	1			30	24
HARRIS G & L	SVALE	7	22			29	25
FACCIOL R	SVALE	18	10			28	26
DONNELLAN M	GNELG	24				24	27
WILLIAMS R	PTADL	11		11		22	28
WILLIAMS Bros	GAWL	6	2	13		21	29
BURDON & WOOLLATT	BAROS	21				21	29
NEL FAMILY	SVALE			21		21	29
VERRAL & BARLOW	PTADL		20			20	32
HLEBNIKOFF A	CENTL		4	15		19	33
TSONIS G	METRO		13	3		16	34
FAWCETT & HANMILTON	KINGS				16	16	34
WICKHAM T	GAWL	14				14	36
WOOLLATT T	GAWL	13				13	37
WATSON D	PARAH		5	7		12	38
MUEIN S	VITES			12		12	38
GOODRICH G & H	GNELG		8	1		9	40
MCILDUFF & GROSSE	PARAH			9		9	40
VRANEK P	NOSUB		6	2		8	42
YANG & GAO	NOSUB	8				8	42
HORROCKS J	PARAH		7			7	44
MALLIA P	WTORR			5		5	45
HODGINS G	NOSUB	3				3	46
TOTAL		465	465	465	345	1740	



Peter Pollard

A traditionalist

Peter has been flying pigeons for over 50 years. He recalls a flyer Steven Quinten introducing him into the world of pigeon racing. The adventure started when Peter was a schoolboy and he would feed Charlie Henderson's birds during his school lunch break. Peter commenced racing in the SA Juniors in 1965. He now flies in the Vitesse Invitation Club with many other seasoned flyers.

Currently races about 150 birds and has achieved many high placings in his club and the association. Peter has approximately 80 stock birds and like all fanciers, he openly admits he has too many. With the arrival of the European pigeons, he believes this introduction has added some speed into his current team, but also still wanting to maintain a strong Australian bloodline. His current stock loft contains Goodger / Alan Brown / Artie Morris / Edwards & Cook bloodlines. He mates performance birds to consistence performers, hoping the outcome is productive.

Like many flyers commences training tosses on his own. This is to educate his young birds and with the philosophy their direct path to his loft will not be interrupted by other flyers birds from different locations and not caught in their flight path. Once he is satisfied his birds are confident and fit, he sends them on the association truck for longer training tosses. Lines of flight are not an issue for Peter who enjoys flying both lines. He has tried doubling back his birds after races, but finds it too challenging on his pigeons.

His preference is middle distance races, flying short races are to evaluate the condition and fitness and navigation ability of his birds. He does not target any specific race, but as stated prior middle distance is his preference. His feeding regime is no secret, basic 50 / 50 peas and wheat and some millet during the race season and he will reduce the amount of peas and introduce maize later in the season. Peter has concerns that some flyers over feed their birds and the birds gain visceral body fat, and this is more difficult to notice than subcutaneous fat, which the fancies can feel when handling their birds. Recovery: small seed post races, some honey in the water and at times a dash of port. Medications: Turbosole, Triple X and traditional vaccinations.

Future concerns about dwindling membership are alarming to many. Peter states high losses due to raptors deflate new flyers and believes 5 bird races give the novice flyer and small teams flyer greater rewards compared to larger lofts who continuously fly large teams of pigeons. He encourages the new flyers to seek birds from flyers within their area who fly well and seek performance pigeons to start with. At the end of the day "enjoy your sport".





J. and C. Harper

1st & 2nd SAHPA Marree - SA20 200024 BBPH & SA20 20073 BBH

Winner of the Brian Healy Memorial Trophy for the most outstanding performance finishing 1st, 2nd, 9th, 11th Marree (3) sending only 9 birds

In January 2020 Port Adelaide and Central Districts Clubs held a combined young bird auction at the Assoc hall where I was fortunate enough to purchase a squeaker donated by one of our leading flyers, Ross Chapman. The young BB cock SA19 4738, in my opinion, was extremely well bred being a son of champion race hen SA16 08657, 'Little Alice', who won SAHPA Ace Young Bird in 2017 and also SAHPA Bird of The Year in that same year. Even more appealing to me was the fact that 'Little Alice' was mated to her brother SA17 11369. I went to the sale with just one bird in mind and was prepared to bring him home 'come hell or high water'. After the sale I mentioned to my fellow clubmate and good friend Jack Vanderlinden that I had purchased the cock and was happy with him but I would have preferred a daughter. Little did I know that Ross and Jack had been negotiating over some stock birds and 4738's nestmate sister 4737, through Jack's generosity, ended up in my breeding loft.

When tossing commenced at the start of the 2021 season all was progressing well until I had a combined toss from Eudunda with fellow clubmate Fred DiMella that went horribly wrong, resulting in the loss of more than half of my 80 young birds. On registration day, I was only able to register 44 birds which included a few well performed stock hens that hadn't been out for two seasons. Some strategic planning was required if I was going to fly for the whole season so specialisation was the only way forward by carefully choosing which races to fly.

My main target was the Glendambo YBC followed by the Sires Produce from The Twins. The remaining races would depend on the health and number of birds left. Results in one of the early races from Stirling North I was able to get eight on the drop with seven in the top 10 which was a first for me and an indication that all was well.

The Glendambo YBC resulted in 2nd SAHPA with a daughter off 4738 (Rossco) mated to a Gaby / V d Bulck hen from Jack Vanderlinden. If I had won this race, I would have only flown the Sires and saved the remaining birds for next year. The Sire's Produce was a hard race but 20033, a daughter of 4737 (Alicia) mated to my 3rd SAD, which is my Heremans family, finished a pleasing 9th. In the Glendambo Open my old grizzle hen finished 10th SAHPA adding to her previous 11th and 12th before she retired to the stock loft. Her daughter bred Fred DiMella 4th SAHPA in the next hard Twins Open where I finished 6th with a brother to my Coober Pedy winner from last year.

For the last Marree I had nine young hens working well so decided to go for broke. I managed to get two on the drop, for 1st and 2nd SAHPA, both cousins, then two more for 9th and 11th First SAHPA being a daughter of 4738 (Rossco) x Gaby / V d Bulck and second SAHPA a daughter of 4737 (Alicia) x 3rd SAD Heremans.

What a way to finish the season! *To say I was very happy would be an understatement.*

Personally, I would like to thank Ross Chapman for breeding these two super breeding youngsters and Jack Vanderlinden for gifting me the hen. It would have been easy to throw in the towel after the toss from Eudunda but it just goes to show that when everything seems to be against you, just press on, because you never know what is waiting around the corner.

"Good Pigeons make Good Pigeon Flyers"



Alan Thede

First interest was as an 8-year-old and caught a pigeon in mum's chook house. His brother-in-law had pigeons and knew it was a hen so got a cock bird and built small cage and made nest for them and bred 12 pigeons. First interest in a club was when he caught a pigeon after being married which was a racing pigeon and he reported it – McCauley Bros owned it. It came back to Alan but he kept it and bought a mate from the bird shop in Twin Street in the City. Alan's cousin was Allen Goodger suggested he should start racing them. So a loft was erected at Chief street Brompton and pigeons came from Aussie Benger. So when Aussie died Alan got his loft and 10 birds which he took home and erected. He then joined West Suburban Homing Club. Alan did take a break for approx six years from

pigeons in 74 as recruiting officer for West Torrens Football club. Returned to pigeons with birds from Fred Delsar.

Flew from 1960 with people such as Ron Eitzen, Jack Stacey, Casey Brothers all good pigeon flyers. First placing was from Parachilna. Two years at WSHC and then moved to same house as now at Ridgehaven in 1962. Allen Goodger asked him to join Hampstead Club so flew with them from 1964. Club room were at Broadview Oval. More flyers moved into the north-east area so the NE club was formed with 12 members. Club borrowed 100 pounds from Assoc. and erected club rooms on a piece of land allocated from the Council. New flyers were Don Schwartz, Bernie Moores, Bill Hack. However after three years club split and a new club still called North-East was formed. Membership grew dramatically over next 10 years. Hills flyers Len Naismith, Lindsay Randall, Bun Snyders were all members. At one stage had 42 members and as with most big clubs disharmony set in. The NE club moved to Houghton Golf Club. These premises were acquired by Major Rob Wilson who returned from interstate. The club moved around a bit and so did the members. Low membership closed the club and they all joined Vitesse.

Alan says the first thing for a new flyer is to get the pigeons to come home. Fred Delsar was advising Alan and he advised on basic feed which was clean. Typical year birds are ranging so Alan would hamper up and take his birds to St Kilda and after a few tosses like that he would put his birds on Assoc tossing truck. Alan breeds 50 pigeons these days and he says flying two lines needs more than that and he says you should only fly what you can afford.

Alan thinks some of the vaccinations may be weakening some of the birds but does agree with vaccinating the birds. He says strange that when his birds got Rota only non-Goodger pigeons died.

Has always been keen on the bloodlines of pigeons and says he worked out pigeons from him have won 7 assoc. races, mainly long distance birds.

Feed: good quality peas and wheat and small seed as a trapping mixture. Doesn't go for safflower or corn, used to but not these days. Has nothing against them but do it now.

Tossing: is Tuesdays and Sundays on the truck. Never done single tossing. Likes them to fly around the loft for 1 or one and a half hours. Only lets them out once a day. Feeds twice a day smaller feed in morning and longer at night. Birds are wormed but doesn't use Turbasole or anything.

Advice to new flyer: get some established pigeons and try to base around hard day pigeons. Sometimes uses Glucodin in the water after a long race.

Young birds usually get Parachila or Pimba and old birds maybe a Carrieton and then come in later. Has doubled birds back at times.

Darren Aquilina and Son

True sportsman. Second place Alice Springs. *By one second!*



Darren flew Alice Springs this year and was unfortunate enough to come second by one second. His hen SA19 3877 SBCHH, like the winner, navigated extreme terrain to return to her loft. Darren has only been in Adelaide since 2010, moving from Sydney, where he has strong family ties. He flew as a junior in NSW along with his father and his brother also flies in Sydney. Darren has a young son who he hopes will follow in his footsteps, just like he did under the guidance of his father. Darren manages a small team of about 60-80 birds. He is privileged enough to have a generous brother David who breeds his race birds and are then freighted to Adelaide.

His hen SA19 3877 flew Coober Pedy and Marla in 2020. She didn't set the world on fire in 2020, but considering her blood line that was to be expected. Her dam SA15 9173 was 5th from Alice Springs in 2018. So Darren's plan to chart a path to Alice Springs was justified. The breeding of this

hen has Pryor/Goodger and Moyle in her bloodlines. Initially this hen flew the NE line, but with the arrival of COVID the line of flight changed. The hen then flew Glendambo, as like the first placed owner, Darren did not utilize the Pimba toss three weeks earlier. This dam not only produced the second-place bird, but her sibling also successfully returned home from this marathon event. Darren sent three birds to Alice with 2 out of 3 home.

Darren's preparation involves mostly carbohydrates, fats and like many interstate flyers does not utilise peas like the SA flyers do. He has mastered the art of feeding his birds peanuts which adds extra fats to his birds. He does medicate like many flyers, but consistent observations and an experienced eye restricts poor intervention. He also diligently practices good hydration with all his birds, having an essential electrolyte balance.

Darren has an admirable philosophy to pigeon racing, not once did he complain about coming second, no comments like: it didn't trap properly, it wasn't in the right spot on the truck. Darren has no angst with other flyers, He just stated "*that's pigeon racing!*" Darren will again race next year in the Marathon Alice Springs race hoping for another positive result, hopefully first place.

Saturday 26th November Day 1 of Convention

Official Opening 12 pm. 2 pm auction sale of approx. 40 pigeons (cover costs and raise funds for SAHPA and donation to a nominated charity). Auction sale of approx. 10 pigeons (raise funds for ANRPB).

3:30 pm Special Guest Speaker Panel (extreme long distance racing) hosted by Ray Fewings.

Confirmed panel members: Gavin Harris, Greg Kakoschke, Lee Abbott, Bronty Andrewartha, Greg Hodgins, Russell Somerville.- 4:30 close

6:30 pm – 10 pm SAHPA Presentation Evening. - Includes Special Guest Speaker

Sunday 27th November Day 2 of Convention. Start 10:30 am

11 am Auction sale of approx. 40 pigeons (SAHPA)

12:30 pm Special Guest Speaker Panel (Winning Ways) Hosted by Ray Fewings.

Confirmed panel members so far: David Wetering, Ross Chapman, John Van Beers and John Share.

3:30pm Auction sale of approx. 10 pigeons (SAHPA LDC). 4:30 pm close

Monday 28th November - Open SAHPA Hall for visitors – Free Sausage Sizzle Lunch

Interstate visitors welcome. Enquiries regarding SAHPA 2 Day Pigeon Convention 2022

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SAHPA PRESENTATION 2021



Top row – 1 Mark Seiboth and Tony Perks. 2 David and Sofia Thalbourne, Mia and Nathan Williams. Row 2 – Williams gang, Rory, Lucas, Mia, Paris 2 John Kokalakis and grandson John Michael Kokolakis 3 - Greg Kakoschke and grandson. Row 3 – 1 Girls 2 Michael Donnellan and John Crummey 3 Dimella, Perkins, Hamilton. Row 4 – Horrocks and Seiboth, John Harper and Christine, View of table at restaurant.

SAHPA PRESENTATION 2021



Top row – Terry McBeath, Mark Seiboth, Tom Tirrell. Row 2 – Wayne Griffith, Peter Pollard, Gavin Harris and wife. Row 3 – Dennis Shaw, Nenad Stojakovic, Ray and Fred DiMella. Row 4 – John Paul, Chris Mav, Tim Fawcett and wife.

CONVOYERS REPORT FOR SEASON 1944

Here is Mr. Bert Ey's report on conveying for season 1944. and he certainly raises some very interesting points; well worthy of thought and consideration by our members, delegates and executive officers.

My report for season 1944 is as follows:

Pigeons conveyed and released for members for the season totalled 58,974 birds, The Association members quota was 28,263 birds and the affiliated clubs 30,711 birds. The number of hampers handled to convey all these birds to the various race points totalled 2,887.

Taking the season right through from the commencement of racing to the end of the season, it was very dry, and I think was responsible a good deal for the very scattered returns, and long intervals between the first, and other arrivals home, especially in the longer races. The majority of the water holes in the northern area had dried up, through lack of rain, which meant that the pigeons, if they wanted a drink, would have to look elsewhere for water, and in doing so would get off their usual route for home, and more than likely strike trouble with hawks.

The pigeons have a constant supply of water while in the hampers, as supplies along the route can be got at different watering stations, and if necessary I can get water from the railway water gins which are always carried on trains going to the far north from Quorn.

On the North East route there was plenty of water at Railway Stations, but very scarce inland, most, if not all, billabongs were dry as were most of the dams. From Broken Hill out to Roto the water used was from the River Darling, this was very good drinking water, but there again all other water holes were dried up.

The nearest water from Ivanhoe would be the Murray River where there are plenty of hawks about to swoop down on any birds that go looking for water there, I personally think after my experience this season on the North East line, that it is a suicide route in a dry season. My reason for this conclusion is, that the weather gets hot very quickly after sunrise, and dust begins to rise about 9.30 to 10 a.m., just about every day, which is fine, and gives the human throat a very dry and sore feeling, and makes you want to drink all the time. This I feel, also applies to the pigeons in just the same way.

After leaving Roto you pass into better country and conditions for flying, as there is water along the track, and also bush and mallee, but from Yunta to Ivanhoe it is practically bare, with sand and dust storms almost every day. May I suggest, if you wish to race out eastwards and cannot get back on the old southern Victorian lines. I think you would get good results if you went through Pinnaroo or Peebinga, across to Ouyen, Mildura, Hay, Roto, Condobolin and Parkes. The weather conditions along that route would not be so hot, dusty or humid, as is the case from Yunta to Ivanhoe, where the temperatures rise very high at times.

On the Northern route this year it has been a very trying time for the birds from Marree on, on account of the exceptionally hot and dry season, and although the birds get plenty of water while travelling to the race points, there is very little good water along the line of flight for the birds to get a drink, what water there was about was very brackish and would not do the birds any good.

Season, 1944, the temperature was over the 100 degree mark at 9 a.m. and on the day of the second race it was 106 degrees at 9 a.m. and 112 at noon.

If a race is desired between Marree and Oodnadatta, I would suggest Anna Creek, which is only 14 miles further on than William Creek by rail, there is a watering plant there, which would be a good advantage, as there is none at William Creek.

I also offer a sound suggestion to all clubs to brand the club's name both on the front and back of the hampers, it would not only assist the Railways, but also the club with regard to the return of hampers, as in many instances labels get torn off and it is difficult to ascertain to whom the hampers belong, or what station they should be returned to.

Water Troughs. Many clubs have these fixed inside the hampers, they get very dirty with the pigeons standing on them and it is impossible to clean them out properly. My suggestion is that they be hung on the outside where they can be easily taken off and cleaned out, especially for the longer races, where the pigeons are in the hampers for several days. Several clubs should also see that their hampers are in better condition than they were last year, as they are likely to permit birds to escape and thus spoil the races.

Reverting to the North Eastern route, the Sydney flyers obtained good results as far as Parkes but after they got to Roto, and especially Ivanhoe, they had very heavy losses, losing thousands of birds. From Ivanhoe in one race with a fifty one mile an hour velocity, and a strong favourable wind, only fifty birds were timed, thousands being lost. Their Convoyer told me the NSW fanciers called it the suicide route.

They get good results and returns from the Queensland coastal route, which I think is very similar to our Northern route, not many hills on the way, and good clear flying country.

I am writing this report from Cummins on the West Coast, and I am sure you could create some world records from anywhere as far as the WA coast, as the wind has been blowing consistently at the rate of 50 to 70 miles an hour for the last three weeks.

Trusting the Association recorded a good season, in 1944, and a better one in 1945, when I hope to be able to assist you once more in keeping the sport keen and prosperous.

I am Yours faithfully, A. T. Ey, Convoyer to SAHP Association 1944.

Troy Tirrell

Winner of the SARPF 2021



Troy won the aggregate points in the SARPF and numerous other awards this year. The Southern Federation has nearly 30 seasoned flyers - an outstanding achievement.

Troy has been racing pigeons for numerous years commencing as a teenager. He is regarded as one of the few men who have had the advantage of an experienced mentor as his parent.

Started when he was about 15 years old with his dad (Tom) and without his help and assistance Troy states he would not have been as successful. Other influences were the Schiavone brothers John and Joe, Colin Hawke and Bill

Fekete. Also Paul Sheehan and Andrew Bosse who remain a strong support network. Bronte Andrewartha has become a great friend and someone who has assisted him in achieving his racing goals.

Troy commences with about 150 birds (about 110 are young birds and about 40 old birds). Troy intends to concentrate on one line only this year and with the desire to successfully compete in the marathon races such as Alice Springs.

The birds: comprise a mix of European birds with the proven Australian pigeon. He has been gifted birds from Bronte Andrewartha and Andrew Bosse and has exchanged birds within the Glenelg club. Also from the Seedsman sale, Warren March and Winners1.

Troy's starts with a few short tosses to educate his birds, then around 50 kms to increase fitness, but believes 120 kms is ample. If he notices any decline in their fitness Troy will increase his training to a couple of short sharp tosses to brighten up his team.

Feeding: varies during the season with ongoing assessment and continuous observation determining the feeding mixture. **On pellets:** does not not like feeding pellets at all as one year when feeding them he did not have a great breeding season. Knows others use them and have good results but he hasnt. Club racing is mainly equal parts of peas, wheat and barley with small seeds added being milo, safflower, maize and rape in varying amounts. When the Association racing season starts his feeding changes to equal parts peas and wheat and the barley is taken out and the maize is increased with other small seeds staying the same. Depending on the weather he will change the ratio of peas and maize during the week. If he thinks the race is going to be easier then he will feed more maize and decrease the peas and if it is going to be a harder race then he will increase the peas and decrease the maize.

Recovery: they go into one section and are given as much food as they like and honey is added to the water. That night they are allowed back to their perch as this is one of the reasons they came home. The next day they are let out for a fly with all other birds even if it was only 5 minutes that is fine then a bath.

Medication: Does not really medicate once racing starts. At the beginning of the year they have all vaccinations required and then given a course of Turbosole and Triple X and then around Derby time given another course just to keep any diseases out. Oregano-Stim in the water a couple of times during the week and Sedachol or apple cider vinegar with Stockgain is used on the food also. On race day the birds are given honey in the water.

Loft: consists of six sections with a corridor running along the front, perfect ventilation. A section for cock birds where one is stock and the other is for 2-year-old and older cocks that can be let out. The other 4 sections are for all young birds including young cocks any old hen that can be let out, as all stock hens are at Tom's house

How to invigorate the sport: one flyer's loft could be used for more than one owner is a way that more people can get involved as from the one loft in the club. I see this as a great way to keep flyers involved in the sport with those that are not fortunate enough to have a backyard for birds. Also solves the problem of taking a break / holiday as your partner can help out.

ANRPB Chairman's Annual Report 2021

From Greg Kakoschke - President ANRPB

The sport of Pigeon Racing in Australia was again severely impacted upon by Covid-19 in 2021. Notably, Victoria and New South Wales, were most affected. The ANRPB was also forced to cancel the scheduled National Race from Emmdale, NSW, because of Covid-19 health restrictions and state border closures.

National War Animal Day - Canberra

At the request of the ANRPB, the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, organised a special small display of pigeon related exhibits, including a Dickin Medal, for National War Animal Day 2021. Due to Covid-19, audiences were restricted. A contingent of Board Members and their partners, were joined by Grant and Kaye Paterson in being honoured guests for the occasion, including the Last Post Ceremony.

Australian War Animal Memorial Organisation

The ANRPB continues to maintain an excellent working relationship with Nigel Allsopp, the President of the AWAMO. This has led to the Melbourne Foundry that made the AWM bronze pigeon plaque for the ANRPB also manufacturing several plaques for a Queensland Animal War Service Memorial.

Board Matters

As planned, the ANRPB Constitution was amended this year, to include Country or Regional Delegates from each mainland state. This led to the inclusion of Paul Gibbs (NSW), Peter Flack (Old) and Russell Somerville (SA). The Board also welcomed Gavin Harris, the new SA delegate. All have been valuable contributors to the workings of the ANRPB this year. Most notably, the ANRPB also welcomed back two past members in important roles, Jim Craig as Treasurer, and Len Vanderlinde as website manager. The ongoing contributions of Stephen Shears (Vice-President), Kevin Wilson and Jeff Profke also warrant commendation. For much of the year the Board operated without an official Secretary, following the resignation of Anton van den Heever. A word of appreciation to Gavin Harris for taking the minutes of meetings. The recruitment of a new Secretary is of paramount importance, along with filling other vacancies.

The amended ANRPB Constitution now allows members to serve for a term of 5 years. A most notable innovation this year has been the development of the official ANRPB Logo. This was achieved via an international on-line competition managed by Gavin Harris. The auction on Tim Fawcett's website ensured that the ANRPB had sufficient operating funds.

Disease Management Fund

The ANRPB maintains the Disease Management Fund, originally made up of donations from a multitude of pigeon organisations and private individuals, for the manufacture of the Rotavirus vaccine. The repayment of the \$60,000 loan made to Treidlia Biovet Pty Ltd as an integral part of the contract with Latrobe University (that owned the Intellectual Property for the Rotavirus vaccine), now represents the bulk of the fund.

Early in 2021, the ANRPB was asked to consider utilising the DMF towards countering the outbreak of a deadly pigeon virus in South-East Queensland. However, without an identification of the cause, and a specific treatment plan, no allocation of funds was made. Whilst the DMF has not been used to date, the probability of a further pigeon related virus remains high and as the world has learned through Covid-19, timely action in these situations is required. The DMF remains an important cache of funds, to target any future pigeon virus in a timely manner.

Government Recognition of the Sport of Racing Pigeons

The ANRPB has taken the initiative to forward a submission to the Australian Government Minister for Sport, the Hon Richard Colbeck, formally requesting that the modern-day Sport of Racing Pigeons be officially recognised by the Australian Government. The ANRPB will professionally and respectfully pursue this matter as gaining acknowledgment will provide all racing pigeon organisations, government avenues for funding to assist in the promotion of our sport. Official government recognition for the sport of Racing Pigeons, combined with the National Code of Practice, also creates the opportunity for National Legislation pertaining to racing pigeons, which is the most effective way to counter the myriad of local Council by-laws across Australia.

National Code of Practice

The scheduled 2021 review of the National Code of Practice (NCOP), was placed "on hold" this year following feedback from Grant Paterson, that Animal Health Australia was still to complete the review of the standards and guidelines due to the unwillingness of the caged laying hens' industry, to agree and sign off on the standards. I would recommend that the NCOP be reviewed and updated in 2022 following consultation with Australian Racing Pigeon trainers.

Affiliation with Federation Colombophile Internationale (FCI)

ANRPB Vice-President Stephen Shears, has communicated with the FCI with regards to possible affiliation. He received a positive response from the FCI Vice-President, David Barros Madeira, who has advised the ANRPB to forward a Statement of Intent to affiliate with the FCI.

Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge our ANRPB corporate sponsor, Phil Murphy, and all pigeon fanciers who donated birds to the fundraising auction this year. Your valuable support helps keep the ANRPB operational. Also, a word of appreciation to Jeff Howell, Editor of the Australian Racing Pigeon Journal; and to Tony McPherson and Ivan Fonti of the Pigeon Radio Australia team, for their ongoing support of the ANRPB.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all members of the Board, who give of their time freely, whilst undertaking their important contributions to the workings of the National Board.

Forward Planning for 2022

National War Animal Day, Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

Pursuance of government recognition for the Sport of Racing Pigeons.

Pursuance of affiliation with Federation Colombophile Internationale.

Review of the National Code of Practice.

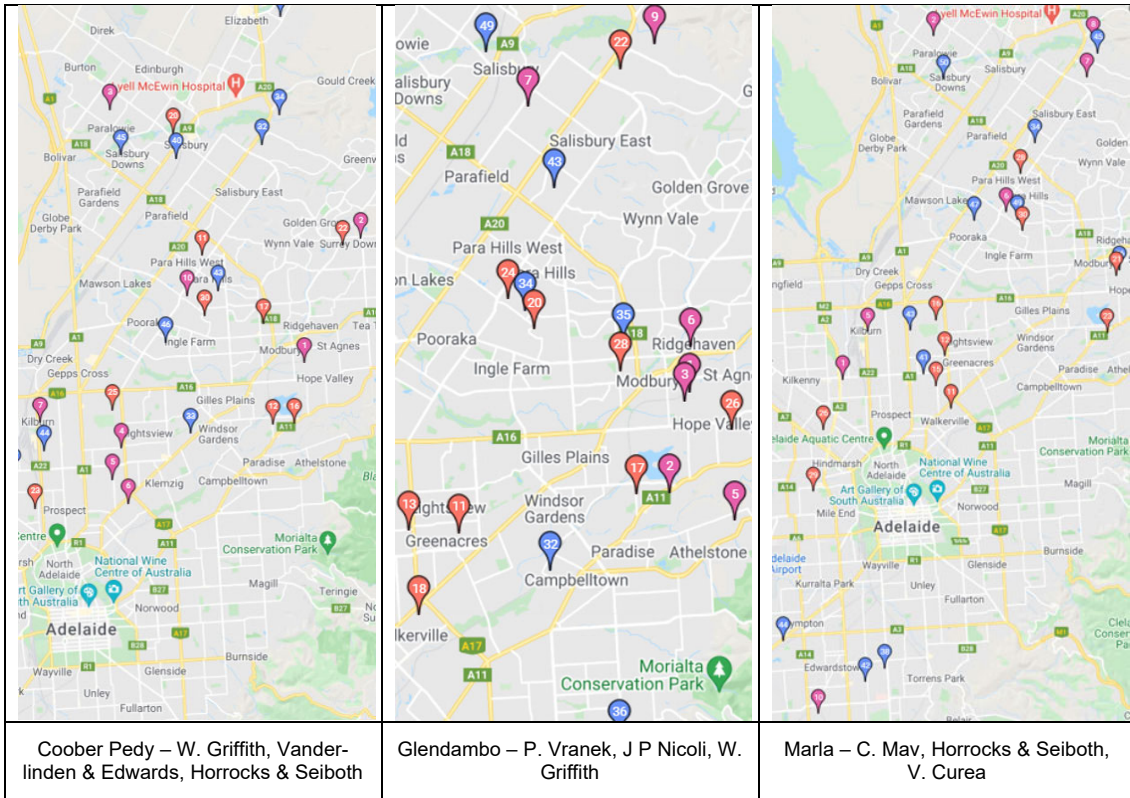
Scheduling and Convening of the National Race from Emmdale NSW

Collaborative participation in the SAHPA planned National Pigeon Convention to be held in Adelaide, in November 2022.

Finally, notwithstanding the frustrations associated with Covid-19 related cancellations, it has been my honour to serve as President of the ANRPB and hereby nominate for the position again for 2022.

Yours in Our Sport, Greg Kakoschke JP, President: ANRPB Inc

Maps of arrivals for Coober Pedy, Glendambo, Marla



RING RACE 2022 PAY-OUT TABLE

	2 Bird		3 Bird		4 Bird		5 Bird		6 Bird		7 Bird		8 Bird		9 Bird		10 Bird
1st	\$425	1st	\$350	1st	\$315	1st	\$280	1st	\$260	1st	\$235	1st	\$225	1st	\$220	1st	\$200
2nd	\$275	2nd	\$210	2nd	\$210	2nd	\$195	2nd	\$180	2nd	\$170	2nd	\$150	2nd	\$140	2nd	\$125
	\$700	3rd	\$140	3rd	\$105	3rd	\$90	3rd	\$85	3rd	\$85	3rd	\$75	3rd	\$70	3rd	\$70
			\$700	4th	\$70	4th	\$70	4th	\$70	4th	\$70	4th	\$65	4th	\$65	4th	\$65
					\$700	5th	\$65	5th	\$55	5th	\$55	5th	\$55	5th	\$55	5th	\$55
							\$700	6th	\$50	6th	\$50	6th	\$50	6th	\$50	6th	\$50
									\$700	7th	\$35	7th	\$45	7th	\$40	7th	\$45
											\$700	8th	\$35	8th	\$35	8th	\$35
There is \$5600 to use as prize-money. Money has been												\$700	9th	\$25	9th	\$30	
divided based on one prize per 50 pigeons. Ringrace birds in final result														\$700	10th	\$25	
determines the number of prizes to be paid out. There will also be 2 off																\$700	
prizes for bird of year (\$250 each). There are eight races for ringrace payout.																	

A Rare Feat – 600 miles (966 km) on the day from the East

By John Hofman

The amazing feat of pigeons flying 600 miles on the day from the east into Adelaide is a nearly once in a century occurrence. It happened on 8/10/2015 when 23 owners sent 131 birds to Gunning (NSW), a distance of 611 miles (983 km). Released at 6.15am with an easterly wind behind them, the wind varied during the day from SE to E to NE throughout from moderate to fresh and at times strong. A couple of amazing feats happened in this race apart from the fact that 9 birds flew this race on the day before darkness. F & G Magro of Southern Districts landed 3 birds together at 6.42pm to take 1st, 2nd & 3rd and 51 birds were presented by the end of the second day which indicates that nearly 50% of the convoy made it home from the race by the end of the second day.

After this race I remembered reading an article that in the 1930's a race was held from Goulburn (NSW), approx. 25 miles (40 Km) further than Gunning, and two birds made home on the day and the third placegetter arrived some days later but I couldn't remember where I read it, or remember any of the details or where I could track down a copy of the report.

On Thursday night 24/08/2017 I arranged to meet Vince Cannizzo from Melbourne at the SAHPA headquarters as he was looking to move to Adelaide to set up his racing lofts here. It had been a couple of years since I had been there and I was also interested to see the new German race unit and trailer. While there I noticed a large number of old SAHPA Pigeon Fancier's Gazettes so I sorted through them and took seven copies in which I had been the Joint Editor. I was later looking through them and lo and behold on page 1 of the January/February 1985 edition was a reprinted article on this very race written by "Blue Chec" who was the late Vic Richardson who wrote for the old Express and Journal. It was supplied to me by the late Bing Moyle back in 1985. The race was held in 1933, the date wasn't given but judging by the release time it was probably in late October or early November.

The report reads, "In 1933 the record of Goulburn was established, 32 birds competed and with a helping wind my cherished prophecy came true and two arrivals were timed on the day of liberation. The wire received from Mr Chippendale at the race point read, "Birds released at 4.55am, fine and clear with an easterly wind". The Adelaide time of liberation was 4.25am and the winner, a two year old red chec. cock owned by Mr G. Dally was timed at 5.41pm and the second bird owned by T. Butler & son at 5.51pm – the actual flying times were 13 hours 18 minutes 10 seconds and 13 hours 27 minutes 27 seconds. Another bird owned by Mr G. Jeanes was timed on the fifth day.

This was my description of Mr Dally's splendid red chec. Cock 1555 SAA31. A lovely handler of medium size, spreads a lovely wing, is tight and close vented, with keel running very close to vent bones. Has the peculiar Marriott coloured eye set in a docile face. His sire was a Logan cock bred by our patron Dr J. Riddell of Kapunda and his dam a silver mealy hen, daughter of Mr Dally's imported Marriott pair. Mr Dally's winner flew all stages to Albury as a yearling and would have been in the first twenty birds had another thimble been available.

Numbers of the imported Marriott birds – RCC NURP 27RPF 758: BCH NURP 27EB 182: RCC NURP 28RPF 45: BH NURP 28EB 356. Ring numbers taken from the original Marriott pedigrees.

Mr T. Butler and sons' bird was a lovely blue hen of Harrison Jurion blood."

The discrepancy in release times for the two races is mainly due to the fact that that the Gunning event was flown in daylight savings time and partly due to the fact that the Goulburn event was flown two or three weeks later in the year.

See the results of the two races below:-

The results for the two races giving just the first nine on the day birds from Gunning:-

Gunning 983 km Released 6.15 am (CDST) 23 owners 131 birds 8/10/2015

Owner	Velocity	Distance	Clocking time	Flying Time
F & G Magro	1315.533 mpm	982.533 km	6.42.02 pm	12.27.02
F & G Magro	1315.474		6.42.04	12.27.04
F & G Magro	1316.416		6.42.06	12.27.06
C. Mav	1300.298	979.883	6.48.35	12.33.35
Hackham West Lofts	1281.126	982.090	7.01.35	12.46.35
Hitchcock & Young	1250.778	982.048	7.20.09	13.05.09
Hitchcock & Young	1230.611		7.33.01	13.18.01
Curea & Langer	1224.497	967.924	7.25.28	13.10.28
Curea & Langer	1215.705		7.31.11	13.16.11
Goulburn		1020 km (approx.)	32 birds	
G. Dally	1280 mpm (approx.)		5.43.10 pm	13.18.10
T. Butler & Son			5.52.27	13.27.27
G. Jeanes				5th day

Not knowing where the first two winners lived it is impossible to know their distances to calculate the exact velocity so the approximate velocity calculated for G. Daly could vary by plus or minus 10 meters per minute. Mr George Jeanes, the owner of the third bird lived at West Croydon. Just diverging, the reason I know this is that I attended his complete dispersal sale when I had just entered the sport as a junior flyer. The auction was held in his backyard. I flew in the Riverside Juniors from 1961 to 1963 so the auction would probably been held in 1961 or 62. His loft was the source of many birds at the foundation of the late Joe Burkes' loft of Cheltenham, a two storey loft which overlooked the Cheltenham cemetery. I remember seeing a lot of magnificent gay pieds' and grizzles at the Jeanes auction, exactly the same as Joe Burke who also had numerous magnificent grizzles and Gay Pieds. The ones that took most people's eyes were the "seagulls", pigeons that were mostly white in body with blue wings.

To sum things up the Gunning event holds the title of the faster of the two six hundred mile races and the better returns but Goulburn still holds the title of the longest six hundred mile east line race flown into Adelaide on the day of release. *John Hofman*

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