

For the Future The Buying Public

To keep in line with advancing Avian Code of Practices and the beneficial changes of the Public's perception for better Avian Husbandry & Wellbeing, Thuringowa Bird Club Inc. will be working towards the improvement of the Buyers code of 'Carry Boxes'.

The Thuringowa Bird Club Inc. Bird Sales are conducted under the current Queensland Code of Practice for Aviculture. Under this Code, besides all else, sellers have recommendations to the Style & Suitability of their Sales/Display Boxes, for the Size & Species of Bird being Sold/Displayed.

These recommendations are many fold, but one primary reason is for the Welfare of the Birds, reducing any possible stress during the time of the Sale. These potential stress levels do not suddenly disappear when a bird is purchased, therefore we (the TBC) will be endeavouring, **over the next couple of years**, to educate the buyers to provide more desirable 'carry boxes'.

Surely, as a Buyer, you do not wish to increase the bird's potential stress and then release a highly stressed bird into your Aviaries.

Long-term we would like to see all birds leave 'the Sale' in mainly enclosed Carry Boxes & the abolishment of the Buyers using open Canary & Flight style cages. In the past, some Sellers have presented their Birds in the Boxes they are to be sold in, without the need to 'transfer' birds at the Sale. This will continue & possibly increase. Buyers boxes must be suitable for and contain a single species.

The Committee.

