



Michael Whitney flies from his Father's loft at Gilles Plains and his Club is Vitesse. He trains his birds with his Father's pigeons and according to his Father Garth, 'generally gets better results than me!' Michael started racing Pigeons in 2002 when he was 9 years old (he is now 13 years old and has just started High School). He enjoys going on long tosses with his Dad (2-3 times a week) and watching the birds as they fly higher and higher till you can't see them any more. Sometimes the birds are put on a tossing unit. His favorite races are the Association Races (especially the Derbies because of all the suspense) and the challenge of the longer races like The Twins. Everyday the birds are fed a mix of peas, wheat, milo and corn. Michael helps his dad with the birds on hampering night enjoys going to the S.A.H.P.A and seeing the birds getting loaded onto the Main Unit.

His Bird of the Year for 2006 is SA 2005 17487 BCH for winning - 1st Moulamein (SAD) - 1st Booroorban - 1st Moulamein Open and 2nd Ouyen. The bloodline is Jimmy Cox x Goodger, (the sire being a son of the Old Jimmy Cox RCC (that Graham Markham gave his Dad Garth) and the dam is a Goodger hen Garth bought at a sale). Michael would like to thank Mr Peter Vranek for breeding him some birds (and some of these have been clocked). Since Michael started flying he has won the Junior Association Points every year thanks to his Dad's help. This year Garth and Michael are taking a year off flying to have a break and do some inbreeding. His other interests are Martial Arts which he attends twice a week and the Australian Air Force Cadets which is once a week plus camps.

The **Baldock Girls** also fly from their parents' loft (Terry and Anna) at Kangarilla. They fly with the Happy Valley club in the Southern Fed. Alannah (10) and Kirsty (7) are the Baldock team. They flew all races, and won the Lyndhurst open. They started with some 25 birds and completed the year with 12. Alannah recently completed a project on pigeons (breeding, racing and predators) at school and was awarded top marks for an excellent result. One of the project posters is shown on the attached photo.

