

Peter Hicks - Little Topar SAD Winner - 01466 SA08 MH 198 Owners - 3110 Birds



Peter Hicks flies with the Alexandrina Racing Pigeon Club based at Strathalbyn. He has been around pigeons since he was a child. In those days he would collect pigeons from under bridges or from the local flour mill. It wasn't until 1992 that he decided to get serious and has since won the Adelaide Club points in 2008 and won Little Topar SAD in 2009. He uses a mechanical STB for clocking and yankee traps for catching the incoming pigeon.

SA08 01466 MlyH is bred from an inbred Wickham cock (bred from a bird from the late Ross Grivell of Modbury) and an inbred Goodger hen (inbred to Charlie Forbes lot 67 purchased in 2001). She flew Yunta 2 before being sent to the SAD.

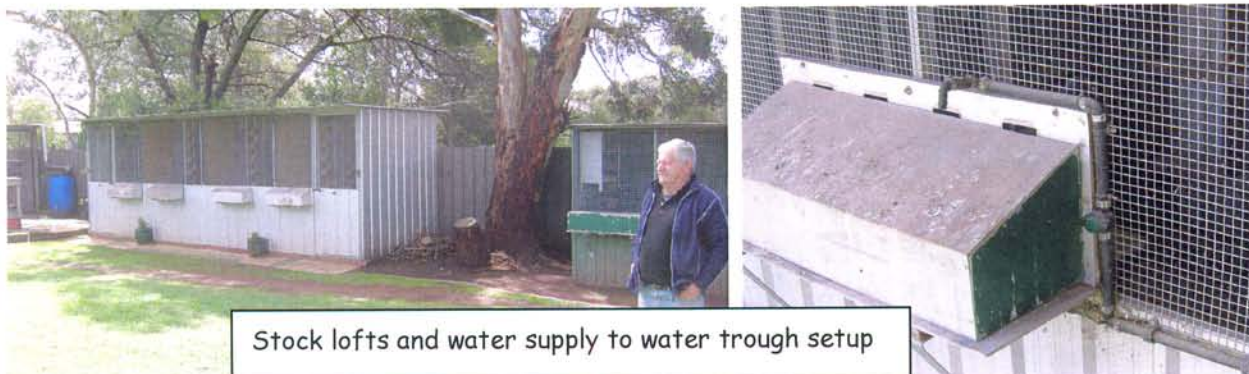
Peter breeds from around 25 pairs of stock birds and aims for around 150 birds to start the new season. Stock birds are Wickham, Goodger and Ray McDonald. His best results have been from inbred Wickham to inbred Goodger. Hens and cocks are raced and trained together and handfed twice a day with a custom mix of 40% peas, 40% wheat, 7%

Maize, 7% Milo and 7% safflower. On the day of basketing they are provided with a half feed of maize, safflower and milo. Pink powder, grit, iodised table salt are provided at all times. Polyseed oil is provided one to two times a week. Young birds are mixed with the 2 y/o on weaning.

Toss training starts around Anzac day with a toss at 10kms. This extends to 100kms before their first race, and thereafter the birds are tossed to 100kms once a week up to the derbies. No tossing is done after the derbies.

The loft is cleaned once a week and the birds are given Ivermectin (for worms) pre tossing and again pre racing.

Breeding birds are hopper fed 80% peas, 15% wheat and 5% triticale. They are paired in September. He mates to inbreed for stock then outcross inbred pairs for racing, as well as breeding best to best.



Stock lofts and water supply to water trough setup