

# 2014 Coleambally 1 Stasinowsky

*Information on Stasinowsky Family from July 2011.*

Rod started his racing career in 1994 with the Hyde Park club. At the time his brother (Daryl) was also racing birds. Daryl and Rod had been introduced to pigeons as children by their father – pigeons all their lives. Rod has recently rejoined the Hyde Park club and enjoys the friendly club atmosphere.

Twenty pairs of stock birds and five pairs of his best race birds provide 100 babies a year and are added to about 30 two and three-year olds to make up his race team.

The birds are based on two varieties – 20 pc old South Australian families (Goodger / Kakoschke / Blanden) and 30 pc imports (Mueleman / Janssen / Van Loon).

Race birds are fed twice a day with a commercial race mix from Greg Hamilton (X Thomastown Vic.) Additional maize is added as deemed necessary dependant on condition of the birds and the weather.

Apple cider vinegar is added 2-3 times a week to the drinking water. No other additives are provided. Babies are added to the old bird race team once the babies have been regularly flying an hour. This will be around April each year. Toss training begins four weeks before racing and begins with a 100 km toss at Pt. Wakefield. The birds will get some eight tosses before racing to a maximum of around 140 km.

Once racing is underway, tossing is done on the SAHPA unit (north only) to 90 km and 130 km. No or little training is done to the SE due to personal time restrictions and the fact that the birds fly the loft very well. The race loft is cleaned once a week, the birds loft fly for an hour plus daily and no medications are provided.

Breeding birds are hand fed 2-3 times a day with the Greg Hamilton commercial mix, and all birds are paired in November. Two rounds are provided. Stock birds are the best of his race birds plus 2-3 new stocks acquisitions yearly. The breeders are mated best to best.

Rod's greatest difficulty is finding the time amongst family and work to pursue his hobby as he would like. His preference is for the SAHPA to operate a line of flight program to the same race points three years in succession. He is a very big supporter of east line racing and bases his breeding around his east line results. He is continually looking for better birds to add to his breeding pool.

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