

**QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY**

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**LAUNCESTON CANARY, BUDGERIGAR  
AND CAGE BIRD SOCIETY COLLECTION**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Launceston Canary and Cage Bird Society was formed at a meeting of fanciers of canaries and cage birds held on 30 July 1930. Two exhibitions were held during the Society's first year: a young bird exhibition in May 1931 and the annual exhibition in July. There were 246 entries in the latter exhibition (222 canaries and 24 cage birds), with 64 canaries coming from Hobart.

At the 1933 annual meeting the secretary was instructed to join the Budgerigar Society so that any literature on the fancy would be available to members, as the breeding of budgerigars was gaining in popularity. It was reported that the Society's initiative in obtaining a mainland judge for the annual exhibition had created a good deal of interest.

The committee met at various venues until November 1955, after which time its meetings were held at the Launceston Show Grounds. The annual exhibition was first held at the Elphin Show Grounds in 1956, prior to this time it had been held at several different locations.

The Society's name was changed to the Launceston Canary, Budgerigar and Cage Bird Society at the annual meeting on 10 November 1957.

The Society was still active in 2002.

The collection was donated to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in February 2002.

### ***1. Legal Records***

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| 1/1 | The Launceston Canary & Cage Bird Society, constitution & rules (includes standing orders) | 1938 |
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### ***2. Minutes of Meetings***

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| 2/1 | Launceston Canary and Cage Bird Society, minute book of general, committee and annual meetings, 30 July 1930-9 November 1949)   | 1930-1949 |
| 2/2 | Launceston Canary and Cage Bird Society, minute book of committee and annual meetings, 24 April 1950-27 November 1961 (name changed to Launceston Canary, Budgerigar and Cage Bird Society 28 October 1957) | 1950-1961 |
| 2/3 | Launceston Canary, Budgerigar and Cage Bird Society, minute book of committee and annual meetings, 23 January 1962-12 February 1969   | 1962-1969 |
| 2/4 | Launceston Canary, Budgerigar and Cage Bird Society, minute book of committee and annual meetings, 26 March 1969-16 May 1973  | 1969-1973 |

### **OTHER SOURCES**

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State Library of Tasmania, Hobart, holds the Launceston Canary, Budgerigar and Cage Bird Society annual show catalogue, 1973, 1976, 1981