## **Race Teams for Sale**

Race Teams of ten birds will be offered for sale again this year for the 2025 race season being bred off my very successful "NexGen" Van Loon based birds.

For many years now this family of pigeons have performed at the highest level for many fanciers across the country. They have won 1<sup>st</sup> Federation positions in Western Aust. Victoria and NSW. While in the QPF Federation in the year **(2022)** pigeons from a previous race team won four top positions that included 2<sup>nd</sup> O/A, 11<sup>th</sup> O/A, 16<sup>th</sup> O/A and a 30<sup>th</sup> O/A. There have been many other wins and placings reported as far north as Rockhampton (Qld.), the MNCF, SCF and Bendigo (Vic.)

In the 2023 season there were 10 birds across 4 Federations that were placed in the top 19 positions.

This family of pigeons have been based on the original Ray Hunt and Des Sippet Planet Brother Van Loons with further introductions of Van Loon based birds obtained from Greg Hamiliton, including the bloodlines of many of his champion producers that include: "The Pet Hen", "Che", "Matteo", "Schalieke" and "Gilchrist" to name just a few.

In April last year I was able to purchase several of Steve Beverley's top line-bred Van Loons at his total disposal sale. (Steve passing away suddenly after a short illness.) Steve was a close friend, and the fancier from who I obtained my original Van Loons birds back in 1996. These new introductions will be crossed back to my current family of Van Loon based birds to enhance those I already have.

The last two years I have line bred back to a few of my base birds and as a result have produced several Slates, these going back to the champions "Schalieke", "Thunderbolt", "Miss Saigon" and "Flits". All with a record of being great racer/producers. These young birds will be paired together with their off spring to be included in upcoming race teams.

In the last few years I have also introduced a few very well bred Leo Herman birds that are closely related to his champion racer/producer "Olympiade". Although early days, reports regarding the few I have bred with this cross have been very pleasing.

Only 10 teams will be available.

Teams of 10 birds will be for sale at \$800.00 plus freight

(Stock birds will be paired early August)

To order your team please contact Paul Gibbs on Mob 0408 003387 or (02) 6559 5925 or you can email me at pigeon52@bigpond.net.au