



Bee Flight



Official Newsletter of the
Ipswich and West Moreton Beekeepers Association Inc.

President's Report.

Greetings to all our members! It has been a particularly cool season and we are looking forward to the Brisbane Exhibition and springtime. Any members that have entered honey at the EKKA please have your honey at Phillip Geeves' home by 5.00 pm on Friday 31st July. Phil and Ken will be leaving first thing on the Saturday morning to take all the entries to the show

Our August meeting is our Annual General Meeting. All members will have received notification of an amendment to our current constitution to increase the committee membership from 8 to 10 participants. (Also members will have received the previous AGM's minutes.) A larger committee will allow for greater participation by members in our club and will enable our committee members to have further support, as our club has grown in membership and activities so much in recent years.

The committee and I would also be very interested to hear any suggestions from members regarding the functioning of the club and how we can improve member participation in all club activities, so please contact me or any current committee member to share your thoughts.

I wish to thank everyone in the club for their support over the previous year. It has made my job as President extremely enjoyable and a privilege.

Cheers for now Benita

Note from the editor: Please do not take honey for the EKKA to Phillip's home unless you have already submitted your entry form with the show authority.

Club Committee

Members can call any of the committee members for help and/or advice with your bees.

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| Patron | Norm Hinton | |
| President | Benita Ironside | ☎ 0414 939 681 |
| Vice President | George Pallot | ☎ 07 3202 8332 |
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| Treasurer | Phil Geeves | ☎ 07 3282 3989 |
| Committee | Beryl Salmond | ☎ 07 3281 7613 |
| Committee | Grahame Yates | ☎ 07 3288 8238 |
| Committee | Kellie Round | ☎ 0407 114 513 |
| Committee | Phil Corbett | ☎ 0419 196 330 |



Ekka Entries to
 Phillip Geeves - 31st July
 Club Meeting - 4th Aug
 CLUB AGM 4th - Aug
 Committee Meeting - 10th Aug
 EKKA - 7th to 16th August
 Next Club Meeting - 1st Sept
 Beaudesert Show - 4th & 5th Sept
 Gold Coast Beekeepers Field Day
 25th October

The meetings of the Ipswich and West Moreton Beekeepers Association are held on the first Tuesday of each month (**except January**) at the W.G. Hayden Humanities Centre, Cnr. South and Nicholas Streets, Ipswich commencing at 7.30pm. **All welcome.**



Club Registration

Before Club meetings all members are required to pay a \$2.00 registration fee.



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Name Badge Reminder.

Members are reminded to wear their name badges at meetings and events to help others recognise you, particularly as there are many new members. If you are unable to find your name badge, please see Noela or Phillip Geeves and they will arrange for a new badge.

Current Happenings

Club events are on the website calendar at <http://www.honey.org.au>

Beaudesert Show

The Beaudesert show is our next club show event. All members are asked to keep either Friday or Saturday 4th or 5th September free to help man the Club's stand at the Beaudesert Show. Secretary Noela will begin a roster sheet at our next meeting. If you have never been to the Beaudesert Show, you should make it a priority, as it is one of the best shows of the year.

Show dates remaining for 2015

Listed below are the current published dates for the remaining Queensland shows this year.

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| Ekka | 7 th to 16 th Aug | www.ekka.com.au |
| Beaudesert | 4 th to 5 th Sept | www.beaudesertshow.org.au |

SHOWS RESULTS – Kalbar, Rosewood & Redcliffe

KALBAR

- Frank Earley – 1 First
- Ken Freiberg - 4 Firsts & 4 Seconds
- **P & N Geeves – 1 First & 1 Second – Champion Honey of the Show**
- Nick Manning – 1 Second
- Albert Payne – 7 Firsts & 6 Seconds
- Meng Round – 1 First & 1 Second
- Peter Waldron – 7 Firsts & 4 Seconds

ROSEWOOD

- **Frank Earley – 2 Firsts & 1 Third – Champion Honey of the Show**
- Ken Freiberg – 6 Firsts, 7 Seconds & 5 Thirds
- P & N Geeves – 2 Firsts, 3 Seconds & 1 Third
- Albert Payne – 4 Firsts, 4 Seconds & 5 Thirds
- Peter Waldron – 6 Firsts & 4 Seconds – Reserve Champion Honey of the Show

REDCLIFFE

- Frank Earley – 1 Second & 1 Third
- Ken Freiberg – 1 First, 3 Seconds & 2 Thirds
- P & N Geeves – 1 First, 1 Second & 1 Third - \$25.00 Voucher from HoneyBee Australis
- Albert Payne – 2 Firsts, 2 Seconds & 3 Thirds
- Peter Waldron – 3 Seconds

Honey for the Ekka

Any members that are exhibiting honey at the EKKA please have your honey at Phillip Geeves' home by 5.00 pm on Friday 31st July. Phil and Ken will be leaving first thing on the Saturday morning to take all the entries to the show.

Annual subscriptions

Just a reminder to the Members who have still not renewed your membership for the 2015-16 year. Please pay at the August Meeting.

Note: You need to be a financial member to vote in the resolution proposed for the AGM. If you are not coming to the August meeting you can either post a cheque to Secretary Noela at 40 Whitehill Road Eastern Heights Ipswich Q 4305 or direct deposit into the Club's bank Account – BOQ BSB 124053 Account no 10278864 Please put your name on the deposit to allow us to identify who has paid. If funds are not received by 1st September, you will be no longer a financial member of the Club.

Annual General Meeting 2015

The club's AGM will be held on Tuesday 4th August. There will be the normal meeting first then the AGM to follow.

AGM 2015-16

Nominations for the 2015-16 Management Committee -

1. President - Benita Ironside
2. Vice President - George Pallot
3. Secretary - Noela Geeves
4. Treasurer - Mark Meerwald
5. Committee – Phillip Geeves
6. Committee - Grahame Yates
7. Committee - Kellie Round
8. Committee - Beryl Salmond

Volunteering at the EKKA

Ray Goldsworthy is looking for volunteers to help man the QBA Honey Court at the Ekka from Thursday 7th August until Sunday 16th August. The roster times are Day shift – 8.30 am – 3.00 pm, Evening shift – 2.30pm – 7.30pm. All day shift 8.30am – 7.30pm (finish times approximate). The Honey Court is the QBA's showcase of the year where we can interact with the public with a view to education and answering questions. The Honey Court has demonstrations and of course sells honey, mead and bee products. If any Member can help please contact Ray Goldsworthy on mobile 0409 134 526, home phone 32078151 or email lizray74@gmail.com.

Flora. In August we should be seeing

Broad-Leaved Ironbark, Flat Weed, Hairy Bush Pea, Mountain Coolibah, Grey Ironbark, Mugga Ironbark, Narrow-Leaved Ironbark, White Clover, Yapunyah, Turnip Weed, Wattle, Blue Gum, Spotted Gum, Red Bottle Brush.

Know your Flora- Passion Fruit.

Thought this would be an interesting plant for August. Our vines both have lots of flowers and the bees love them. *Passiflora edulis* is a climbing woody perennial in lots of varieties. A vigorous climbing vine with fast-growing canes. Leaves are deeply lobed, glossy, dark green above and paler, dull green below, to 7.5–20 cm long. White flowers are single, fragrant, 5–7.5 cm at each node on new growth. Flowers are sterile in the purple varieties and must be insect pollinated, as the pollen is too large and sticky for wind pollination. Managed honeybees, while not as effective as large bees, are needed in large numbers to successfully pollinate. Fruit is round to ovoid, 3.5 to 7.5 cm wide, with a tough smooth, waxy skin, dark purple to pale yellow with a very appealing juicy pulp, with a guava-like sweet-tart flavour. Origin: South America. Love full sun but is susceptible to frost. Bees collect both pollen and nectar for flowers.



Regular Items

Club shirts, badges and caps

If any members of the club are interested in having a club shirt and/or badge please see Secretary Noela. The price of shirts is \$18.00 and the badge is now only \$4.00.

Support those who support you.

Our club has been very fortunate to benefit from the generosity of both Noel Hutchinson of Quality Beekeeping Supplies (3376 5404) and Rod Palmer at C.B. Palmer and Co (0417 796 257). Please remember these very good friends when you require Apiary supplies. Also don't forget that should you require troughs to make your own beetle trap bottom boards Lou Uljarevic (07 5465 8130) still has them available. As always many thanks also to Councillor Bruce Casas for photocopying our newsletter.

Wiring Board

Just a reminder the club has available for loan to members a wiring board, a box to make frames up in and an embedder to put the wax on the frames. Our continued thanks to Noel Scholz for these items.

Extracting van for hire

Should any member wish to hire the club van please contact Peter Anderson on 3800 3562 to make a booking. The cost of using the van is \$20.00 per day (members only) Please pay the Treasurer at the next meeting if you have used the van in the previous month.

Club Hand Extractor

The club has purchased a (3 basket) hand extractor to hire out to the members who only have a small number of frames to extract. To hire the extractor members should book and pay at the Club meeting prior to picking it up. A \$50.00 deposit is required and the cost is \$10.00 per day for a max of 7 days. Contact Peter Anderson on 3800 3562 regarding your bookings. The extractor must be returned clean. An electric knife will go out with the extractor.

Library



All our videos are now available on DVD. Library books, videos and now DVDs are able to be borrowed for one month at a time. If you wish to keep the book, video or DVD for another month, bring it back and it can be re-issued to you. Any books, videos or DVDs lost or damaged will need to be paid for by the borrower. We also now have the new revised edition of the Bee Book by Peter Warhurst and Roger Goebel. A small deposit is required to borrow this book as, in the past, we have lost similar books.

August Meeting - 4th August

No speaker this month due to our AGM. Our main raffle prize will be a new smoker.

How I started in Bees.

A five-minute talk about "How I became a Beekeeper".

- August - Benita Ironside
- September - George Pallot



Committee Meeting

Next scheduled committee meeting will be held on the 10th August

Supper Roster

- August - Jared Armstrong, Albert Avramov and Bradley Charlwood.
- September - Ray Clarke, Tom and Dennis Cole

Room Set Up

- August - Glen Sutherland
- September - Mike Trott



Honey Buckets, Bottles and Jars

If you require a large number of jars (more than 100) we respectfully request that you purchase them from one of our recommended Apiary Suppliers. Volunteers pack club jars in small quantities and it takes a great deal of time to pack ship and store them.

Should you wish to purchase jars from the club please talk to Noela ☎ 07 3281 4165.

- Plastic 1kg jars are 70c each and are available in 50 or 100 jar cartons.
- New 20 litre honey buckets with lids are \$6.00 each.
- 500g bottles for competitions are available at 90c each.



We ask that you keep the boxes that the 1kg bottles come in and return them for reuse.

Packing of Bottles

Another working bee is planned for Friday 7th August from 9.00 am to pack bottles out at Rod Palmer's Warehouse. Morning tea will be supplied afterwards, hope to see you there.

Apithor beetle traps

The club currently has stock of beetle traps. They will be available from Noela at the next meeting at the cost of \$5.50 each. If you need large numbers of these please advise Noela beforehand.

Also please note: The club does not stock or supply items other than the items above.

Beeswax wanted

Rod Palmer is interested in buying beeswax, any quantity, small or large. See Rod or Karen at the Club meeting or phone Rod to discuss. Business hours ph. 3495 7095 or 0417 796 257 or email rod@honeybee.com.au

Bee Pics

On a recent visit to Noel Scholz's home I saw a few pictures he had in his bee room, this one I thought was great. Showing the construction of the bee demonstration cage now used at Agricultural Show.



Articles

Hunt for an Asian Queen

The hunt is on for a single Queen bee that has the potential to cause big problems for the agricultural sector in the Top End. The Asian honeybee is a notifiable pest in the Northern Territory.

The Queen was part of a hive that was discovered in a campervan being trucked from Cairns to Darwin. The bees **can** carry the destructive Varroa mite, however tests carried out on the destroyed hive show the mite was not present.

"If she's here we need to find her and we need to eradicate her. We need to do it as quickly as we can". Stephen West, chief plant health manager for the Northern Territory Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries (DPIF). "The mites, which attach themselves to bees and suck their blood can cause diseases and viruses, and are known to kill entire bee colonies and spread to others".

"It's a matter of how that journey went for the Queen, what condition she was in when they arrived, and that swarm that's moved off with her, the strength of those bees as well, and how quickly they can find a food source.

Stephen West, said biosecurity staff in Darwin killed the swarm of Asian honeybees, but the Queen was nowhere to be found.

"Australia is one of the last remaining countries in the world that does not have Varroa mite."

Mr West said an Asian honeybee population has been established in Cairns since 2007 but ongoing biosecurity efforts have prevented their spread into the Northern Territory.

He said the Asian honeybees are more aggressive than the European honeybee that most Australians are familiar with. "Their swarms will move into places such as letter boxes. They'll move into hollows and take the place of bird nesting spots and possums."

Source: ABC Rural News.

The Small Hive Beetle removed from the notifiable pests list is South Australia

The insect has been removed from the notifiable pests list in South Australia, meaning no more hive movement restrictions aiming to curb the spread of the pest will be enforced.

Currently, there are no eradication techniques for small hive beetle, but Biosecurity South Australia said it could be managed. The decision to remove the beetle from the notifiable pest species list was swayed by the cost of maintaining movement restrictions for hives and evidence the bug was already well established in South Australia. Nick Secombe, from Biosecurity SA, said while the beetle could cause large problems for apiarists, there was a chance the lack of hot and humid conditions would limit its impact.

"We know it's in the Riverland. We found it at nine apiaries across about a 15-kilometre area in the Riverland," he said. "It's a very cryptic pest. It's very hard to find because the little beetles scurry away when you open up the hive and hide. "The cool weather just doesn't suit the pest quite so well and we think that the cooler, drier conditions in South Australia will also work against it.

"It will certainly survive and we expect that it will spread, but we are reasonably hopeful that the impact will be similar to what we see in Victoria, where the well managed hives can go a long way toward managing it." Now that the small hive beetle is no longer a notifiable pest, those from areas with outbreaks are free to move their hives, particularly across the Victorian/South Australian border.

President of the South Australian Apiarists Association Ben Hooper said the industry was consulted by Primary Industries and Regions South Australia about the decision.

He said while he supported the choice, some beekeepers would be disappointed with the decision.

Source: ABC Rural News

Many thanks to all the members that have sent articles and information for the newsletters to me this year, please keep the coming.

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