

Bee Flight



President's Report



Well, winter seems to have well and truly arrived, with some cold mornings here in Ipswich. There does, however, seem to be a bit of activity in the apiary and a bit of flora about. Paperbark is in flower as well as some Ironbark.

A few things are coming up in the next month or two. Firstly, we are intending to run a couple of Basic Beekeeping Training days. The facilitator for these sessions will be our long time club friend and "Master Beekeeper" Trevor Weatherhead. Trevor is not only an expert in all things bee orientated, but has a wealth of knowledge about flora as well. If you want to come along, please make sure you get your name on the list as numbers will be limited. More information is in this newsletter. Our August Club Meeting will include our AGM. This is the time when we report on our financial position for the year and elect committee members. We have included a brief summary of what the committee does in this newsletter. Over many years our committee has been supported by a stalwart of members. I would, however, like to encourage some of our newer members to nominate for a role on the committee. The time commitment for a general committee member doesn't need to be that great but will give you an opportunity to see the inner workings of the club, and to contribute to our future success. As our club grows (and we get older!), we need new members to get involved to ensure that the vitality of the Club is maintained. Hope to see you all at the July Meeting

*Phil Geeves
Club President*

July 2017 Edition

Club Meetings

Our club meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month (except January)
Venue
W.G. Hayden Humanities Centre
Cnr. South and Nicholas Streets,
Ipswich 7.30pm.

All welcome.

Club Registration

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

Dates to Remember

Next Club Meeting - 4th July
Committee Meeting - 10th July
Beekeeping Training - 23rd & 30th July
Newsletter emailed - 19th July
Club events are on the website
<http://www.honey.org.au>

Questions ?

Don't forget you can submit written questions on beekeeping at each club meeting. Just pop them in the container near the entrance on your way in.

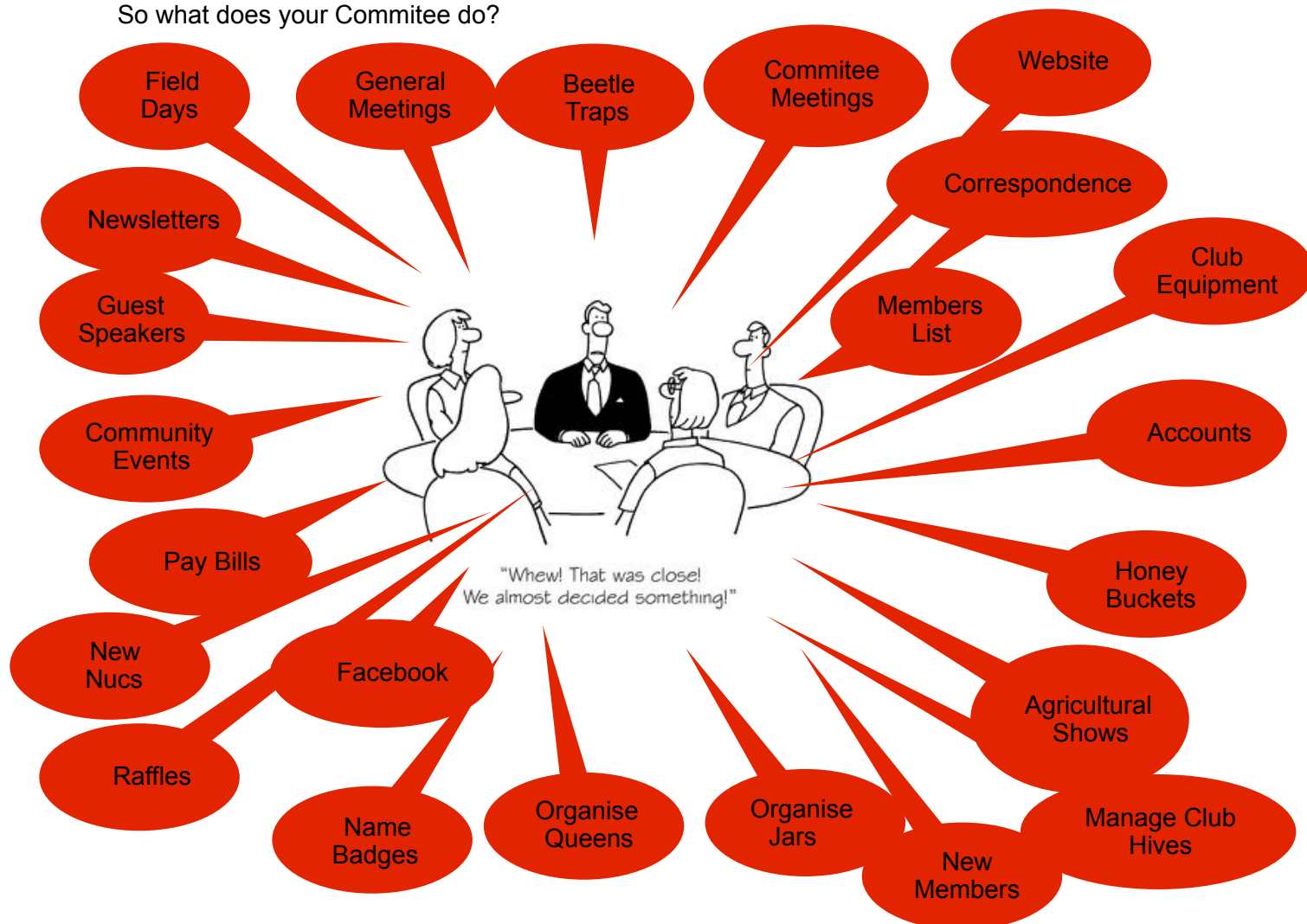


*Noela Geeves
Club Secretary*

Our Club - Your Committee - Get Involved

As we approach our 2017 AGM, the committee would like all members to consider nominating for a role on the committee for next year. David Kinnell and Norm Hinton established our club 25 years ago, with about 12 members. I am not sure if they could have imagined that we would grow to 300 plus members by this year. Whilst we have grown in numbers, diversity of beekeepers, and many other ways, the aims of our club remain the same - to increase the knowledge of bees and to improve the standard of beekeeping among beekeepers. To give advice and assistance on bees.

So what does your Committee do?



So, in short, **we need your help**. Our committee has nine members, some with designated roles and 4 general members. This year some of the committee will not stand for reelection, so if you can spare an hour or two a month, we would ask you to seriously consider having a go. If you think you might like to be involved, just have a chat to one of the current committee to get more information.

Phil Corbett - Bee Flight Editor

Annual General Meeting

The Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2017 is on Tuesday 1st August. This year, our Club will be 25 years old. A nomination form is included with this Newsletter and Noela will have hard copies available at the next meeting. Nominate who you would like to see on the Committee for 2017 - 2018. The forms **must be back to the Secretary by 18th July**.

The person you nominate must be:

- A financial (paid up) member, as do you (the proposer) and the seconder.
- Prepared to attend regular General Meetings and Committee Meetings.
- Available to assist with the administration and operation of the Club functions such as our regular meetings, country shows and local events with which the Club may be involved.

Basic Beekeeper Training

We are delighted to be able to offer **Basic Bee Keeping Training** again this year, particularly for our newer and less experienced members.

Trevor Weatherhead, (a very experienced beekeeper and Chairman of the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council) is available on Sunday 23rd & 30th July to run the training. The sessions will be tailored toward new beekeepers in our Club. The venue for the training (if it is dry) will be at Wayne Rossiter's paddock at Pine Mountain Road, Pine Mountain, (across the road from the Pine Mountain Hall). If it is raining, it will be at Noela's place, 40 Whitehill Road, Eastern Heights Ipswich. Please bring your own chair, hat, water. There is no requirement for bee gear as this is a class-based instructional session, and no bee hives will be opened (it's too cold!)

Each day will commence at 9.00am and finish around 3.00pm and run over the 2 days.

Cost for the 2 days will be a total of \$50.00 to members, including morning tea and lunch, and a copy of the fabulous DPI NSW Bee Book, which is a Practical Guide to Beekeeping. If there are 2 from a family attending, the total cost will be \$75.00 and they will only receive 1 copy of the DPI Book.

Members are asked to confirm their attendance and pay for the training at the July Meeting, or direct deposit into the club's bank account. Final numbers are required by the July Meeting. If Members are not sure where to go, please ask one of the Committee.

Please advise your interest to Secretary Noela on 32814165 or email: beelady61@hotmail.com or Phil Corbett on 0419196330 or email: phil@abclass.com.au

Missing Club Equipment



We are still missing one of the Club's nuc boxes. It has not yet been returned to Phil Geeves. If the person who is still holding the box can contact one of the committee we will come and get it.

Also the wax embedder and the wiring board has not been returned to Noela and has been out on loan for several months. Could the person please contact Noela.



We respectfully request that all Club equipment is returned promptly. At this point we operate on trust and members do not need to sign for loan equipment or Nucs. We would like to continue as is, but we do need members to play by the rules. Phil & Noela's contact details are on the last page of this newsletter. I have sent a separate email to all members regarding this. As we have not had the equipment returned, I can only assume that some members don't read the newsletter.

Show Results

Boonah	
Ken Frieberg	6 Firsts and 6 Seconds plus Most Successful Exhibitor
Albert Payne	4 Firsts and 5 Seconds plus Champion Honey of the Show
P & N Geeves	3 Firsts and 3 Seconds plus Trophy for Honey Comb

EKKA 2017

Forming part of the Agricultural Hall, the Marsh Pty Ltd Apiculture Competition attracts honey, pollen, comb honey, beeswax and mead entries from across the country. Adding to the competition, live bee demonstrations take place daily to reveal the wonderful intricacies of their unique environment.



Important dates to remember: Applications to enter close Friday 7th July 2017 at 5pm. Judging is on Saturday 5th Aug from 10.00am.

Delivery of entries: Saturday 5th Aug 2017 by 9am, Gate 1, Gregory Terrace.

Phil Geeves will be taking entries to the EKKA on the Saturday Morning. Please contact Phil on 07 3282 3989 if you would like him to take your entry in.

Name Badges (Important please)



We ask that all members wear their **name badge** at all club events and meetings. There are nearly 300 individual members and it's almost impossible to remember everyone's name plus it also shows that you are a member and it helps with introductions. If you have lost yours, just ask Noela and she will organise another one for you.

Beaudesert Show

The Beaudesert Show is on Friday the 8th and Saturday the 9th September. At the time of going to print, we are not sure if the show will include an Apiculture Stand. We will let you know as soon as we can. Perhaps keep it free to help man the Club's stand just in case.

Show dates remaining for 2017

<u>EKKA</u>	<u>11th - 20th August 2017</u>	<u>www.ekka.com.au</u>
<u>Beaudesert</u>	<u>8th & 9th September 2017</u>	<u>www.beaudesertshow.org.au</u>

Membership

Join or Renew Your Membership



Membership Fees for the 2017 - 18 year are due now.
Please see Treasurer Kellie Round at the meeting to pay your annual fees.

Membership is \$25.00 for single and \$30.00 for a family membership.

If you wish to pay by direct debit please contact Kellie for our bank account details. Kellie's number is 0407 114 513.

Club Honey For Sale

The club has some 500g bottles of Bush Honey and Tea Tree Honey for sale to members for \$3.00 per bottles. Please ring Noela to order.

Flora - July

In July, be on the lookout for Broad-leaved Ironbark, Grey Ironbark, Mountain Coolibah, Mugga Ironbark, Tea Tree, Yapunyah, SpottedGum, Blue Gum, Paperbark and Swamp Messmate.

Articles

Partnership to save the bees – Valley Industries teams up with Taronga Zoo

Taronga Zoo is buzzing since it teamed up with Taree's Valley Industries to create a new conservation and education program to support bee populations. Valley Industries designed, built and installed a special bee exhibit to educate guests to Taronga Zoo about bee conservation and the importance of bees to the environment.

The custom built observation hive, based on a Langstroth hive, includes a brood box with supers. The hive has custom designed observation windows that provides a lateral view into the hive.

Taronga Zoo precinct manager, visitor education and animal experience manager, Elle Bombonato said keepers will closely monitor and inspect the hive to ensure that the bees are healthy and thriving.



"The hive will provide our guests with the opportunity get up close and appreciate the complex and fascinating inner workings of a bee colony. We want our guests to feel inspired to go home and plant bee friendly flowers!" Mr Bombonato said.

Mark Page, manager of Taree's Valley Beekeeping Services, was responsible for the build and installation of the exhibit and describes how the partnership came about.

"As a child, my first visit to Taronga Zoo inspired me to think that I'd like to work in a zoo when I grew up. Well I didn't fully get there, but I did follow my goal to work with critters," Mr Page said.

"I first met Elle Bombonata of Taronga when I was running a training course 'Beginning in Bees' at Tocal College.

"Over the days we struck up a great relationship over the passion for protecting bees and this resulted in the opportunity for Valley Industries to help with building a display hive in the education precinct.

"Trent [Jennison, Valley Industries CEO] and I went to visit Taronga and agreed that we would build a three-frame brood box with homey frame with double perspex viewing frames into the box," Mr Page said.

"At this stage, we were supplying only the exhibit; the bees were coming from elsewhere. But then Elle announced he couldn't get the bees! It just so happened that Valley Industries had a hive of bees that would present well in the display.

"I then had to train the bees (in my shed at home) to use a tube entrance of about two metres to enter and exit the hive once they got to the zoo. The bees have been happily flying around and meeting the zoo visitors ever since," Mr Page said.

Bees are an important indicator as to the state of the health of the environment and are vital to nature and a healthy ecosystem. They provide an invaluable service in pollination for food production, including all the nuts and fruits and vegetables that the other zoo animals rely on for their diet.

We know that global populations are declining, but there is a way that people at home can be part of the solution to help.

One way to make a significant impact is to plant flowering plants which attract bees to the garden. And if we can all limit our use of chemical insecticides that will also help bees thrive.

Source: <http://www.manningrivertimes.com.au/story/4739204/sweet-partnership-to-save-the-bees-valley-industries-teams-up-with-taronga-zoo/>

Regular Items

Library

Library books and DVDs are able to be borrowed for one month at a time. If you wish to keep the book, or DVD for another month, bring it back and it can be re-issued to you. Any books or DVDs lost or damaged will need to be paid for by the borrower.

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. Many thanks also to Councillor Kylie Stoneman for continuing support in photocopying our newsletter.

Wiring Board (Members only)

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 Hire (Members only)

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

Club Hand Extractor (Members only)

The club has purchased a second hand extractor so we now have two for hire out to the members who only have a small number of frames to extract. To hire one of the extractors 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.

Apithor Beetle Traps(Members only)

The club currently has stock of beetle traps. They will be available at the next meeting at the cost of \$6.00 each. If you need large numbers of these please advise Noela beforehand.

Nucleus Hives (members only)

As the club has limited capacity to create Nucs and demand outstrips supply, we offer them members only and preference is given to newer members that do not have any bees. Club nucleus hives are \$85.00 each with a marked Queen, bees and 5 frames. The Nuc boxes must be returned promptly. Please see Kellie if you are interested in a Nuc, and your name will be put on our waiting list.



Kellie Round [email: malkelliem8@bigpond.com](mailto:malkelliem8@bigpond.com) Tel: 0407 114 513

Honey Buckets, Bottles and Jars (Members only)

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

- Plastic 1 kg jars are 70c each and are available in 50 or 100 jar cartons.
- New 20 litre honey buckets with lids are \$7.00 each.
- 500g bottles for competitions are available at 90c each.



Please keep the boxes that the 1 kg bottles come in and return them for reuse. The club does not stock or supply items other than the items mentioned.

July Meeting

Guest Speaker. Our July Speaker has yet to be confirmed. The main raffle prize is a \$20.00 Voucher kindly donated by Burnett Beekeeping Supplies.

How I started in Bees.

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

- July - **Cameron Grant**
- Aug - **Frank Early**

Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on the 10th July 2017

Supper Roster

- July - **Bradley Charlwood, Joan Coates, Tom Cole and Terry Cumner.**
- Aug - **Barbara Cush, Karen De Haast, Doug Delaforce and Phil Dunlop.**
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Room Set up

- July - **Ken Freiberg**
- Aug - **Russell Gleeson**

Please Note: If you are on the supper or room set up roster and unable to attend the meeting, please ensure you advise Secretary Noela so that a substitute member can be found.

Beeswax Wanted

Both Rod Palmer at CB Palmer & Co, and Noel at Quality Beekeeping Supplies are interested in buying beeswax, any quantity, small or large.

See Rod or Karen at the Club meeting or phone Rod on 0417 796 257

Contact Noel at Quality Beekeeping Supplies on 3376 5404.

Flow Hive

Any questions or information about Flow-Hive can be sent to Darryl at Redone360@hotmail.com you can call him on 0405133 360 or look for him at our meeting.

Facebook

Our club's official Facebook page is at: www.facebook.com/groups/1430687710358660/

You can also follow the links from our website.

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IPSWICH AND WEST MORETON BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Nomination form for Management Committee 2017 - 2018

Nominations for the positions on the Management Committee must reach the Secretary at 40 Whitehill Road, Eastern Heights, 4305 by Tuesday 18th July 2017

There are nine members on the management committee:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- 4 Committee Members

All parties to the nomination form must be financial members of the club.

Name of Proposer

Being a financial member of the Ipswich and West Moreton Beekeepers Association Inc.

Hereby Nominate _____
Name of Nominee

For the position of _____

On the management of the above Association

Signed _____ Proposer

Signed _____ Seconder _____

Signed	Nominee