



Bee Flight

President's Report



It's been another busy few weeks in the club, and now with the AGM behind us, it will be full steam ahead planning for another year. If any members have ideas for club activities this year please let us know.

I would like to welcome two new members to our committee, Shane O'Reilly and Phil Dunlop. Many thanks for taking on the roles.

This does mean however that we now have three members of our committee all named Phil. Phil Geeves, Phil Corbett & Phil Dunlop. When calling or sending emails, can you please consider if you have the right "Phil"?

Our last club outing for the year is the Beadesert show, and again, I would ask that if at all possible, you put your hand up to help at our stall over the 8th & 9th of September.

Talking to members recently I am pleased to hear that some of you are already working your bees, and there appears to be some flora now producing, particularly Blue Gum and some Iron Bark.

This month we also completed our "Begin in Bees" training, and we have received fantastic feedback and requests for another session. We will organise more training next winter but it is difficult to run during the summer when we are all busy with bees. Members that were at our meeting will know that as well as our normal raffle we will now also have a lucky door prize each month, so make sure you get your ticket at the door.

One final note, as we approach spring we encourage you to check your hives for any problems or disease, particularly AFB. If you are unsure of what to look for please check the information our website.

Phil Geeves
Club President

Sept 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

- Club Meeting - 5th Sept
 - Beadesert Show - 8th & 9th Sept
 - Committee Meeting - 11th Sept
 - Next Club Meeting 3rd Oct
 - Gold Coast Amateur Beekeepers Field Day 15th Oct
 - Club Practical Day - 12th November
- 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

Message from the Secretary



Please note: If you have not paid or renewed your membership by the 1st September 2017 this will be the last newsletter you will receive. If you are unsure if you are financial or not, please contact me and I will be more than happy to check. It would be a shame to miss out on our newsletter, other club benefits and events.

Cheers Noela Club Secretary

New Committee 2017 - 18

1. President - Phillip Geeves
2. Vice President - George Pallot
3. Secretary - Noela Geeves
4. Treasurer - Kellie Round
5. Assistant Secretary - Mike Trott
6. Committee - Phil Corbett (newsletter & website)
7. Committee - Grahame Yates
8. Committee - Phil Dunlop
9. Committee - Shane O'Reilly



AGM 2017

The Club's AGM for 2017 was held in Ipswich at the Humanities Centre on the 1st Aug following the General Meeting. President Philip Geeves declared all the positions on the committee vacant and subsequently the new committee was appointed. Our new committee members' contact details are on the last page of our newsletter and our website. The new committee would like to thank the previous committee members for their hard work over the past 12 months, with particular thanks to our outgoing committee members Darryl Ryan and Mark Meerwald. Also many thanks to Wayne Rossiter for continuing to manage our Club Library.

Show Results

EKKA	
Ken Freiberg:	3 Firsts, 3 Seconds & 3 Thirds. Champion Honey of Show
Phil & Noela Geeves	3 Firsts, 2 Seconds & 1 Third
Albert Payne	2 Firsts, 2 Seconds & 4 Thirds
Peter Waldron	2 Seconds & 2 Thirds
Beau Rush	1 First
Mike Trott	Mead: 2 Firsts & 1 Second. Champion Mead of Show

Gold Coast Open Day

Gold Coast Amateur Beekeeping Society and I&WMBA have a long history of friendship and knowledge sharing. Make sure you come along to their Open Day this year. A great day out as always with an array of informative guest speakers and trade stands, as well as our inter Club honey competition. Don't forget to bring some honey to enter the Inter Club Honey Competition. When: 15th October, all-day Mudgeeraba Showgrounds, Mudgeeraba QLD 4213 Cost: \$2 entry Visit their website for more details - <http://gcabs.net.au/>

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 - It is on again - put it in your diary!

The Beaudesert Show is our last show for the year. It is on the 8th & 9th September. Members are asked to keep either Friday or Saturday free to help man the Club's stand. 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. The show schedule and entry forms are available at www.beaudesertshow.org.au

Noela will have a roster sheet for volunteers at the next meeting.

Show dates remaining for 2017

Beaudesert	8th & 9th September 2017	www.beaudesertshow.org.au
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Flora - Sept

In September look out for Dogwood Flat Weed, Grey ironbark, Mugga Ironbark, Narrow-Leafed Ironbark, Narrow - Leaved Grey Gum, River Mangrove, Weeping Tea Tree, White Clover, Yapunyah, Yellow Box, White Mahogany, Tallowwood, Red Bottlebrush and lavender.



Members List

Each year in September we reproduce our club members list, with the details of financial members for the year. If any of your contact details have changed since the last update please contact our club secretary regarding the changes.

Queens

We hope to have Queens available for members in late October. Prices will be confirmed once we know. At this stage we will envisage having a limited number of Queens so if you require any from the club ensure you are on the list.

Contact Kellie Round if you wish to be added to the list, Tel: 0407 114 513.

Club Practical Day

The club will be running a practical day for all members on the 12th of November. At this stage it will be held at Pine Mountain. Our practical days are education sessions utilising the Club hives. This year we will be demonstrating hive inspection, re-queening and we hope to be able to demonstrate how to split hives and install Queen cells. More information to follow.

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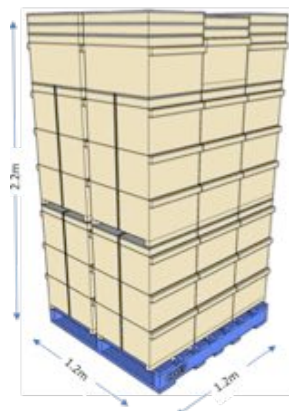
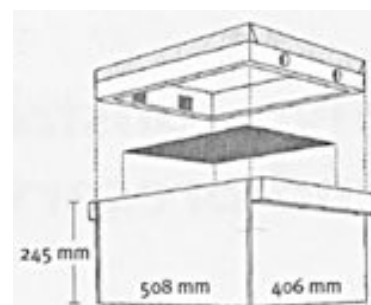
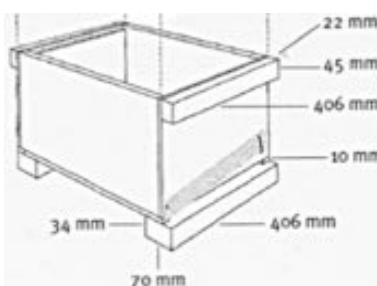
Irradiation of Beekeeping Equipment eradicates American Foulbrood (10kGy dose) and European Foulbrood (15kGy dose)

Pallet Stacking for Forklift Orientation. Beehives **must** be stacked as per the configuration shown for processing. Builder's-grade plastic needs to be top and bottom \pm 30cm down and up sides of pallet and then shrink-wrapped top to bottom.



Each year our club offers members the opportunity to have beekeeping equipment sterilised using gamma irradiation. It is extremely important that if you wish to have equipment taken for irradiation that you have it prepared correctly. If it is not a standard hive box it will be treated as a "stack" and charged directly to you. The cost of this is significantly more than the pallet rate negotiated by the club.

All hives must be of a standard size, without large handles or large landing boards.



For more information goto the Steritech website at the link below.
<http://steritech.com.au/industries/beekeeping/>

Spring Management

Last month we included information about brood manipulation but as we enter the spring season there are a few jobs that need attention in the Apiary.

Remember spring is one of the most important times of the year in the Apiary. If you want to have healthy strong colonies, spring is the time to start work.

On a warm sunny day with a light wind and enough day left to let your bees warm up again before sundown, open your hives.

To Do List

- 1) Check the health of your hives, in particular check for AFB (see link below).
- 2) Check to see if you have a Queen by finding her or evidence she is laying eggs.
- 3) Consider replacing your old or failing Queens (more that 3 years old)
- 4) Check to see if there is honey (food) for your bees. More hives are lost to starvation at this time than any other reason.
- 5) Consider if, and when, you need to rob them as part of your swarm management.
- 6) Look for signs of swarming.ie Queen cells mostly along the lower parts of the frames.
- 7) Make space for your bees to allow the colony to grow. Consider raising brood to the super or adding supers.
- 8) Replace beetle traps if required
- 9) Remove and replace old frames
- 10) Check hive condition and replace boxes if required.
- 11) Check stability and safety of hive stands.

Below are a couple of links to videos by Doug Somerville that are worth looking at in relation to Spring Management, there is also additional information on the club website. www.honey.org.au

Inspecting a hive for disease
Re-Queening a hive

<https://youtu.be/xrMfOWhnIOo>
<https://youtu.be/HXq4tYohqO8>

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.**

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.

September Meeting

The guest speaker in September has not yet been confirmed. Our lucky door prize will be a new smoker.

How I started in Bees.

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

- Sep - **Annette & John Isager**
 - Oct - **Dimitri Markotsis**
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Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on the 11th September 2017

Supper Roster

- Sep - **Frank Earley, Darral Frank, Trish Grace and Russell Gleeson**
 - Oct - **Cameron Grant, Lloyd Hancock, Graham Hanson and Benita Ironside**
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Room Set up

- Sep - **Cameron Grant**
- Oct - **John Isager**

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.

Facebook

Our club's official Facebook page is at: www.facebook.com/groups/1430687710358660/
You can also follow the links from our website.

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.

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. Phone Rod on 0417 796 257
Contact Noel at Quality Beekeeping Supplies on 3376 5404.

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.

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.

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 two hand extractors for hire by 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. The cost is \$10.00 per day for a max of 7 days. The extractor must be returned clean. An electric uncapping knife will go out with each extractor.

Depending upon your location

Peter Anderson at Forestdale has one of them. Phone: 3800 3562

Phil Geeves at Blackstone has the other Phone: 0409 485 447

Wax Melter (members only)

The club now has a wax melter available for hire. Please Contact Peter Anderson if you would like to access this club equipment. Phone: 3800 3562.

Articles

Did you Know?

Global sales from natural honey exports by country totalled US\$2.2 billion in 2016.

Overall, the value of natural honey exports were up by an average 27.1% for all exporting countries since 2012 when natural honey shipments were valued at \$1.8 billion. Year over year, global exports of natural honey retreated in value by -3.6% from 2015 to 2016.



Among continents, European countries accounted for the highest dollar value worth of natural honey exports during 2016 with shipments amounting to \$825.3 million or 36.8% of international honey sales. That percentage compares with 23.5% from Asian exporters, 14.5% from Latin America (excluding Mexico) and the Caribbean, 10.6% from Oceania (mostly New Zealand trailed by

Australia) and 7.8% from North America. African countries furnished a respectable 6.8% of exported natural honey.

Below are the 15 countries that exported the highest dollar value worth of natural honey during 2016:

1. China: \$276.6 million (12.3% of total natural honey exports)
2. New Zealand: \$206.7 million (9.2%)
3. Argentina: \$168.9 million (7.5%)
4. Germany: \$144.9 million (6.5%)
5. Sierra Leone: \$142.4 million (6.4%)
6. Spain: \$109 million (4.9%)
7. Ukraine: \$108.2 million (4.8%)
8. Mexico: \$93.7 million (4.2%)
9. Brazil: \$92 million (4.1%)
10. Vietnam: \$75.9 million (3.4%)
11. Hungary: \$74.2 million (3.3%)
12. Belgium: \$72.4 million (3.2%)
13. India: \$70.8 million (3.2%)
14. Canada: \$54.4 million (2.4%)
15. Romania: \$41.5 million (1.9%)



The listed 15 countries shipped over three-quarters (77.2%) of all natural honey exports during 2016 (by value).

Among the above countries, the fastest-growing natural honey exporters since 2012 were: Ukraine (up 247.9%), New Zealand (up 98.9%), Brazil (up 75.8%), Spain (up 36.5%), Belgium (up 32.1%) and Vietnam (up 30.6%).

Three countries posted declines in their exported natural honey sales: Canada (down -26.4%), Argentina (down -21.4%) and Mexico (down -7.7%).

Source: <http://www.worldstopexports.com/natural-honey-exporters/>

France vows to outlaw Monsanto's glyphosate by 2018 amid fears herbicide is destroying biodiversity, causing mass honeybee die-offs

Source: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 by: Wes Maxwell - [Naturalnews.com](http://www.naturalnews.com/054643_glyhosate_France_honeybees.html#)
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The EU is making international headlines yet again, but this time for their mandated 18-month extension of the license for the use of glyphosate, the [active ingredient in Monsanto's Roundup](#), which is used widely in French agriculture. The use of glyphosate in French farming and wine agricultural practices was supposed to cease entirely by June 30, 2016, but after the EU Standing Environmental Committee failed to come to an agreement on whether or not to enforce a ban, they extended the deadline by an additional 18 months.

Roundup has been widely used across France for the past two decades, serving as an effective pesticide to facilitate the growth of the country's farming and wine industries. Even though France consistently voted against the EU's extension due to complaints filed by farming and wine industry representatives, the opposition expressed by the nation's federal government was ignored.

Studies conducted by the [World Health Organization](#) "found that the herbicide solution [Roundup] was 'probably carcinogenic to humans,'" prompting France to implement federal regulations to outlaw the increasingly harmful pesticide.

Segolene Royal, the French Minister for Ecology, voiced her displeasure about the extension, and claimed that France remains "determined to ban the use of glyphosate in France by January 1, 2018."

Selling Honey

I was recently asked by a member about laws pertaining to Selling Honey, The information relation to selling food can be found here.

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/industry-environment/food-safety/requirements/businesses/general-reqs/default.asp>

All food businesses have to comply with 3.2.2 & 3.2.3 of the Food Standards Code. There is nothing stopping you from making food for sale in your kitchen at home providing it is clean, free from pests and vermin and you have adequate hand washing facilities.

Some councils may choose to charge you a fee and there is information here in relation to what businesses are licensable

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/industry-environment/food-safety/licensing/licensable-businesses/default.asp>

It is recommended that you label your honey as required by the code. Labelling info here

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/publications/portal/food-safety-labelling/label-buster-guide-bus.pdf>

That will take some time to read so in short your label needs to have.

- Name of food - Honey
- Street address of the business
- Best before date
- Storage instructions - e.g. Store below 25 degrees c
- Nutrition information panel
- Product of Australia, if it is.
- Weight

You can also include a batch number or tracing number to allow you to identify where and when you robbed it if there was a problem with it.

Swarm Collection.

I love this story particularly the hotel sales coordinator what he said in the last paragraph "no bees had left his hotel".

Phil Corbett - Editor

About 30,000 bees found on top of One Times Square were moved to a new home at Bryant Park on Tuesday afternoon.

The bees, which had swarmed near the top of One Times Square, were taken by a trio of beekeepers to their new beehives, overseen by [New York City Beekeepers Association](#) (NYCBA) president Andrew Coté. Coté, who also runs the family-run [Andrew's Honey](#), removed the clusters of bees using a low-suction vacuum after going up to the 17th floor of the building around noon, relying on a harness to keep him from plunging off the side of the building.



The bees needed to be removed quickly, said Coté, who feared the bees would be overwhelmed after being captured. "They need a place to go right away," Coté said. "There was so many of them in a small container that if we left them there, they would have overheated."

He added that by introducing the bees to the smaller hive at Bryant Park, it would almost instantly double the population there.

Coté said he thought the bees may have flown from a nearby hotel that has a rooftop beehive in search of a new hive.

"They were probably not very well managed," said Coté. "Like when Lucifer, the most beautiful angel, left Heaven, he took a third of the angels with him, so does the queen, when she swarms from the hive, take a third to half of the bees with her."

Regan Murray, a sales coordinator at the Intercontinental Hotel at Times Square — which has a beehive — said no bees had left the hotel's premises.

Source: <https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20170627/times-square-theater-district/bees-swarm-times-square>

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