

Bee Flight

Ipswich & West Moreton Beekeepers Association



President's Report

Welcome to our June Newsletter. Well, after another busy few weeks in the apiary, things are now starting to slow down.



If your bees are short on honey for the winter you will need to keep an eye on them and consider if, and when, you might need to support your colonies with feeding. It is important to know the difference between stimulus feeding and substance feeding. Stimulating your hives too early in the winter can cause major issues. There is information about feeding on the club website. Winter is also a great time to spend time preparing for the next season, make sure you have plenty of new or freshly painted boxes to replace old ones and enough frames made up for the start of the season.

The Ipswich Show for the Club was on this month and was another successful event. Thanks to all that volunteered to set up, man the stall and pack up. It was encouraging to me that some of our younger members, Bec Hendry, Zoe Wallace, Kristy Clarke and Beau Rush took on the responsibility of serving on the counter which relieved the pressure from some of the regular members. Also a special thanks goes to Phil Dunlop for supplying and bottling the honeys and to Peter Round for testing all our electrical equipment.

Phil Geeves

Club President

June 2018 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 June
Committee Meeting 11th June
Bee Congress 2018
27th to 30th June

Club events are on the website calendar
<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

This Month

- Memberships are now due for payment
- Telling his story of how he started in bees this month is Trevor Nardi.



Annual General Meeting

The Club's Annual General Meeting for 2018/19 will be on Tuesday 7th August. A nomination form is included with this Newsletter.

Nominate who you would like to see on the Committee for 2018 - 2019. The forms must be back to the Secretary by 24th July.

Beaudesert Show

The Beaudesert Show is our next club show event. All members are asked to keep either Friday the 7th or Saturday the 8th September 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. You don't have to stay all day but if you can spare a couple of hours to give other members a break, it would be appreciated.

Show Results

Marburg	
Ken Freiberg	6 Firsts & 7 Seconds
Phil & Noela Geeves	2 Firsts & 2 Seconds. Reserve Champion Honey
Beau Rush	2 Firsts & 2 Seconds: Champion Honey & Champion Best Comb
Peter Waldron	4 Firsts & 2 Seconds
Bec Hendry	1 First

Ipswich	
Ken Freiberg	6 Firsts, 7 Seconds & 9 Thirds
Phil & Noela Geeves	3 Firsts, 2 Seconds & 1 Third
Beau Rush	4 Firsts & 3 Seconds
Peter Waldron:	4 Firsts, 4 Seconds & 2 Thirds: Champion Honey & Champion Wax
Albert Payne	1 First
Bec Hendry	4 Firsts, 1 Second & 1 Third: Champion Novice
Zoe Wallace	1 First & 1 Second
Graham Hanson	1 Third

3rd Australian Bee Congress



Registrations for the 3rd Australian Bee Congress to be held at Royal Pines on the Gold Coast, from 27th - 30th June 2018 are now open.

Details on the Congress can be found on the congress website, simply follow the link below. The full programme is now available. Come and join with beekeepers and scientists from Australia and overseas for a great learning experience.

www.australianbeecongress.com.au

Honey Show

Also in conjunction with the Congress is a Honey Show. Details are also on the website. We encourage you to put together some entries so that we have a good display. A honey show always attracts the media so we need to have a good array of entries. Please note that entries are restricted to Congress delegates only.

Hive for Sale

Russell Gleeson has a triple hive of bees for sale. Contact Russell directly for all the details 0499252527

Membership

Join or Renew Your Membership



Membership Fees for the 2018 - 19 year can be paid 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.

Name Badges

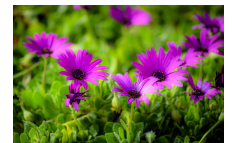
Please wear your badge to all club events and meetings. We currently have nearly 300 paid up members and it's almost impossible to remember everyone's name, it also shows that you are a member and it helps with introductions. We would ask that you try not to lose your badge. We can order replacements but the cost of \$13 will need to be paid by the member for any replacements.

Show Dates 2017

<u>Boonah</u>	<u>1st & 2nd June 2018</u>	<u>www.boonahshowsociety.org.au</u>
<u>Lowood</u>	<u>15th & 16th June 2018</u>	<u>www.lowoodshowsociety.com.au</u>
<u>Kalbar</u>	<u>22nd & 23rd June 2018</u>	<u>www.kalbarshow.net.au</u>
<u>Rosewood</u>	<u>29th & 30th June 2018</u>	<u>www.rosewoodshow.com</u>
<u>Redcliffe</u>	<u>29th June to 1st July 2018</u>	<u>www.redcliffeshow.org.au</u>
<u>EKKA</u>	<u>10th - 19th August 2018</u>	<u>www.ekka.com.au</u>
<u>Beaudesert</u>	<u>7th & 8th September 2018</u>	<u>www.beaudesertshow.org.au</u>

Flora - June

In June we should be seeing Broad Leaved Ironbark, Mountain Coolibah, Dogwood, Paper Barked Tea Tree, White Box, Yapunyah, Blue Gum, Spotted Gum and Swamp Messmate.



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.

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.

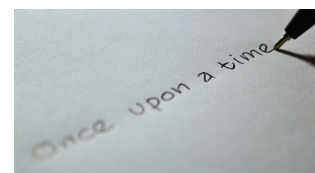
June Meeting

This months' lucky door prize will a new smoker. Our Guest speaker will be Paul Wood from Backyard Bees, speaking on top bar hives and swarm retrieval from walls.

How I started in Bees.

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

- June - Trevor Nardi
- July - Bill Mahon



Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on the 11th June.



Supper Roster

- June – Neil Robinson, Erin Rutherford, Peter Ryan and Matthew Spencer
- July – Jason Stanton, Tania Wilkinson, Neil Summerson and Glen Sutherland.

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.



Room Set up

- June - Tibor Sederkenny
 - July - David Seng
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Facebook

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

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 Noel Hutchinson of Quality Beekeeping Supplies (3376 5404), Rod Palmer at C.B. Palmer and Co (0417 796 257) and Burnett Beekeeping Supplies (0429 130 167). Please remember these very good friends when you require Apiary supplies. 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 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 one. 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

Peter Waldron has an interesting method of re-queening...

Time to re-queen my hives. Production has been slowing down in some of my hives and although the queen is still laying it's obvious that her egg output is declining.

What to do?

First of all, source some Queens from a breeder and then the fun begins. I had 6 hives to re-queen and I picked a nice fine, warm day to do the work.

The first 4 hives went without any trouble and I found the queen almost straightaway. Open up #5 and after looking through the box four times still could not find the Queen. She was in there as I could see fresh eggs and larvae.

What to do? Have to find her as I have a \$30 Queen to go in!

I went to my shed and grabbed a spare bottom box excluder and an old super.

This is how I found the queen.

I set up the new box beside the hive and took out 3 frames of brood, shaking all the bees back in to the original box.

I placed the 3 frames in the new box then put the excluder over the top of them. Next I put the old super on the excluder to contain the bees.

I then, took the frames one by from the original box and shook the bees onto the excluder which is sitting on the new box and put the clean frames aside.

Because of the 3 frames of brood that I had put in the box the bees went through the excluder down into the box (a little smoke helps) The drones can't get through the excluder and could be seen running around on top of the excluder and then there was the Queen trapped by the excluder.

A quick squeeze and objective achieved.

I then put all the frames back into the box checking to see if any needed replacing, inserted the Queen cage between the frames and closed up the hive. I left the hive for two weeks and then had a look in. Fresh eggs and larvae told me that the new queen was a success.

I don't know if this is the right way or if it will work every time, but hey it worked for me.

Peter Waldron

Why do some Sydney councils encourage urban beekeeping but avoid handling complaints?

Sydney has seen an explosion in urban beekeeping with a 20 per cent increase in the number of people taking up the hobby in just a couple of years.

That's great for the environment, with bees our most valuable pollinators for agricultural crops and even urban backyards.

But what if you have an allergy or reaction to bee stings, or a backyard pool where bees like to get their water and you need to make a complaint?

Tony Deguara lives in Sydney's inner west with a backyard bee enthusiast neighbour over his back fence.

Tony told Curious Sydney his neighbour started out with two beehives, but the number increased to six



meaning he was living next to thousands of bees as a result.

He asked: "Why do Sydney councils encourage urban bee keeping but appear to have no regulations to manage the hobby? Consequently if you have problems you have to go to the Department of Primary Industries [DPI]".

That was the question ABC News in Sydney was asked to investigate through [Curious Sydney](#), our series that reports on stories based on your questions.

"I started having major problems with my neighbour — not because he was keeping bees but because he was keeping what I thought was an inordinately high number of bees," Mr Deguara said.

Tony has a bad allergic reaction to bees. While not anaphylactic, they leave him with infections and swellings that last for weeks. After the last sting, an infection in his foot required antibiotics.

When he asked his neighbour to reduce the number of beehives, initially his neighbour complied, but over time the number of hives crept up again. Tony sought advice from his local Inner West Council to help him manage the issue, but the council redirected him to the DPI.

Curious Sydney found that the answer to Tony's question is complex. Councils can manage bees if they choose to classify them under the companion animal act like pet dogs and cats, but each council has different rules.

Read the full article at:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-03-15/urban-beekeeping-curious-sydney-why-some-councils-dont-regulate/9492094>

Many thanks to Lloyd Hancock for the above article.

Please forward any interesting articles or photos to me at phil@abclass.com.au

Thank you Phil Corbett - Bee Flight Editor and Website Manager



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Nomination for Management Committee 2018 - 2019

Nominations for the positions on the Management Committee must reach the Secretary at 40 Whitehill Road Eastern Heights 4305 by 24th 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.

I _____
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