

Bee Flight

Ipswich & West Moreton Beekeepers Association



July 2018 Edition

President's Report

With the cold weather we are experiencing at present I hope you have all remembered my advice in the June Newsletter about some of the considerations of actions that should be taken for wintering. If you need to check your hives at all make sure you only open the hive during the warmth of the day.



It does appear that there is some good flora around in the form of blue gum, broadleaved ironbark, melaleuca, (paperbark) and the start of the wattle at the moment - let's hope that this continues for now and into Spring. If, as many beekeepers will tell you, that from the 22nd June (the day after the shortest day) they notice a marked increase in the daily activity of the hive, the bees will need that flora.

A special thanks to Ken Frieberg and Peter Waldron for making sure our competition entries were taken to Boonah, Lowood and Kalbar shows whilst I was away.

As Vice President George mentioned at the June meeting with the EKKA show approaching the QBA would appreciate any assistance if you feel able and willing to help man the QBA stand.

August is AGM time and attached to this newsletter is a nomination form for office positions in our club.

If you wish to be nominated for or there is someone you wish to nominate for office of the club please submit to secretary Noela by the 24th July 2018. If you feel you have skills or knowledge or both which would take our club forward on its path to promote beekeeping and strengthen public

awareness to the importance and value of the honey bee in our lives please think about putting yourself forward.

I look forward to seeing you all at the July meeting.

Phil Geeves
Club President

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 -3rd July
Committee Meeting 9th July
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 **overdue** for payment. Please see Kellie as soon as you can.
- Redcliffe Show 29th June to 1st July
- Telling his story of how he started in bees this month is Bill Mahon



Our Club - Your Committee - Get Involved

As we approach our 2018 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 26 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.

Annual General Meeting

The Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2018 is on Tuesday 7th August. This year, our Club will be 26 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 2018 - 2019. The forms must be back to the Secretary by 24th 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.

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.

Membership

Membership Fees for the 2018 - 19 year are now overdue.

If you haven't yet paid your membership 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.
Kellie's number is 0407 114 513.

You can pay your membership directly into the club's bank account if you prefer. Our Bank details are: Bank of Qld BSB. **124 053** Account No. **10278864**. Please use the relevant member's surname in the reference area or we will not know who paid.

EKKA 2018



Bee Amazed

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. The extracted honey liquid is judged across a range of criteria including aroma, colour, flavour, density, clearness and brightness and finish. Adding to the competition, live bee demonstrations take place daily to reveal the wonderful intricacies of their unique environment.

Beekeeping has boomed in urban areas in recent years, with local clubs around Queensland thriving. We hope to see many more exhibitors at the show! Don't miss the amazing sculptures, with entries created from 100% natural coloured beeswax!

6th July - Entries Close; 4th Aug - Deliver Entries; 4th Aug - Judging; 19th Aug - Collect Entries

Contact Competition Coordinator

Name: Stephanie Dell

Email: sdell@royalqueenslandshow.com.au

Phone: 3253 3936

Please contact Phil Geeves on 07 3282 3989 if you would like him to take your entry in on Saturday the 4th August.

Show Results

Boonah	
Bec Hendry	5 Firsts plus Mitre 10 Voucher for honey in comb. Most successful exhibitor in Novice Section
Zoe Wallace	1 Second
Peter Waldron	2 Firsts, 3 Seconds and Mitre 10 Voucher for Bees in display
Albert Payne	2 Firsts, Mitre 10 Voucher for Frame of Honey
Phil & Noela Geeves	2 Firsts, 1 Second and Trophy for comb in honey
Beau Rush	1 First, 3 Seconds
Ken Freiberg	6 Firsts, 5 Seconds Champion Honey (Golden) and most Successful Exhibitor

Lowood	
Bec Hendry	2 Firsts, 2 Seconds
Zoe Wallace	2 Firsts
Peter Waldron	3 Firsts, 3 Seconds
Albert Payne	4 Firsts, 3 Seconds
Phil & Noela geeves	3 Firsts, 3 Seconds
Beau Rush	1 First
Ken Freiberg	5 Firsts, 6 Seconds Champion Honey and most Successful Exhibitor

Show Dates Remaining for 2018

Redcliffe	<u>29th June to 1st July 2018</u>	<u>www.redcliffeshow.org.au</u>
EKKA	<u>10th - 19th August 2018</u>	<u>www.ekka.com.au</u>
Beaudesert	<u>7th & 8th September 2018</u>	<u>www.beaudesertshow.org.au</u>

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.

Flora - July

In July, be on the lookout for Broad-leaved Ironbark, Grey Ironbark, Mountain Coolibah, Mugga Ironbark, Tea Tree, Yapunyah, Spotted Gum, Blue Gum, Paperbark 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)

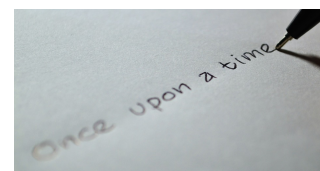
The club currently has stock of beetle traps. They will be available at the next meeting at the cost of \$6.00 each. If you need large numbers of these please advise Noela beforehand.

July Meeting

The Guest Speaker for July is Jason Pearce and he will be speaking on Trees and Bees. The lucky door prize will be a new smoker.

How I started in Bees.

A five-minute talk about "How I became a Beekeeper".
 July – Bill Mahon
 August – Suzie Nicholls



Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on the 9th July.



Supper Roster

- July – Jason Stanton, Tania Wilkinson, Lou Uljarevic and Glen Sutherland
- August – Neil Summerson, Eunice Trott, Jon Vermeer and Alan Waters

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

- July – David Seng
- August – Nick Slow

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

From Peter Waldron

I frequently get asked how to render wax cappings and get nice clean white and yellow wax. There are a few different methods that can be used and different results can be achieved if you want wax for showing or just to sell.

When I extract my honey I separate the frames so that I de-cap all of the light clean frames together and all of the darker dirty frames together cutting the cappings into different tubs. All of the burr comb and propolis on the outside of the frame goes into a different container to be rendered on its own. I never mix this with the cappings as it will stain the wax making it very dark.

After the honey has dripped out of the cappings (usually I leave this for about a week) I then wash the cappings in clean water breaking it all up into small flakes to get all the honey out as any honey left in the cappings can discolour the wax. If I want very white wax for showing I painstakingly pick out all of the darker bits (takes forever).

The equipment that I use to process the cappings is a large boiling pot with a spout installed close to the top. Any pot can be used and plumbing fitting can be obtained to make the spout. I use gas to melt the wax but I have seen boilers made out of steel electric urns. A funnel is clamped to the inside of the pot opposite the spout to add water later, you may need to extend the funnel with pieces of pipe or hose to allow the water to go to the bottom of the pot when adding it later.

I put the cleaned cappings in the pot and fill it up with clean water to about 12mm below the spout. I then light the gas and boil it up. Never melt wax without water as the end result could be fire. Some people say that the wax should never be boiled and some say that it should be. I don't know which is right but I myself vigorously boil the guts out of it for about 10 minutes. After all the wax has melted turn the heat off and allow to sit for a few minutes (5/10). You will see rubbish floating on top of the wax so using a kitchen strainer remove all of the muck until there is only water and wax in the pot. You will be amazed at the amount of dirt and rubbish that was in the "clean" cappings.

Set up a container under the spout with 3 or 4 layers of chux wipes stretched over the top to strain the wax (use washing pegs to hold in place). When ready to collect the wax I pour clean cold water slowly into the funnel and the level in the pot will rise and the hot wax will run out of the spout, through the chux and into the container. As you pour more water in you will see the layer of wax getting thinner on the top surface of the water. Eventually it will get to the stage where dirt and water will start to flow into the container. If you want the wax to sell it doesn't matter if some water goes into the container as it will settle on the bottom under the wax but for showing you have to stop pouring before any water enters the container. When I have finished pouring the wax I put it aside covering it to keep out dirt and dust until it sets and when cold remove it from the container. Hopefully you have a good clean block of wax. For selling purposes it won't matter if there are imperfections or cracks in the block. When the water in the pot cools there will be a thin layer of wax which then goes in the next melt.

That's how I do my wax and if you try it you should get the same good results.

Peter Waldon

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 _____ Secunder