

Bee Flight

Ipswich & West Moreton Beekeepers Association



Aug 2018 Edition (AGM)

President's Report

Welcome to our August newsletter. Our next meeting includes our AGM so we will hold a short general meeting followed by the AGM.



In the event that there is a vote for the appointment of committee members, be aware that you must be a financial member in order to vote. If you are un-financial please pay your membership fees to the Treasurer Kellie Round before the meeting starts, to enable you to vote if required.

As this is the AGM and the start of a new year I am interested to hear any suggestions from the floor in relation to the functioning of the club. I would like hear comments around how we can continue to improve our club, maintain our relevance and in particular how to increase member participation in all club activities. Give me a call with your suggestions, talk to me at the next meeting or put your suggestion in the question box at the door of the meeting room.

On another subject, it is intended to take a pallet of bee equipment to Steritech at the end of August. Accordingly if you have any equipment that you would like to be irradiated you need to deliver it to me at home before the 25th August.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM.

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 -7th Aug
Committee Meeting 13th Aug
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

- Our Club's 2018 AGM will be held as part of the general meeting.
- Memberships are now **overdue** for payment. If you have not yet paid you will no longer receive the newsletter, and will be unable to vote at the AGM. Please see Kellie as soon as you can.
- Telling her story of how she started in bees, this month, is Suzie Nicholls.



Annual General Meeting

The Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2018 will be held at our next meeting . The AGM will include a report on the Club's finances and activities for the year as well as the election of the new committee.

AGM 2018-19 Nominations for our Committee

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

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.

Show Results

Kalbar	
Albert Payne	4 Firsts & 1 Second & Most Successful Exhibitor
Ken Freiberg:	3 Firsts & 5 Seconds
Phil & Noela Geeves	3 Firsts & 2 Seconds
Peter Waldron	2 Firsts & 2 Seconds
Beau Rush	2 Firsts & 2 Seconds
Bec Hendry	6 Firsts, Champion Honey Novice & Most Successful Exhibitor Novice
Zoe Wallace	2 Seconds

Rosewood	
Albert Payne	3 Firsts, 5 Seconds & 3 Thirds
Ken Freiberg	5 Firsts, 5 Seconds & 3 Thirds
Phil & Noela Geeves	1 First, 1 Second & 3 Third
Beau Rush	5 Firsts & 1 Second
Peter Waldron	2 Firsts, 3 Seconds & 2 Thirds
Bec Hendry:	5 Firsts & 1 Third & Champion Honey of Show
Zoe Wallace	2 Seconds

Redcliffe	
Ken Freiberg	3 Firsts, 2 Seconds & 2 Thirds
Phil & Noela Geeves	2 Seconds

Show Dates Remaining for 2018

<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>

Items For Sale

Phil Dunlop has a Steam Knife for sale. For more details ring Phil on 0439 955 693.

Barbara Cush has a large size Club Shirt with Badge for sale for \$20.00. See Barbara at the August Meeting if interested.

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!

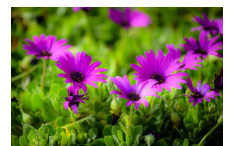
- Judging is on Saturday 4th Aug from 10.00am.
- Delivery of entries: Saturday 4th Aug 2018 by 9am, Gate 1, Gregory Terrace.
- You must have entered prior to the 6th July
- Phil Geeves will be taking entries to the EKKA on the Saturday Morning. Please contact Phil on 07 3282 3989 if you would like him to take your entry in.

Name Badges

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 - Aug

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 and Red Bottle Brush. .



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.

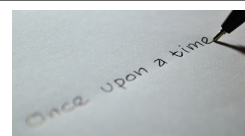
August Meeting

Due to the AGM there will be no Guest Speaker for August.

As this is our AGM there are 3 x \$25.00 vouchers kindly donated by Karen & Rod Palmer as the Lucky Door Prizes.

How I started in Bees.

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



Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on the 13th August.



Supper Roster

- August – Neil Summerson, Eunice Trott, Jon Vermeer and Alan Waters.
- September – Colin & Susan Newham, Glen Woodford and Denis Manning.

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

- August - Nick Slow.
 - September - Jason Stanton.
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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 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

Varroa mite detected at Port of Melbourne on a ship from United States



The potentially devastating varroa mite, which could wipe out the Australian beekeeping industry, has been detected in Victoria. A bee colony infested with the varroa mite was detected on Wednesday at the Port of Melbourne on a ship from the United States. A colony was found in a wooden crate and tests revealed some bees were infested with varroa mite, but the exact variety of the varroa mite is yet to be determined.

Australia is one of the last remaining countries in the world to be free of the blood-sucking varroa destructor, which has already devastated bee colonies in New Zealand, the United States, and

Europe. Varroa destructor is the breed of mite that affects European honey bees, which agriculture industries around the world rely on for pollination. However, north Queensland has had recent incursions of the less dangerous *varroa jacobsoni*, which only infects Asian honey bees.

Agriculture Victoria chief health plant officer Nigel Ainsworth said the master of the ship reported seeing dead bees on the ship, which was immediately investigated by Agriculture Victoria and the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) upon docking at the Port of Melbourne.

Mr Ainsworth said the colony had been destroyed and Agriculture Victoria was "confident" the situation was contained to the single colony. He said three other wooden crates on the ship from Texas had also been secured. "We haven't had final confirmation as it's a fairly specialised area to formally ID them, but unfortunately we're fairly sure that it's going to be varroa destructor," Mr Ainsworth said. "[That is] the bad varroa mite, given that it came from the US where that's the form of varroa that is prevalent." Mr Ainsworth said cold weather conditions meant the bees were lethargic and "pretty unlikely" to have flown beyond the ship. Laboratory tests of the established **sentinel hives** at the port returned negative readings for varroa. As a precaution, more sentinel hives have been installed and floral sweep netting has been undertaken within the port precinct and the adjacent parkland. Biosecurity officers are also inspecting gardens within a 2-kilometre radius of the port.

To read this full story go to: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2018-06-29/varroa-mite-detected-in-melbourne/9923972>

Many thanks to Dimitri Markotsis for bring my attention to this article.

MELBOURNE PORT INTERCEPTION – NO. 1

Most people would have heard about the interception at Melbourne port of a nest of bees which was also found to have varroa mites. Fortunately it seems that the nest was discovered in time.

The chances of varroa having made it into local bees would be very slim. However, as a precaution the State Quarantine Response Team (SQRT) are examining hives in the vicinity and will do this several times.

If you have not seen the Victorian press release of 29 June 2018 it can be viewed at :

<http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/about-us/media-releases/agriculture-victoria-steps-up-surveillanceafter-varroa-mite-detection>

Department is also upgrading their twitter and facebook accounts with new information. There is a fact sheet in varroa which can be viewed at

<http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/pestsdiseases-and-weeds/pest-insects-and-mites/varroa-an-exotic-parasite-mite-of-honey-bees>

At this time it is pleasing to see that the system did work and it appears to be well under control. If there are any significant developments I will put out another bulletin.

Trevor Weatherhead AM, Executive Director 3 July, 2018

Coles takes Capilano Honey's import cocktail off the shelves

Coles will no longer stock Capilano Honey's controversial Allowrie product, which contains honey sourced from China and Argentina, with the supermarket chain saying it wants to support Australian production.

Capilano has faced criticism from some local beekeepers over its use of Chinese and Argentinian honey in its Allowrie product. According to Allowrie labels the product contains 30 per cent Australian ingredients. Ben McKee, chief executive of the ASX-listed Capilano, confirmed the change but said the company was working with Coles on a replacement.

"Coles is a key business partner of ours and we have worked with them to replace the Allowrie Brand with a range of new product innovations in Capilano Brand that are 100 per cent Australian honey," he said. Mr McKee

said there had been no quality issues with the Allowrie range of products which, depending on the batch, contained honey sourced from China and Argentina.

"The increase in Australian honey supply has also allowed Capilano to offer an increased range of 100 per cent Australian honey products to consumers," he said.

Mr McKee said all Capilano branded product contained 100 per cent Australian sourced honey.

A Coles spokeswoman said the supermarket was constantly reviewing its range to ensure it met the needs of its customers. "We are proud to support Australian producers and the work of Australian beekeepers who do important work in pollinating plants and food crops all over the country," she said.

Neil Bingley, president of the NSW Apiarists' Association and a Capilano supplier, said Coles' decision could push prices up but was likely a positive for the local industry. "It depends on the consumer, if they're buying for price they'll be disadvantaged. Personally I'd prefer if they'd buy Australian, but there's nothing wrong with the [Allowrie] product," he said. Allowrie is a good quality product, offering an affordable price point for customers on a budget.



A Woolworths spokesman said it would not follow its competitor and was planning to keep the Allowrie product in its range.

“Woolworths is a big supporter of Australian honey, with around three quarters of the range available on our shelves consisting of 100 per cent Australian grown honey,” the spokesman said. “Allowrie is a good quality product, offering an affordable price point for customers on a budget. It has proved a popular choice for customers, particularly families, and will continue to be offered as part of our broader honey range.”

The Australian Honey Bee Industry Council has previously raised concerns about the use of imported honey but when contacted on Thursday declined to comment. Jodie Goldsworthy, founder of Capilano competitor Beechworth Honey which does not use imported blends, also welcomed the news, saying Coles’ decision was “a win for Australian consumers and Australian farmers”.

Source: <https://www.smh.com.au/business/companies/coles-takes-capilano-honey-s-import-cocktail-off-the-shelves-20180705-p4zpq4.html>

Thanks to Mary Corbett for finding 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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