

Dates to Remember

Next Club meeting 6th Aug
Committee Meeting -12th Aug
Practical Day 10th Nov

EKKA - Deliver Entries
3rd Aug 08:00am to 09:00am

Club Registration

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

Club events and show dates are on our website calendar

www.honey.org.au

BEE FLIGHT

Presidents Report



Welcome to our August newsletter. Our next meeting includes our AGM so we will not be having a guest speaker but instead 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. As there are some members still un-financial please pay your membership fees to the Treasurer Bec Hendry before the meeting starts, to enable you to vote if required.

As the AGM is the start of a new year the Committee is interested to hear any suggestions in relation to the functioning of the club. In particular if you know of a member of the public who would be interested in coming to the Club as a guest speaker, let one of the Committee members know and they will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

As the Club increases in new members I am looking for more members to participate in the functions of the Club and not just relying on the Committee members to do all the work. As the old saying goes many hands make light work.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM.

Phil Geeves

This year we're running a PHOTO competition for "Bee Pictures." Each month any members can send me pictures they have taken and I will post the best of them in our newsletter and on facebook. At the end of the year the Committee will pick the top 3 pictures and award 3 prizes. The only rules are the picture *must* have a bee in it, you must take it, and you need to be a financial member of our Club at the time of judging.

Just email or text them to me. First prize will be \$100, second \$50 and third \$25.

Cheers Phil Corbett Editor

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OUR CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST
TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
(EXCEPT JANUARY)
AT THE W.G. HAYDEN HUMANITIES CENTRE
CNR. SOUTH AND NICHOLAS STREETS, IPSWICH
7.30PM.
VISITORS WELCOME

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2019 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 2019-20 Nominations for our Committee

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

EKKA 2019

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!

IMPORTANT DATES

Deliver Entries 3rd Aug - 08:00am to 09:00am

Collect Entries 18th Aug - 16:00-19:00 or 20th Aug 08:00-12:00

Contact Competition Coordinator

Name: Stephanie Dell

Email: sdell@royalqueenslandshow.com.au

Phone: 3253 3936

Please contact Phil Geeves on 0409 485 447 if you would like him to take your entry in on Saturday the 3rd August

This Month

HOW I STARTED IN BEES.

A FIVE-MINUTE TALK
ABOUT "HOW YOU BECAME
A BEEKEEPER".

JULY - NOEL BOWERS
AUG - BRADLEY
CHARLWOOD

SUPPER ROSTER AUGUST

WILLUM DEN OTTER, BRIAN
LITTLE, BILL MAHON &
DIMITRI MARKOTSIS

SEPTEMBER
HERNAN MARTINEZ,
TERRY MCALLISTER, PETER
MCDUGALL AND TRUDI
MOORE.

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

AUG
CHRIS BILLING

SEPTEMBER
ADAM BLAIR

Show Results

KALBAR	
Ken Freiberg	6 Firsts & 5 Seconds. Most successful exhibitor in Open
Albert Payne	5 Firsts & 1 Second. Champion Hone in Open and Grand Champion
Beau Rush	2 Firsts, 6 Seconds & 2 Thirds
Peter Waldron	1 First
Mark Rook	2 Firsts & 2 Seconds
Fran Bousen	2 Firsts & 1 Second. Champion Honey Novice. Most successful exhibitor Novice.

LOWOOD	
Peter Waldron	1 First & 1 Second
Albert Payne	4 Firsts & 1 Second
Ken Freiberg	4 Firsts & 8 Seconds. Champion Honey
Beau Rush	6 Firsts & 4 Seconds
Fran Bousen	2 Firsts & 1 Second
Mark Rook	1 First & 3 Seconds

ROSEWOOD	
Peter Waldron	1 First & 1 Second
Albert Payne	2 Firsts, 2 Seconds & 3 Thirds
Beau Rush	6 Firsts, 7 Seconds, 3 Thirds & Champion Honey
Ken Freiberg	6 Firsts, 5 Seconds & 5 Thirds
Fran Bousen	2 Seconds & 3 Thirds
Mark Rook	4 Firsts & 2 Seconds

Practical Day (Hands on learning Experience)

Please keep Sunday 10th November free as there will be a Practical Day at Wayne Rossiter's Property at Pine Mountain. It will be an experience based learning day and will be of particular benefit to new beekeepers. We will be carry out maintenance and health checks on the Club Hives. The day will start with morning tea followed by the hive work. The will be an opportunity to chat with other members and enjoy a sausage sizzle lunch. This is a huge learning day for new beekeepers. Write this day in your diaries.

REMEMBER YOU WILL NEED TO BRING YOUR BEE GEAR.

Membership

Membership Fees for the 2019 - 20 year are now **overdue**.

Please see the treasurer 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 Noela for our bank account details. Noela's number is 07 3281 4165

August Meeting

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

Flora - August

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.



Honey For Sale

There is still some creamed honey available in plain, ginger and cinnamon for sale at \$7.00 per container. Ring Noela before the meeting if you require any.

Equipment For Sale

Grahame Yates, one of our commercial beekeepers has some equipment for sale if any of our members are looking to upgrade in the extracting room. The equipment is in good order but Grahame is upgrading to a larger machine, so he has for sale:

A 42 frame radial extractor. A honey sump that can be used with above extractor. Two honey storage tanks with warmers fitted, one is approximately 300 litres and the other is around 250 litres. If interested please contact Grahame directly on [3288 8238](tel:32888238)

Name Badges

Please wear your badge to all club events and meetings. We currently have over 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. Try not to lose your badge, as we can order replacements but at a cost of \$13 for the member.

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.

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.

Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on the 12th August

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), and Burnett Beekeeping Supplies (0429 130 167). Please remember these very good friends when you require Apiary supplies.

Beeswax Wanted

Noel at Quality Beekeeping Supplies is interested in buying beeswax, any quantity, small or large. Contact Noel at Quality Beekeeping Supplies on 3376 5404.

ITEMS FOR PURCHASE BY MEMBERS

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.

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.

The club does not stock or supply items other than the items mentioned.

ITEMS FOR HIRE BY MEMBERS

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.

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



PLEASE FORWARD ANY INTERESTING ARTICLES OR PHOTOS TO ME AT
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THANK YOU PHIL CORBETT
BEE FLIGHT EDITOR AND WEBSITE MANAGER

Articles

Keeping Australia's bees free from broken wing disorders



Parasitic Varroa mites magnify the damage from a common virus in honeybees that can cause deformities in the bees' wings, according to a review published in the Annual Review of Virology. The virus is not presently in Australia but overseas, the spread of Varroa mites has brought much higher levels of Deformed Wing Virus (DWV) to honeybee colonies. This means that keeping Australia free from Varroa mites is even more crucial.

Researcher Dr Laura Brettell from Western Sydney University's [Hawkesbury Institute for the Environment](#), along with Prof Stephen Martin from the University of Salford, reviewed the current knowledge about Deformed Wing Virus (DWV) and its interactions with bees and the Varroa mite. Australia is currently one of the last remaining countries in the world still free of Varroa, which is why it is so important to manage biosecurity properly for the health of our bees.

"Deformed Wing Virus is the most common virus found in bees and can result in mass deaths of bee colonies. It is estimated to be found in about half of all honeybee colonies internationally", said Dr Brettell.

"DWV was once a fairly minor honeybee virus but with the rise of Varroa infestation, it has spread across the world. Varroa mites are not only damaging to honeybees directly, but also exceptionally efficient transmitters of viruses like DWV", she said.

There is increasing evidence that viruses like DWV can also be carried by a much wider variety of invertebrates than just honeybees, with studies having shown detectable levels of DWV in 65 arthropod species including some Arachnids (spiders and mites). How these organisms interact with, and maintain or transmit DWV back to honeybees remains the subject of significant international research.

There is, however, a consistent relationship between DWV infections, Varroa mite damage and with the characteristic deformed or shrunk wings that can cause the death of honeybees.

Part of this research is underway at Western Sydney University where the pollination science team is assessing virus prevalence in Australia's most common native bee species. These are widely believed to contribute significantly to pollination of our crops and wild plants, but very little is known about which species carry viruses and whether native bees can transmit viruses to honeybees or vice-versa.

"The Hort Frontiers -funded pollination research program underway at the Hawkesbury Institute aims to provide insights into the current state of native and exotic pollinators and prepare for a future where European Honeybees might be adversely affected by viruses or pests", said Professor James Cook, Lead Scientist of HIE's Pollination Science program.

["Deformed Wing Virus In Honeybees and Other Insects"](#) is published in the Annual Review of Virology.

Image credit: Dr Ethel Villalobos, University of Hawaii.



Fantastic picture of a bee in an Australian Native, unfortunately it came to my mobile from an unidentified sender can you please let me know if you took this picture?



Pollen Bee from Michelle Sutherland



Bee on a sunflower from Alison Stewart



Michele Sutherland

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