

Dates to Remember

Next Club meeting 2nd July
Committee Meeting -8th July

EKKA Entries Close 5th July

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



Firstly, I would like to thank Vice President George Pallot for chairing the last meeting whilst I was away.

With the cold weather we are experiencing at present I hope you have all remembered my recent advice about some of the considerations of actions that you should be taking for winter. If you need to check your hive at all, make sure you only open the hive during the warmest part of the day.

August is AGM time and if you wish to be nominated, or there is someone you wish to nominate for office of the Club, please submit a nomination form to Secretary Noela by the 23 July 2019. 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 and value of the honey bee in our lives please consider putting yourself forward or nominate another member who could contribute to the working of the Club. The time commitment for a committee member doesn't need to be that great but will give you an opportunity to see the inner workings of the Club and to contribute to our future success.

It would be nice to have some new blood on the Committee and not just rely on the present Committee members. This also includes the senior positions of the Committee.

Hope to see you all at the July meeting.

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**

Our Club (Get Involved)

Calling on all members! In the past few years at the AGM it seems that we have largely reappointed the existing committee. In order for our club to continue to thrive and prosper we need to encourage new members to get involved. So come on “New Members” put your hand up and have a go. Join the committee even as an ordinary member which takes very little time or work but will allow you to understand the inner workings of the club and contribute to our future and prosperity. If you are at all interested why not have a chat with us beforehand?

David Kinnell and Norm Hinton established our club 27 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.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Club's Annual General Meeting for 2019/20 will be on Tuesday 6th August. A nomination form is included with this Newsletter. Nominate who you would like to see on the Committee for 2019 - 2020. The forms must be back to the Secretary by 23rd July.

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

Entries Close 5th July -
 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

JULY

GEOFF JAMES, GLORIA & NAOMI JONES, DIANA LEEMON & STEPHEN FIRTH

AUG

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

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

STEPHEN BAXENDALE

AUG

CHRIS BILLING

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

July Meeting

David Dunlop will be giving a presentation on identifying trees. Members' Door Prize is a bee veil kindly donated by Marion Weatherhead.

Flora - July

In July, be on the lookout for Broad-leaved Ironbark, Grey Ironbark, Mountain Coolibah, Mugga Ironbark, Tea Tree, Yapunyah, SpottedGum, Blue Gum, Paperbark and Swamp Messmate. .

Show Dates 2019

EKKA	9th - 18th August 2019	www.ekka.com.au
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Show Results

BOONAH	
Ken Freiberg	4 Firsts & 2 Seconds
Albert Payne	1 Second
Peter Waldron	1 First & 1 Second
Beau Rush	6 Firsts & 9 Seconds
P & N Geeves	3 Firsts & 1 Second
Fran Bousen	3 Firsts, 3 Seconds. Champion Honey & Most Successful Exhibitor
Mark Rook	1 First & 2 Seconds

Honey For Sale

A number of jars of creamed honey remain unsold following the Ipswich Show and are available to members for purchase @ \$7.00 per container, plain, ginger and cinnamon only. If you would like to buy any please ring Noela to place your order before the July Meeting.

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 8th July

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.



A great photo for our competition from Tony Curry. Still a few months to go, so keep your entries coming.

A picture all the way from France sent Neil Summerson AM. Looks like Bumble be to me but not sure.



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**

Articles

The Winter Solstice the shortest day. (June 22nd)

Are you ready for next summer? Winter Solstice is associated with the middle of winter for humans, however for your bees it's the beginning of spring. Almost immediately as the days begin to get longer the Queen will increase the number of eggs she lays. She knows that in 3 weeks when they break free from the comb the days here in Queensland will be a little longer. Only about 10 minutes longer but if she wants to get the colony to full strength by early summer she needs to start now.

The goal for the bees is to have a full colony ready to reproduce on a colony level (i.e. swarm) at the beginning of summer when food is abundant (best chance of survival). That means preparations such as brood rearing begin at the first signs of longer days and the promise of warmer weather resulting in hives (hopefully) overflowing with bees by October.

As a beekeeper wishing to discourage that workforce from leaving, you need to walk a bit of a tightrope. Encourage brood rearing while protecting the colony from starvation as the bees feed ever increasing numbers of larvae. At the same time discouraging swarm preparations in the same time period.

Things to think about:

If the weather is too cold to open your hives it can be useful just to spend a little time watching your bees come and go during the warmest part of the day. What's the bee population like, are the hives all the same or do you have any weaker hives? Look for signs of robbing if a hive is failing.

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

- 1 Check the health of your hives, in particular check for AFB.
- 2 Check to see if you have a Queen by finding her or evidence she is laying.
- 3 Check to see if there is honey (food) for your bees. Consider if, and when, you need to feed them or rob them.
- 5 Begin to make space for your bees to allow the colony to grow.

Details of all these tips and how to manage your hives can be found in "The Bee Book" by Peter Warhurst and Roger Goebel. There are copies in our club library available for members to borrow if you don't have one.

19 June 2019

Suspect varroa mites detected at Townsville Port

Suspect varroa mites have been detected on an Asian honey bee nest that was recently found and destroyed at the Port of Townsville. The nest was located on 16 May 2019 as a result of bee lining activities where foraging bees are tracked. The suspect mites were sent to the CSIRO's laboratory in Canberra for identification to species level, with initial results indicating *Varroa jacobsoni*. A national eradication program has been in place since the detection of varroa mite on Asian honey bees at the Port of Townsville in June 2016. No Asian honey bees associated with the 2016 detection have been found since November 2016.

Genetic testing of bee material from the May 2019 detection at the Port indicates this is a new incident, with these Asian honey bees likely to have arrived recently from Papua New Guinea (PNG) or the Solomon Islands.

The Asian honey bee is approximately 10mm long with yellow and black stripes on the abdomen. Heightened surveillance continues around Townsville Port and within a 15-kilometre radius. Port and transport workers are encouraged to be on the look-out and report suspect bees that may have come in on cargo via the *See. Secure. Report* hotline on **1800 798 636**.

The general public can report Asian honey bee detections to the national Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on **1800 084 881**.

Townsville bee keepers are asked to be especially vigilant in reporting any suspect Asian honey bee sightings and/or varroa mite detections.

Information about bee biosecurity and photos that will help identify varroa mite are available on the Bee Aware website at beeaware.org.au or the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries [website](#).



PLEASE FORWARD ANY INTERESTING ARTICLES OR PHOTOS TO ME AT
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 THANK YOU PHIL CORBETT
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IPSWICH AND WEST MORETON BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Nomination for Management Committee 2019 - 2020

Nominations for the positions on the Management Committee must reach the Secretary at 40 Whitehill Road Eastern Heights 4305 by 23rd July 2019

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