



BEE FLIGHT

Presidents Report



Spring has sprung and as the days get longer and the weather gets warmer it is time to start thinking about working the bees! It was great to see a little rain last week but we need more to boost the trees to produce bud and eventually flowers with nectar in them. There is a little flora about, mostly Blue Gum that I have seen, but it's a bit "light on" in most of our region.

If you find that your bees are doing it tough and not bringing in any pollen or nectar, maybe it is time for you to consider feeding your bees. If you are not sure how to go about feeding, please ask at the next meeting. One of our experienced members will be able to advise you of the process for feeding bees.

The Club has placed an order for Queens with Daniel Curless for late October. However, in my opinion, the present conditions are unfavourable for Re-Queening. If we have some more significant rain before the end of October and the conditions have improved enough we will proceed with the orders placed at this time. A decision will be made at the next meeting as to whether or not the Club proceeds with the orders on the current days or the delivery is postponed to a later date and more favourable conditions. Possibly late November or early December are options.

The committee is looking for guest speakers or any other ideas that members may have that can be incorporated into our monthly meeting or field-days. So if you could all give some thought to this and see one of the Committee members, or give me a ring at night with any suggestions, your ideas will be incorporated if possible.

Phil Geeves - Club President

*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*

This Month

HOW I STARTED IN BEES.

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

OCTOBER
GRAHAME YATES
NOVEMBER
PHIL DUNLOP

SUPPER ROSTER

OCTOBER
JIM MULLER, TREVOR NARDI,
JILL NELSON AND
SHANE O'REILLY.

NOVEMBER
GREG O'ROURKE, LEAH
MOORE, STEPHEN PACE
AND CHARLES PISANI.

**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

OCTOBER
PHILIP BOOTH
NOVEMBER
ADAM BLAIR

Remember there are now only a couple of a few weeks left to place entries in our PHOTO competition for **"Bee Pictures."**

Entries will be accepted up until the 3rd of November. At the December meeting the Committee award the top 3 pictures 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

Text 0419 196 330

Email: dragun@abclass.com.au

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

Dates to Remember

Next Club meeting - 1st October

Committee Meeting - 7th October

Practical Day - 10th Nov

Life Members

Congratulations to new life members, **George Pallot** and **Wayne Rossiter**. They join a short list of exceptional individuals who have given outstanding service to the club. Life members are individuals that continually demonstrate a willingness to get involved in the development and growth of our club over many years of membership. They generally spend many hours working and supporting club activities as a member or office bearer. Life membership is the highest honour our club can bestow on a member.

List of life members

- Harry Jones (deceased)
- Noel Scholz
- Phil Geeves
- Noela Geeves
- George Pallot
- Wayne Rossiter



Members List

Each year at this time we distribute our club members list, with the details of financial members for the year. If any of your contact details have changed since the last update please contact our club secretary regarding the changes. The member list for 2019 - 2020 accompanies this newsletter.

October Meeting

Guest Speaker for September. Brad Jeffs from the Queensland Fire Brigade - Fire safety talk.

Queensland Agricultural Shows 2020

The dates for the relevant agricultural shows are now on our website calendar and a list of dates will be published in our newsletter in the new year.

To view the calendar go to : www.honey.org.au/events/

Members Door Prize



This year we have decided to do something a little bit different with our door prize. Every month for the next 10 meetings, the door prize will be a **full hive kit (a bottom board, a lid, brood box, super and a Queen excluder)**. A fantastic prize especially for new beekeepers trying to build up the hive numbers. Winners will receive a voucher to collect their prize from Quality Bee Keeping Supplies. Remember you can only win it if you are at the meeting and you are a financial member of the Club.

September Door-prize Winner

Congratulations Peter Callcott

Contact Noel at Quality Beekeeping to collect your Prize

Quality Beekeeping Supplies Tel : 3376 4548

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 commencing at 10.00am. . It will be an experience - based learning day and will be of particular benefit to new beekeepers. We will be carrying out maintenance and health checks on the Club Hives. The day will start at 10.00am with morning tea followed by the hive work. There 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. Numbers will be called for at the November Meeting for catering purposes.. If you will not be at the November Meeting and wish to attend the Practical Day please contact Secretary Noela before Thursday 7th November.

REMEMBER YOU WILL NEED TO BRING YOUR BEE GEAR.

Corinda High School

The School has 4 or 5 Flow hives and need bees to fill them to start production. If anyone is prepared to donate or sell a hive, contact either John on 0428 646 613 or Lloyd on 0498 395 352 . They require the bees and frames for the brood chamber but not the boxes.

Flora - October

In October we should be seeing: Dogwood, Flat-weed, Grey Ironbark, Mugga Ironbark, Narrow-leaved, Ironbark, Narrow-leaved Grey Gum, River Mangrove, Weeping Tea-tree, White Clover, Yapunyah, Yellow-box, White Mahogany, Tallowwood and Red Bottlebrush

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 everyones' 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 9th September

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 OR HIRE ARE ONLY AVAILABLE TO CLUB MEMBERS

Queens (members only)

Phil Geeves has now ordered Queens for delivery in October & November. You must order Queens and pay for them in advance. They will be supplied on a first come, first served basis.

Anticipated dates for collection are: (see update in Presidents Report).

- **October 26th - November 2nd - November 9th**

Pick up from Phil's yard at the back of his house between 8.00am and noon. 16 Alice St Blackstone. Please go round the back, do not go to the front door.

Nucleus Hives (Members Only)

This year the club hopes once again to make Nucleus Hives available to members. At the present time however the club hives are not strong enough to be split. It is therefore unlikely that NUCs will be available for the foreseeable future. If the hives build up and can be split preference will be given to newer members that do not yet have any bees.

Club Nuc's will be in corflute non-returnable hive boxes each with a marked Queen, bees and 5 frames. Club nucleus hives will be \$120.00. If you require any additional information please contact Phil Geeves' his email is: pwgeeves@tpg.com.au Tel 0409 485 447

Hives For Sale - Willem Den Otter

Willem is looking to reduce the number of hives he has so wants to sell around 15 hives. Those for sale are 1 to 2 years old. All are double boxes,*handcrafted*,fully framed with queen excluders fairly heavy but easily transported by wheel barrow. He is looking for around \$210 per double.

Willem is located at Riverview please contact him directly if interested.

Email: wzdenotter@hotmail.com Phone: 32826883.

Honey For Sale

There are still a few creamed honey pots available in cinnamon for sale at \$7.00 per container. Ring Noela before the meeting if you require any.

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.

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
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Articles

BEE VECTORING TECHNOLOGIES RECEIVES U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) APPROVAL FOR ITS FIRST ACTIVE INGREDIENT

Approval marks the first ever EPA approval for application of a plant protection product by bees

Mississauga, Ontario- **Bee Vectoring Technologies International Inc.**

Announced today that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has approved *Clonostachys rosea* CR-7 (CR-7) for use as a fungicide on commercial crops. CR-7 is the first registered active ingredient for the Canadian-based company and the first active ingredient approved by the EPA for application via bees, known as "bee vectoring," in which BVT is a global leader.

Sold under the brand name VECTORITE™ with CR-7, the product is labeled for numerous high-value crops, including strawberries, blueberries, sunflowers and almonds. With this approval, BVT is positioned to officially launch and begin to generate revenue with VECTORITE with CR-7, starting with this year's fall and winter blueberry and strawberry season in the U.S. The registration permits BVT to make positive crop protection claims when selling VECTORITE with CR-7.

"Not only is this a critical milestone for BVT in terms of the commencement of scalable commercialization and revenue, but it represents a groundbreaking shift in how plant care products can be applied," said Ashish Malik, CEO of BVT. "By using commercially reared bees to deliver biological products, growers can protect crops, increase crop yields and enhance their sustainable growing practices by reducing the use of chemicals and other costly and increasingly scarce resources including water, fuel and labor."

BVT is pursuing regulatory approval from other key countries and, because the EPA serves as an affirmative model for regulatory agencies outside the United States, these review processes should move faster and more easily.

"According to industry statistics (1), to establish the high levels of safety and efficacy required to bring a new crop protection product to market costs, on average, more than US \$280 million and 11 years of internal research and development, university crop trials, and grower demos. This registration is a valuable and substantial asset for BVT and brings considerable credibility within the industry," said Michael Collinson, Chairman of the Board of Directors for BVT. "The BVT team has succeeded in developing a novel and effective alternative solution to traditional chemical pesticides and has done so at a fraction of the average industry cost. We are incredibly pleased to have accomplished this feat and are both proud and excited to put the BVT solution into the hands of farmers in the U.S. and are looking forward to future approvals in major agricultural regions around the world."

The EPA's registration makes VECTORITE with CR-7, EPA Registration. No. 90641-2, available immediately for sale as a registered fungicide for use on the labelled crops.

(1) Source: Report by Phillips McDougall, an independent consultant specializing in market analysis for the agrochemical industry, commissioned by CropLife International (CLI), CropLife America (CLA) and the European Crop Protection Association (ECPA).

About [Bee Vectoring Technologies International Inc.](#)

BVT has developed and owns patent-pending bee vectoring technology that is designed to harmlessly utilise bumblebees and honeybees as natural delivery mechanisms for a variety of powdered mixtures comprised of organic compounds that inhibit or control common crop diseases, while at the same time enhancing crop vigor and productivity. This unique and proprietary process enables a targeted delivery of crop controls using the simple process of bee pollination to replace traditional crop spraying, resulting in better yields, superior quality, and less impact on the environment without the use of water or disruptions to labor.

Additional information can be viewed at the Company's website www.bbvt.com

Some of this month's photos from members



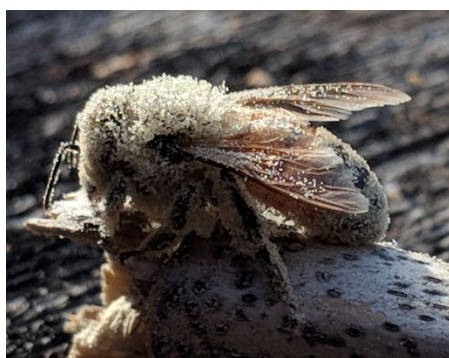
John Saunders
sent this all the way from the UK.



Another fantastic shot from
Rhiana Pearce



Idillic shot from Darral Frank



Retrieved from a Night Cactus
Flower.

Picture from Manuela Trabi



I think this is a Common Masked Bee or
a Leaf Face. Let me know if I am wrong.

Picture from Stephen Pace

Trevor Nardi - How *not* to overwinter your bees.

I last extracted in May and discarded some frames so I was 8 short on the last box. I was going to go back the next week and put them in but I never did. I was extracting again last weekend and this was what welcomed me. It filled 3 buckets and the flow of honey almost drowned the brood below. I got 300+kg from 14 hives. The end result the hive is okay.



Not so cheap honey - Phil Dunlop

Is any one here getting over \$100 for a half kilo?



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