

BEE NEWS

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President's Report

Well our July meeting was a busy one. Congratulations to our 2023-2024 committee. We welcome Kath who steps in as our new webmaster as we farewelled Frank from the team. Frank has done an enormous amount of

work for our club and created a website, online processes, and taken care of the security at our club. We are grateful for all that Frank has done and are glad that he will still be around to chat all things bees with us.

We also congratulate Ken Evans as our latest Life Member. Ken has been a Sunshine Coast Beekeeper from the very start of our club and I can't think of anyone more worthy of this honour in our club. You are part of an elite club Ken and you are most deserving to be there.

A final congratulations to Alby Taylor who accepted the position as our Club Patron. There is no one in our club who does more work behind the scenes than Alby does. Thank you for accepting this position Alby and we are grateful for all you do.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, 26 August 2023 at the Club House, 43 Farrell Street Yandina.

Morning tea and catch up starts 9.30am, BYO plate of food to share. Meeting to start at 10.00am.

Our guest speaker was Jeff Heriot. Jeff is one of those beekeepers who has forgotten more than we will ever know and it was great to get some tips from him on swarm prevention.

Speaking of swarm prevention - look out for signs in your hive! We have had several calls already for swarm collection.

Have a great month everyone, looking forward to seeing you soon.

Katie Livock, President

Guest Speaker AGM Saturday 29th July - Jeff Heriot, Swarm Prevention

Need to look closely at your hives for signs of bees readying themselves for swarming. European honeybees can swarm any month in Australia because of our comparatively mild climate.

In Spring focus on the brood and not honey production. To make more room in the brood box take 3 frames out of the Brood Box and put them in the honey super. Always put new frames in the Brood Box in Chequerboard (or alternate) style.

Always be aware of the behaviour of the Bees.

Splitting your hive

Do Splits of your hives earlier in the season rather than later and split before the queen cells appear. Use 9 frames in a 10 frame brood box and usually take 5 frames with the most amount of sealed brood and some with eggs for your split. Leave the queen in the old hive. The new hive will make emergency queens with fertile eggs from larvae that are up to 3 days old. If this doesn't work, put another brood frame in the split after a few days. When you make a split take it away to another location - about 5 kms. If you leave the split hive near the old hive a lot of the bees will return to the old hive and you will still have the problem that the hive may swarm. If you leave your split near the old hive, another trick is to put a branch with leaves in front of the entrance to the old hive, this makes the bees disorientated and they have to reorient themselves and hopefully the bees will stay with the new split.

Reduce the hive Entrance

According to Jeff, research has indicated that the ideal hive entrance is 15 square cm - 150 x10 mm.

Workshops for New Beekeepers

Our next Beekeeper's Courses will be held on the following dates:

- 9 September - this Course is not full so if you know of anyone interested in bees please let them know registration is still available.
- 11 November.

All participants must agree to the Club's covid rules.

Booking is essential.

Book online at:

www.sunshinecoastbeekeepersinc.org.au/workshops.



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The Club Online

To save our members time searching online, the Club's website has links to the best beekeeping information and websites we can find.

www.sunshinecoastbeekeepersinc.org.au

Also, check out our Facebook page for more Club news.

www.facebook.com/pg/sunshinecoastbeekeepersaustralia/posts/?ref=page_internal

Honey

Extraction Dates

NOTE – all members wanting to use the Club facility for extraction of honey must first book with Lynne Hulm the Secretary to make sure we are not overbooked

- 16 September
- 19 October

Please ensure that you assist with the cleaning up following extraction of honey.

Borrowing the Clubs spinners to extract honey at home:

- The spinners have been bought for the use of all members.
- Contact the Secretary Lynne Hulm to place your name on the list to borrow a spinner.
- The Spinner must be returned to the club by 9:00am the following Saturday cleaned and ready for the next member to borrow.

Spring - Start of Swarm Season

It is the start of the swarm season and the notes from Jeff Heriot's presentation to the Club on 29 July can be found on page 2 of this newsletter, above.

Please also refer to the articles found on the Club's website for more information:

[, Resources for Members – Useful Articles for Members](#)

Saturday Rosters 2023

We would like to thank all the members who volunteered to work at the Club for the months of June and July.

SEPTEMBER

02/09/23	Open	Ken Harrison Bryan O'Neill	Tom Cowburn
09/09/23	Course	Ron Button Ken Evans Catering - Mary Spencer	Katie Livock
16/09/23	Open	Damien Casserly Peter Keim	Paul Bonner
23/09/23	Honey Harvest	Michael Thompsen Scott Murchie	Grant Eisenmenger
30/09/23	General Meeting	Andrew Gaffney Dianna Bannink	

OCTOBER

07/10/23	Open	Dominic Flannigan Michael Hughes	Lynne Hulm
14/10/23	Open	Griffin Pengally Gerry Hannan	David Lee
21/10/23	Honey Harvest	Alby Taylor Russell Cook	Graham Gibb
28/10/23	General Meeting	Erin Mason Arlene Rutherford	

NOVEMBER

04/11/23	Open	Gary Kidman-Lewis Shane Simpson	Paul Bonner
11/11/23	Course	Chris Johnson Ashley Frost Catering - Mary Spencer	Katie Livock

Your Club and Covid Safety

We recommend physical distancing, wearing masks and hand hygiene to keep us all safe.

Masks are not all equal – N95 and P2 are the gold standard, then surgical masks and lastly cloth masks are better than nothing.

Swarms

We are seriously in swarm season with our swarm team kept busy collecting miscreant bees and their queens.

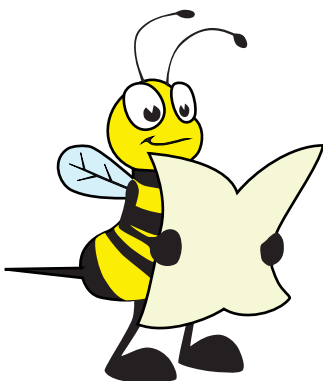
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North and central areas: Alby Taylor, 0418 882 282.

Maleny and surrounds: John Baker, 0418 791 149.



18/11/23	Honey Harvest	Peter West-Newman Tom Symons	Tom Cowburn
25/11/23	Christmas Party	Cheryl & Gary Axsentieff	

If the dates don't suit or you are unable to attend please email Lynne Hulm – secretarysbees@gmail.com

What the Club plans for its members

The Honey Extraction has been successful but please follow the directions outlined above. Ensure that the date suits you because if you cancel at the last moment another club member will miss out.

If interested in borrowing the new 2 frame spinner ensure that you sign it in and out and that it is returned clean and within the week.

Sale, Purchase Swap

A separate sheet is attached to the newsletter each month headed "Sale Purchase Swap". This will be for the information of members only and will not be downloaded onto the website with the newsletter.

If you would like to list anything could you please send an email with photograph if required to the Newsletter Editor at the following email address: lineb@internode.on.net by the Friday the week prior to the meeting each month. This will coincide with our committee meeting when any additional inserts to the Newsletter are discussed. This provides me with a deadline.

BEES IN THE NEWS

Australia's only honey sommelier is teaching others how to appreciate local flavours one jar at a time: ABC, Penny Travers, 21 August 2023

Dusty, fruity, floral and woody are just some of the words honey sommelier Jessica Locarnini uses to describe

Australia's vast range of honey flavours. She's on a mission to teach people across the country about the unique characteristics of honey.

Bee disease with potential to wipe out whole colonies found in Top End honey: ABC Rural, Victoria Ellis, 18 August 2023

American foulbrood – a disease deadly to bees – is detected during routine

honey testing by a commercial beekeeper in the Northern Territory.

New varroa mite detections a 'major worry' after hives relocated for almond pollination: ABC Mid North Coast, Alexandra Jones, Kim Honan and Angus Verley

DPI teams monitor beehives sent to southern NSW for almond pollination, after two more varroa mite infestations are found near Kempsey.

Toxic threat to native bees prompts call for change in varroa mite eradication zones: ABC Central Coast, Caroline Perryman and Keely Johnson, 8 August 2023

Concerns have been raised around the use of an insecticide to control the varroa mite outbreak in New South Wales and its impact on the native bee population.

Beekeepers question success of varroa mite eradication response as parasite continues to spread: ABC Newcastle, Keely Johnson, 31 July 2023

Former ABC weather presenter Graham Creed's bees were recently euthanased. Mr Creed says beekeepers want more information around the feasibility of the eradication response

With spring approaching, many apiarists will be unable to move their hives for pollination services

Mr Fuller is also the president of the Crop Pollination Association of Australia.

He said European honey bees helped pollinate more than 100 different fruits, seeds, nuts, and vegetables.

Can varroa be eradicated?

The Consultative Committee on Emergency Plants Pests will meet this week to consider if the agreed upon three-year response strategy to eradicate varroa mite in NSW by June 2026 is still feasible.

"Based on the work undertaken thus far and with the continued cooperation of the beekeeping community ... varroa mite is still technically feasible to be eradicated from Australia."

Beekeepers look to untapped potential of propolis, or 'bee glue', as alternative revenue stream: Landline, Courtney Wilson, 23 July 2023

Australian beekeepers discover the untapped potential of propolis, a sticky substance used by bees as "bee glue" in their hives.

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SALE SWAP PURCHASE

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SALE

Items	Hive tools - \$5 ea
	Top groove cleaner - \$5
	Feeders - \$1 for 2
	Embedding tool - \$5
	Uncapping knife - \$15
	Gloves medium - \$10
	Strainer 2 stage - \$15
	Sugar shaker - \$5
	Frame pack 10 - \$15
	Smoker - \$20
	Roof 8fr (Fancy) - \$20
	Excluders 8 and 10 - \$7 ea
	Lids 8 and 10 frame - \$10 ea
	Clearer boards - \$5 ea
	Extractor 2 frame (extractor bin is soldered (contains lead) so honey cannot be sold to commercial packers) - \$20
	Nuc box 4 frame - \$15
	Stands (heavy gal steel) - \$15 ea
	Hive locks - \$15 for 2
	Buckets 2, 1 with tap - \$20 for 2

Location	Sunshine Coast
Cost	As indicated
Conditions	Contact seller for conditions
Contact	Lindsay Cruickshank - 0400 805 528



