

BEE NEWS

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European honey bees

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, 30 September 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.

Guest speaker – Grant Eisenmenger – Rescuing a hive from a Catholic Church in Brisbane

Ken Bannister – Polystyrene Hives

Country Women's Association Appreciation

President's Report

Beekeeping is one of those hobbies where you know that you will never know everything, but you just hope that you know enough to not mess anything up. I was disappointed to read this last week that Australia has abandoned efforts to eradicate

the varroa mite and we have moved to 'management' of the mite. This was one of those cases where I had *hoped* we knew enough to not mess up the chance to eradicate. But here we are, all getting ready to face the inevitable. The greatest thing we can do is come together, learn together, and overcome this challenge TOGETHER. I am always proud of our Club and the support we

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Know someone interested in bees? Why not forward this newsletter to them!

offer one another and I know that we will learn best practice and enact it. The best thing about being a part of our club is being able to let go of the fear that is being spread throughout the beekeeping communities about this challenge. Every other country has found a way to manage, and we will too. The committee is working on a plan to best equip our team to support our community. In short, never fear! We got this!!

Our August meeting was one where members shared their questions and their successes – once again showing how much care we have for one another and for safe beekeeping. Thank you to everyone who shared. Our September meeting will see a presentation from a couple of members as well as a presentation to the Club. This will also mark the 23rd birthday of our Club! We are looking forward to seeing you all next Saturday for another chance to strengthen our community, continue to learn, and celebrate our Club!

Have a bee-utiful week!

Katie Livock, President

PS we have started talking about Christmas party plans and the infamous raffle will be back! Standby for more info as we lock things in!

Workshops for New Beekeepers

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

- 11 November.
- 10 February 2024.

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

There will be no courses available in December and January.

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
- 21 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 August and September.

SEPTEMBER

30/09/23	General Meeting	Andrew Gaffney Dianna Bannink	
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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
18/11/23	Honey Harvest	Peter West- Newman Tom Symons	Tom Cowburn
25/11/23	Christmas Party	Cheryl & Gary Axsentieff	

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.

Southern: Ian Meyers, 0412 694 058.

North Coast and Sippy Downs: Grant Eisenmenger, 0401 720 004.

Buderim: Tom Cowburn, 0418 143 206.

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

Maleny and surrounds: John Baker, 0418 791 149.

December

02/12/23	Open	Ces Siegel-Sebolt Maureen Costello	John Baker
09/12/23	Open	Jason Titman Niall Coburn	Lynne Hulm
16/12/23	Honey Harvest	Evan Flower Rob Questel	Graham Gibb
CLOSED 16 December 2023 – 6 January 2024			

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.

New Products in Stock

Plastic Hive Stand Single 10 Frame - \$50.00



Metal Hive Stand 10 Frame -
\$70.00



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.

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