

BEE INFORMED

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MONTHLY DATES

FIELD DAY:

Gates open from **8:00am** for a **8:30am** start.



14 November 2021

CLUB MEETING:

Main gates open 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start.



18 November 2021

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AUSTRALIAN POLLINATOR WEEK

The 13th of November marks the beginning of Australian Pollinator Week!

Since 2015 this week has been dedicated to Australia's important and unique insect pollinators. It's an opportunity to come together and raise awareness of the importance of pollinators and support their needs.

This year the event will include a wild pollinator count where people are encouraged to take 10 minutes to watch their garden and take note of any bees, ladybirds, moths and butterflies they see to help build a database on wild pollinator activity. If you're interested in participating, more information can be found [here](#).

For more about Australian Pollinator Week click [here](#).



PRESIDENTS REPORT

From Shona McKenzie

Dear Members,

In my first foray into this role, I want to take the opportunity on behalf of the new committee to thank the members of the outgoing committee for the fabulous work they have done during their time in the role. All I can say to Rod, Barry and Linda is you are going to be a very hard act to follow. Greg and Jeff elected to continue in their roles in the committee, their experience and ongoing contribution to the committee is greatly appreciated. My thanks to Julie and Michael for stepping into the roles of secretary and vice president respectively, I look forward to working with you.

I also want to show my gratitude to those members who have continued in their support roles as well as those members who have moved into new roles. Without your contribution this club would not be where it is today. We are very lucky that Marcel Smit will continue to provide supper after the club meeting and morning tea on field days. Despite the limitations on food preparation introduced since Covid you still manage to provide a yummy spread.

Caitlyn thank you for continuing as newsletter editor it is greatly appreciated. I remind members that the newsletter will now be published on the web site, hopefully relieving the problems some members experience receiving the newsletter.

Andrew Wilson has stepped into the role of apiary manager with assistance from Lorraine Osmond. Jeff Owen has stepped back into the fold as stores manager and Raewyn Chamberlin has agreed to continue as extraction room supervisor. The work carried out in the extraction room is vital for the club and I encourage members to make themselves familiar with how the honey that has been taken from the hives on the field days is extracted. The extraction process only begins when the frames are delivered to the extraction room, therefore the work of extracting the honey and the final clean up continues long after the hive work is completed. Raewyn and Penny are the key extraction room workers, not only carrying out the honey extraction but also the clean-up process to ensure the room is left in a clean state ready for the next field day. As a club we need to share this workload and not leave the work to the same people each month. There are a couple of events to finish the year. The Indigiscapes eco market is scheduled for December 4. The club will be applying to operate a stall at the market. Nathan Mauer, who has recently stepped into the role of events coordinator, will be handling the negotiations, and calling for volunteers to assist on the day.

The Christmas party lunch is planned for November 28. Members at the recent meeting elected to stage the party at the apiary and take advantage of the new outdoor kitchen and furniture. The event will be catered, Nathan is looking at options available and will report back at the next meeting. The club will contribute \$5.00/ head toward the cost of the meal for each member and one guest attending the party. A limited range of drinks will also be available.

The final meeting for 2021 is scheduled for November 16, instead of a guest speaker Ron De Groot will be hosting a quiz night. So, bring your best bee knowledge brains and join a team for this fun night.

FIELD DAY REPORT

OCTOBER 10 2021

FROM ANDREW WILSON

With a total of 23 members attending, the October field day started with clear skies and optimism around finally being able to see honey starting to flow. The day started out with an eager crew turning up early to set up and prepare the site and extracting room for the potential honey to come, starting early extracting the frames taken on the September field day.

The focus of the day was to undertake inspections of the brood and monitor potential swarming making sure there was enough room in the brood and to extract any capped honey that was available. Over the course of the day we saw a total of 45 frames extracted totalling 99 kg of honey that included the frames that were frozen from the previous field day. A welcome change to see the extraction room used once again.

The nucleus hives continued to show good progress and the WSP frames extracted and replaced with a 4-frame full depth super. It was good to see everyone assist at the end in the pack up process and a special mention to the wonderful crew in the extraction room who were able to process the honey for the day.

We look forward to seeing lots of helpers at the next field day scheduled for the 14th of November the gates open from 8:00-8:30 am. Hope to see you there.



CLUB MEETING

FROM CAITLYN ARIEL

During October's club meeting we had the privilege of learning about queen rearing from Jaqob Solomon of Aqo-vin Apiarists. I went into the meeting knowing next to nothing about queen rearing and was completely overwhelmed with its complexity. Jaqob went through the entire process, from choosing a good queen to begin with, right up to introducing the new queen to a hive. He also shared some helpful things he's learned throughout his beekeeping career, like finding the queen by blowing gently on the frame and how to best pick her up, by her wings apparently. His full presentation can be found [here](#). Thank you Jaqob!



Some of Jaqob's hives.

BEE NEWS

Honeybees use social distancing when mites threaten hives

From Nicola Davis, The Guardian

A recent study has found that in Varroa infested hives older foraging bees keep their distance from the centre of the colony where the young bees, the queen and brood cells are found.

Read the full article here:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/oct/29/honeybees-use-social-distancing-when-mites-threaten-hives-study>

Climatic drivers of honey bee disease revealed

From Science Daily

Researchers at Newcastle University have revealed links between climate and diseases caused by Varroa mite in the UK. They are hoping this new knowledge will help predict how honey bee disease might be influenced by future climate change.

Read the full article here:

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2021/11/211109080729.htm>

NOTICES



SAVE THE DATE ECO MARKETS

When: 4th December
Where: Indigiscapes

This will be the clubs last event of the year, we will be holding a stall and asking for volunteers soon.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH SAVE THE DATE

When: 28th November, 11:30-12pm
gates open
Where: Club Apiary
Cost: TBD, lunch will be catered and the club will cover \$5 for each member.



REMINDER: FIELD DAYS

As the newsletter is now public I would like to inform anyone interested in becoming a member that we ask you come along to a club meeting before attending a field day.

Reserve a spot in the meeting by emailing our president at shona.mck@bigpond.com

Thank you!

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Please feel free to contact me with anything you'd like to see in future issues :)

**CLUB EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE
FOR HIRE:**

- 2 Frame Honey Extractor
- Wax Melter
- Frame Display Unit hire
- Electric DeCapping Knife
- Ten Frame Jig
 - (holds frames in place for faster nailing)



ALSO FOR SALE:

- Honey containers