

# BEE INFORMED

**BAYSIDE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION INC.**  
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## MONTHLY DATES

### FIELD DAY:

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



**12 December 2021**

### CLUB MEETING:

No club meeting this month, enjoy the Christmas break and we hope to see everyone on the 20th of January 2022 for the first meeting of the year.

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Flowers from November's floral report.

# PRESIDENTS REPORT

From Shona McKenzie

## Dear Members,

Another year's nearly done where did the months go? I am certain it was May just last week! Covid continues to add another layer of complication to our lives with the associated restrictions it has created. I am hoping things might begin to improve in 2022. Our last meeting concluded with a Quiz organised by our Quiz Master Ron De Groot. Many thanks Ron for all your hard work and can I book you for a repeat performance in 2022?

The end of year party was held on the 28th and i hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. It certainly turned out to be a beautiful day despite the threat of rain. Around thirty-five members attended and judging by the empty meal containers the meals were well received. The dessert table was fantastic, and of course Marcel offered a range of wines for tasting. Thank you to those who bought goodies to share, I am confident everyone enjoyed the good food and company.

The first Saturday in December is the IndigiScapes Eco Market where the club has a stall. I want to thank all those people who have made themselves available to man/woman the stall as well as help with bumping in and out. I also want to acknowledge those members who assisted in the preparation for the market such as bottling honey and preparing honeycomb. The success of these events is the result of the efforts of all these club members.

As discussed in the November meeting the club has donated around seventy, 500ml bottles of honey to the Salvation Army food appeal. I would like to thank those members who prepared and bottled the honey. Salvos has expressed their gratitude for the donation.

Finally, I want to thank all the members of this wonderful club. There are many people who work to ensure the field days run effectively and all people who attend find it a worthwhile experience. As a club we seek to help people better understand their bees and therefore become better beekeepers. I also send my thanks to the members who come to the meeting, those who ask questions, and those who share their knowledge and experiences. Without your input the meeting would be much less valuable to newer beekeepers such as myself. I know I go away from each field day and club meeting with another snippet of knowledge to improve my beekeeping.

The final field day for the year will be held on the 12th of December I hope to see you there.

Best wishes for the festive season and I hope you have a safe and happy New Year.

# FIELD DAY REPORT

NOVEMBER 14 2021

## FROM ANDREW WILSON

On Sunday the 14th of November a total of 23 members turned out with 1 visitor to work the hives.

With the favourable weather conditions we saw a continue with the flow of honey, a total of 37 frames were extracted on the day resulting in 102.5kg of honey.

In preparation for the indigiscapes display, nucleus hive 1 was chosen to use for the display hive as it will not impact the rest of the producing hives in the apery and is of sufficient strength.

The nucleus hive on hive stand 2/3 showed no capped brood and extremely limited resources. The queen in this nucleus was replaced with the queen from the extra WSP hive on top of hive 7, from the same hive some resources and a super were added to maintain the nucleus colony.

With the recent warm weather and rains it is always important to keep an eye on and monitor small hive beetle numbers and maintain the traps in the hives and adopt appropriate management strategies.

We look forward to seeing lots of helpers at the next field day scheduled for the 12th of December. The gates open from 8:00 -8:30am. Hope to see you there.

Hive Manager,  
Andrew Wilson



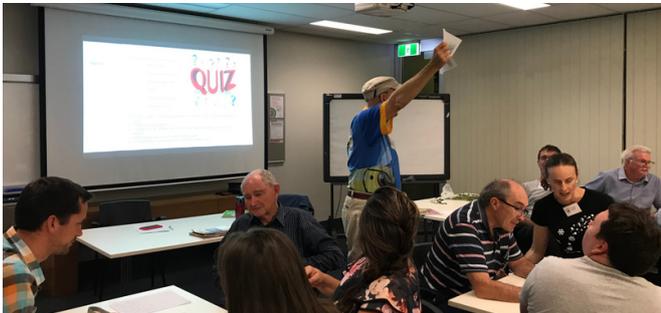
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# CLUB EVENT GALLERY



The club had a busy November and early December, with the quiz night extravaganza, Christmas break up and IndigiScapes. Here are some photos of the fun, starting with IndigiScapes to the left!

## QUIZ NIGHT



# CHRISTMAS BREAKUP



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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