

# BEE INFORMED

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

### FIELD DAY:

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



**13 FEBRUARY 2022**

### CLUB MEETING:

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



**17 FEBRUARY 2022**

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## CLUB MEETING



During February's meeting Marcel Smit will teach us all about mead, widely thought to be the ancestor of alcoholic beverages.

Historians hotly contest the exact origin of mead, but we know Vikings, Mayans, Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans enjoyed it alike. The ancient Greeks even revered it as the "nectar of the gods" and believed it to be dew sent from the heavens and collected by bees. Throughout the middle ages, mead only continued to grow in popularity.

While traditional mead makers still exist, many breweries now combine the old and the new with carbonated "craft mead."



# PRESIDENTS REPORT

From Shona McKenzie

Dear Members,

Welcome to 2022. I hope you all had a happy festive season. This year sees the ongoing Covid saga further complicate our lives. This year means the introduction of the need for double and possibly triple vaccination before we are able to even consider returning to life as we know it.

The club continues to be well supported and fortunately for us the bees are ignoring all the fuss and just being bees. This year we hope to bring a range of guest speakers to address questions you might have as well as providing different perspectives on beekeeping.

The committee is working toward developing a strategic plan for the club to ensure we are continuing to meet the ever-changing needs of our members now and into the future. Rod Baxter has carried out extensive work in this area and he presented a draft of the plan at the meeting for members to consider.

Andrew as our hive manager is keen to develop the nucleus program offering new members who have no bees and those members who have unfortunately lost their hives to AFB the opportunity to purchase a nuc from the club when they are available. Each team has also taken over management of a nuc as a backup for the club hives they are managing.

Let's hope 2022 is a great year for the club members and most importantly our wonderful bees.

## JANUARY CLUB MEETING

Unfortunately, we were unable to hear from our speaker this month. However, we did gain some insight into what the club's future has in store. Thank you Rod, for putting together and presenting a five-year strategic plan. If anyone would like to view a one-page overview of the plan, you may do so [here](#).

A reminder that it is essential to reserve a spot in this months meeting by emailing our secretary Julie ([beesbayside@gmail.com](mailto:beesbayside@gmail.com))

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

Courtesy of Rod Baxter

**Which bee is that?**

It's brightly coloured and travels sideways at 90 revolutions a second.

**A frisbee!**



# FIELD DAY REPORT

JANUARY 9 2022

FROM ANDREW WILSON

The start of the new year saw a slow start to the apiary. We saw 17 members attend the first field day of 2022 with two apologies that they were unable to make it.

A total of 9 frames of honey were extracted on the day, with a total of 19kg of honey being produced. Three kilos of honey were also extracted from the flow hive for the first time in a while. It was great to see the apiary freshly mown thanks to Jeff Owens, who came in earlier in the week.

With the increased rainfall and more humid conditions, it will be essential to monitor hive beetle numbers and maintain strong hives, hopeful to take advantage of potential flows of nectar to come.

The next field day will be the 13th of February, the gates open from 8:00 am - 8:30 am, hope to see you there.

Hive manager,  
Andrew Wilson



# BEE NEWS

## Meet the migratory beekeepers who travel across state borders to pollinate crops

**From Phil Brandel, ABC News**

Each night as we sleep, thousands of bees are criss crossing Australia on trucks as they try to keep up with the pollination needs of agricultural producers.

Read the full article here:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-02-05/migratory-bee-queensland-pollination/100802926>

## Australia's fuzzy insect companions offer hope for a threatened species

**From Ben Anthony Horton**

It might sound like an unusual choice of pet, but for many young Australians, a stingless species of bee is quickly becoming their favourite animal companion.

Read the full article here:

<https://www.euronews.com/green/2022/01/31/australia-s-fuzzy-companion-insects-offer-hope-for-a-threatened-species>

## Air pollution reduces ability for butterflies and bees to pollinate flowers and crops, study finds

**From Nick Kilvert, ABC News**

A study looking at the impacts of common air pollutants has found that flower pollination is significantly lower where pollution is present.

Read the full article here:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2022-01-20/air-pollution-pollination-flowers-crops/100764594>

## From rock carvings to rock music – the prevalence of bees in art throughout human history

**From The Conversation**

With a looming biodiversity crisis and concerns over food security and sustainability, bees are frequently making news headlines. The importance of bees in our society as pollinators and honey producers appears to have led to their increased popularity in many artistic endeavours, such as film, social media, gaming and contemporary art.

Read the full article here:

<https://theconversation.com/from-rock-carvings-to-rock-music-the-prevalence-of-bees-in-art-throughout-human-history-173069>





**SAVE THE DATE**

**MT GRAVATT  
SHOW**

When: Friday 22 - Sunday 24 July  
Where: Mt Gravatt showgrounds

We will be holding a stall and asking for volunteers.

**NOTICES**



**REMINDER: FIELD DAYS**

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

Our meetings are capped and only able to be attended by vaccinated members due to Covid-19 restrictions. It is essential to reserve a spot in the meeting by emailing our president at **beesbayside@gmail.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