



Next Meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 29th January 2020

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Newsletter

For the Members :: Resources for you! :: What's hot today?

From the Vice President

Welcome to the Northside Beekeepers Association 2020 new and existing members. I seem to have some ornaments in my extracting room! Halfway through and no end in sight...! What's the second half of the bee season hold for your bees? Pollen is in abundance with the amount of brood build that I'm seeing, but as most will know we are looking for the sweet stuff that usually sits above your excluder if you run langs.

What's flowering in your area of the new quarter or should be flowering! Might get to see the tail end of the Poinciana tree (gives you a bright orange coloured frames), Bloodwood, and the odd gum in flower if you are lucky enough in your neck of the woods. In flower now Golden chain tree (bees love it. I don't know much about this one), Lemon Scented tea tree (active), ivory curl just about to pop (not much in it for the bees but they love it), some wattle varieties, black butts, Queensland brushbox, leopard trees and many more that may flower nearby. It's a few weeks until paper barks starts (this is the one we all need for winter and to set us all up for a great start to the next season).

A good rule of thumb is to have 2 frames of honey per brood frame or more for the current season. There is nothing wrong with supplement feeding sugar or pollen in the right ways, it's a sit don't split season add another box if you are worried your bees are going to swarm you can sort it out later when conditions improve, combine, any weak hives. Carry out some brood management and lift some brood frames instead of splitting. Looking forward to working with the committee to enhance your experience and knowledge.

If you have any suggestions please feel free to put them forward to me and I'll endeavour to have a great outcome for everyone.

We have a great filled year ahead.

Cheers Jarred (VP)

Wed Meeting AGENDA
1. Purchase your raffle tickets or 2
2. Bill Winner from Capilano about flora & bees
3. Q&A
4. grab a cuppa and have a chat

Have your say

Have any suggestions for what you would like to see presented at a club meeting?

Would you like to perhaps volunteer for a presentation to the club?

Do you have a story you would like published in the newsletter?

Email: nkbanewseditor@gmail.com

In the Apiary

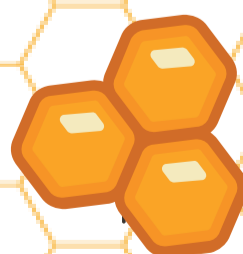
Upcoming Field Days

Please bring protective clothing and water bottles.

* **Bellmere Field Day** (Sat 1st Feb 2020)
17 Michelle St, Bellmere QLD **Please park in Robins Property** 9 am

* **Brighton Club Field Day**
120 Holmes St, Brighton (2nd Sun of each month) 9am

* **Geebung Field Day**
38 Buhot St E, Geebung (3rd Sat of each month) 8.45am



WAX PREP FOR THE REDCLIFE SHOW



Norma is asking a show of interest for anyone who would like a master class on wax prep for the novelty class at the show this year. Space is limited and a date is to be confirmed for late feb early march. Please Email Norma on nbkashowsteward@gmail.com ASAP

BEEKEEPING CALENDAR



Month	Bee Activity	Beekeepers Activity	Comments
January	Daylight hours are long and the weather is warm.	Inspect hives at 3-4 week intervals for health issues	Queens are available from breeders from September until the end of February
	Queen egg production is at peak, brood nest is large and bee numbers are still increasing.	If there is a honey surplus, collect it from your hive. Add a super for honey collection if required	
	The likelihood of queen cells being raised for swarming decreases		
February	Days are starting to get shorter, Queen's egg production slowly begins to decrease.	Inspect hives at 3-4 week intervals for health issues If there is a honey surplus, collect it from your hive.	Queens are available from breeders from September until the end of February
	There is still a large brood nest and bee numbers are still increasing	Add a super for honey collection if required. Last chance for beekeepers to re-queen their colony if required	
March	Days are shorter, and the Queen's egg production decreases further.	Inspect hives at 3-4 week intervals for health issues If there is a honey surplus, collect it from your hive.	Nights are getting colder and bees prepare the hive for winter. Some hives will still swarm, but these are tiny and have little chance of survival. In Australia the weather can still be very warm in March. Occasionally hives can still be producing great honey up until June. Look at the weather conditions and the strength of your hive then decide whether to harvest once more or close down your hive.
	The brood nest is reducing and bee numbers are replenishing, not growing.	Close your hive down for winter by compacting your hive into 1-2 boxes to keep them warm.	
	Worker bees will start to force the drones out of the hive.	If your colony has insufficient stores for winter you will need to feed them sugar syrup	

At the Club

* Membership Fees - Due by Jan 31st

Full Member	.....	\$40.00
Affiliated School	.....	\$80.00
Associate Member	.....	\$ 5.00
Junior Member	.....	\$ 5.00
Social Member	.....	\$ 5.00

Pay for your membership by the 24th of Jan and you will be in the draw to win the \$100 fuel voucher.

Treasureybee



* Club Meeting Venue

Pine Rivers Special School 10 Lawnton Pocket Road, Lawnton QLD 4501



Please enter from the Gympie Road Gate. We don't have access off Lawnton Pocket Road due to the new classrooms that are under construction.

Are held on the last Wednesday of the month.



A little bit of bare foot bowls and fun was had by all, then lunch was served. The children were very lucky to get a visit from our very own Santa (Thank-you to Jarred, he was a awesome Santa). Another big Thank-you goes out to Norma and the team of helpers for all the work that you did to make it a great day for all that were able to attend.



Paying a visit to Steritech

Just before Christmas Trina and I paid a visit to Steritech at Narangba to have a hive that we needed to be treated.

We packed the hives on a pallet and then we headed off to Steritech a little concerned about the process. Well to our surprise the process was not as daunting as first thought. We checked in and filled out the paper work and then headed out to have the boys take the pallet off the trailer - all 340kgs of hives. As we loaded the trailer at Trina's place we could not get the shrink wrap around the bottom of the pallet but we did get it done when the pallet was lifted off the trailer by one of the very helpful forklift drivers as he set it down on the driveway so that we could then shrink the bottom half of our pallet.

We were complemented on the great job we did wrapping it up.

An invoice was sent to us and we paid it online, waited for the call and after a week we called them. We headed off after 7pm the night we were told to pick it up. My hubby and I arrived, they loaded the pallet back on the trailer and off we drove. It was that easy.

Nicky

www.steritech.com.au



From the beekeeper

Tammy Campbell.

1. How long have you been a beekeeper?

1 year we have one flow hive in our backyard and one nuc from a swarm I caught at work. We also have had native bees for about 3 years. We've got 8 hives AA, TH & TC's too.

2. What first attracted you to beekeeping?

Ultimately it was their value as pollinators in my garden which really got my attention. I grow most of my Veggies as much fruit as I can for our family and pollination has always been an issue, especially the bigger flowers like pumpkins and zucchini, as the little natives can't do the job, so I was hand pollinating each morning.

3. When did you know it was something that you wanted to do?

I'd seen flow hive advertising online so I knew of them and then saw the live demo at the botanical bazaar on the Gold Coast. My daughter was absolutely taken by the bees and beekeeping was something that has always fascinated me so I thought we might give it a go.

That's when I started doing some research online. We purchased the flow hive and got it all ready and spoke to a few people on the best place to purchase a nuc, which we bought from Gavin and Sophia, they put me onto the Club. I turned up to a meeting, signed up and have turned up to as many meeting's and field days as possible since.

4. What is the best thing to you about beeing a beekeeper?

Teaching my children where food comes from. They know that the bees pollinate the flowers which then turns into fruit and vegetables.

5. What do you value most about beeing in the bee club?

All the informative speakers that the club has, and I can't forget the club mentors.

6. Looking back what advice would you give to a new bee keeper?

Join your local club and get a mentor and/or go along to the club field days. The best way to learn is hands on.

My daughter and I doing a check early on



Sharing a Recipe



What do you do with the honey that comes off when you melt down the wax.... well there is a few ways to use it and one is baking or cooking, as it normally is a bit darker in colour than usual

Honey Biscuits (from the day to day cookery book)

125 gms	Butter
1/2 cup	Caster sugar
1 3/4 cup	Self raising flour
1	Egg
1 tablespoon	Honey

1. Beat the butter and sugar to a cream.
2. Add the egg and beat well. Add in the Honey.
3. Gradually add sifted SR flour.
4. Mix into a stiff paste.
5. Take small pieces of the mixture and roll into balls
6. Place on a greased trays. Press out lightly with a fork.
7. Bake in a moderate oven until rich brown colour.

When cool you can join together in pairs with honey butter icing or drizzle some honey butter icing over and let set.

Store in an air tight container.

Honey butter Icing

3/4 cup	Icing sugar or mixture
1 teaspoon	Honey
1 tablespoon	Butter
	Few drops of lemon juice

1. Sift icing sugar into bowl
2. Add softened butter and honey and mix well
3. Add lemon to make smooth paste.
4. Use to join biscuits together in pairs or ice the tops and allow to set before storing away.

Enjoy with a cup of tea or coffee.

Make it Natural



- 1 Tbsp grated beeswax
- 3 Tbsp coconut oil
- 1/4 cup corn starch
- 1/4 cup baking soda
- 5 drops Young Living lavender essential oil
- 5 drops Young Living Melaleuca Alternifolia (tea tree) essential oil



Small Hive Beetle Information

Know your trees for January/February

Currently Flowering Around Brisbane

- Buckinghamia Celsissima (Ivory Curl Tree) - 1.
- Corymbia Eximia (White/ Yellow Bloodwood) - 2.
- Eucalyptus Robusta (Swamp Mahogany) - 3.
- Lophostemon Confertus (Brush Box) - 4.
- Avicennia Marina (Grey Mangrove) - 5.
- Caesalpinia Ferrea (Leopard Tree) - 6.
- Eucalyptus Punctata (Grey Gum) - 7.
- Eucalyptus Macrorhyncha (Red Stringybark) - 8.
- Eucalyptus Fibrosa (Broad-Leaved Red Ironbark) - 9.
- Eucalyptus Melanophloia (Silver-Leaved Ironbark) - 10.
- Corymbia Gummifera (Red Bloodwood) - 11.
- Corymbia Intermedia (Pink Bloodwood) - 12.
- Helianthus (Sunflower) - 13.



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