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ILLAWARRA BEEKEEPERS

Your Beekeeping Club in Sutherland: Club Activities, Agenda & News

Greetings members and friends of the Illawarra Beekeepers assoc. inc. and welcome to another edition of "the Buzz". Thank you for contributions but we are always looking for more so if you have something to say, please contact us at webmaster@beekeeperssutherland.org.au

WHAT'S ON

NIGHT MEETING: 7pm Thu 12.11.2015

Topic: Report on Apimondia 2015 + Bee Related Topics

Presented by: Tony Gordge

Tony will report on his visit to the 44th APIMONDIA International Apicultural Congress 2015 held in Daejeon, South Korea. Apimondia is a bi-annual international event focussed on bees and apiculture.

- Supper including tea and coffee will be available
- Meeting starts at 7.00pm in the club house
- Beekeeper's Shop will be open from approx 6.30pm to 7.00pm

READ MORE www.beekeeperssutherland.org.au/events-calendar.html

FIELD DAY: 10am Sun 29.11.2015

Agenda: Honey Extraction

We will be extracting honey in the club honey house and inspecting hives in our apiary. We will also hold a shrub planting by Tony Gordge in memory of Lynn Gordge.

- If weather permits we may inspect bee hives in the apiary. We provide protective clothing if needed but if you have your own beekeeping clothing please bring it along
- Morning tea including tea and coffee will be available
- Meeting starts at 10.00am in the clubhouse, Shop will be open from approx 9.30am until 12.00pm

2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY: Sun 6th December 2015

Our annual Christmas party has been announced to celebrate our year's activities and you're invited! The lunch will be fully catered for so you will need to book your seat at the link below by 29.11.2015

WEB LINK: <http://www.beekeeperssutherland.org.au/events-calendar/christmas-party-2015.html>

VALE BOB PERKINS: A MEMORIAL SERVICE

On the 7th of October 2015 we held a special service to honour the passing of our dear friend and distinguished lifetime member, Bob Perkins. Many of Bob's friends, including Bruce White; Ken Simpson; Lamorna Osborne and Ian Phillips along with Bob's family and neighbours shared some very special memories of Bob and his life of giving to others. Bob's ashes were scattered around a tree he planted in our apiary a few years ago and we saw a slideshow from Tamara of Bob's journeys and life with bees. Rest in Peace Bob, you will be missed and fondly remembered by us all.

WHAT WE DID LAST MONTH

If you weren't able to attend our meetings last month you missed...

Last month's night meeting featured Ian Phillips sharing the advanced techniques of swarm prevention including the Snelgrove method.

We also travelled north to the Tocal field day along with beekeepers from all over the state. The field day was well attended with talks and demonstrations on beekeeping featuring a wide variety of informative topics from both amateur and professional apiarists. A special thanks must go to the Hunter Valley branch of the ABA who hosted the event. Well done to all of you, a great annual event. Also a big thanks to Ian Phillips who drove our special chartered bus for our members.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome new members to our Illawarra branch. These new members include: Dimitrios Darakis, Belmore; Dietmar Jandl, Bonnet Bay; Branislav Vavra, Mortdale; Hugh Pearson, Loftus; and Emma Follett, Engadine.

HONEY EXTRACTORS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

Many people are extracting honey this time of year and if you haven't got your own extractor, our club provides quality portable extractors you can borrow for a few days. These are always in high demand so if you want to borrow one please see Ivan in the bee shop to reserve your spot. Note: A nominal fee of \$20 will be added to the refundable deposit to cover maintenance and replacement costs for the extractor, honey knife and related extraction equipment. The shop will be open on monthly Thursday night meetings and Sunday field days approx. 30 minutes before the meetings commence. If anyone needs supplies outside of these times please contact Ivan on 0419 254 831 to arrange another time

SWARMS IN NUCS AVAILABLE

It's swarm season and that means we often have swarms available to members. This usually means you can pick up a nucleus box complete with 5 frames and a healthy swarm of bees to get you started. Demand is always high so if you want to make sure you get a swarm when it comes available please contact Ivan in our beekeeping store or you can call Ivan on 0419 254 831

IN THE APIARY: A NEW REIGN

This time of year queen breeders are producing quality stock for re-queening your colonies. Our club offers members a chance to order queens from tried and tested breeders. We already have ordered two batches for the season but if you are considering replacing your queen see Janice at one of our meetings and she may be able to add you to the next list. We have a very informative guide to re-queening, thanks to one of our trusted queen breeders Morayfield Apiaries, available at the link below:

WEB LINK: <http://goo.gl/xO08dq>

AUSTRALIAN STORY: GOING WITH THE FLOW On 26 October 2015, ABC TV's Australian Story told the journey of Cedar Anderson, the inventor of the Flow Hive. Cedar explains "There's me and my brother Chris getting the honey out and they'd get so ferocious that I'd just have to stand back, you know. I thought there must be a way just to tap honey straight out of the hive, without opening the hive, that is more gentle on the bees." Most beekeepers probably would use another adjective rather than "ferocious" to describe bees however this story makes interesting viewing.

To see the episode, you can visit the Australian Story link below

WEB LINK: <http://goo.gl/zHli21>

RECYCLE YOUR WAX

Our club is planning some candle making, training and production with beeswax so we need your wax. Members are invited to donate any unwanted washed beeswax to the club that will go towards these sessions. Donations can be left at the club house.

ADVANCED BEEKEEPING COURSES

Beekeeping experts, including Bruce White OAM, will be holding an advanced course in beekeeping at our apiary later this month. The 2 day course will feature demystifying the task of raising queens; practical demonstration of equipment and procedures; grafting your own queen; various methods of introducing mated queens. This is invaluable course covering queen rearing and introduction however it is now fully booked out. The good news is that there may be another course scheduled for early 2016. If you'd like to reserve your spot in this course, should it become available, we urge you to email Tanya below
EMAIL TANYA sydneybranch@nswaa.com.au

BEGINNERS BEEKEEPING COURSES

We have 2 more beekeeping beginners courses set for early 2016. To see more info and when our next course is due visit our beekeeping page below.

BEE COURSE INFO www.beekeeperssutherland.org.au/education.html

BEE COURSE CALENDAR www.beekeeperssutherland.org.au/course-calendar.html

See you all at our meetings soon. We wish the best in beekeeping to you all.

Regards,

Emmanuel Farrugia

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