

BEE NEWS

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President's Report

The informal meeting with the research team from Sunshine Coast University was a huge success with over 50 members present.

Dr Peter Brooks and his team addressed the gathering with details of research they are currently undertaking, and we can look forward to a closer relationship between the two organisations in the future.

The AGM has been scheduled for 31st October and will be a similar format with the meeting followed by a barbeque.

The exciting news is that we received advice from Honourable Yvette D'Ath MP that the Gambling Community Benefit Fund has

awarded us a grant of \$35,000.00 which will enable us to complete Stage 2 of the Yandina facility.

We have had three nominations for the committee. At our last meeting it was decided to appoint them to casual vacancies which will come up for reelection at the AGM along with the existing committee members.

They are Evan Flower, John Writer and Chris Willitts. Evan's initial task will be to plan the completion of the building and prioritise future capital expenditure; John will supervise the club hives at Yandina and run the hive workshops; Kiwi has been appointed the purchasing officer to utilize his obvious skills.

There have been multiple reports of swarming so keep checking your hives to make sure there is plenty of room particularly in the brood box. Remember the shed is open each Saturday morning to get all your supplies

Look forward to catching up with everyone on Saturday 31st.

Alby Taylor

NEXT MEETING

Saturday 31 October, 9.30am for 10.00am AGM and barbecue at the Club House, 43 Farrell Street Yandina.

Happy 20th Birthday Sunshine Coast Beekeepers

On the 30th September 2000 the Sunshine Coast Beekeepers held their inaugural amateur meeting in a private home in Buderim. Two of our current members were present and are still active in the club today- Ken Evans and Merv Wruck. We will celebrate this milestone at our AGM to be held at the end of October



Research University of the Sunshine Coast - Dr Peter Brooks and his team

Dr Peter Brooks is a Senior Lecturer in Chemistry at the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) and Lead Scientist with the USC Honey Research Lab. His team of research students and scientists are developing methods, and analysing biomarkers and active components of Australian Leptospermum honeys.

Projects include:

- Hive and Wellness :Australian Manuka Project
- Exploring the relationship between Leptospermum and nectar and DHA production.
- CRC for Honey Bee Products- The analysis of antimicrobial bioactivities

Workshops for New Beekeepers

Due to increasing demand there will be two courses in October - 10 and 24 October.

The next courses on 14 November and 12 December are also open for bookings.

Booking is essential.

Book online at www.sunshinecoastbeekeepersinc.org.au/workshops.



The Club Online

To save our members time searching online, the Club's website has links to the best beekeeping information and websites we can find.

www.sunshinecoastbeekeepersinc.org.au

Also, check out our Facebook page for more Club news.

www.facebook.com/pg/sunshinecoastbeekeepersaustralia/posts/?ref=page_internal

- CRC for Honey Bee products Chemical diversity investigation of Australian regional propolis
- (CRC - Cooperative Research Centre for Honey Bee Products)



Dr Peter Brooks

Swarms

Northern Sunshine Coast:
John Writer, 0409 118, 888.

Southern Sunshine Coast: Ian Meyers, 0412 694 058.

Maleny and surrounds: John Baker, 0418 791 149.

Bee Buddy Register

For those members who would like a mentor, and for those who are happy to mentor, contact the Club Secretary Bill Spencer (secretarysbees@gmail.com, 0419 149 947).

BEES IN THE NEWS

BEEleive it or not

[A NT Country hour on ABC reported that European feral bees may be outcompeting native bees for floral resources](#)

Sweet Talk

[Interview with Vice President Katie Livock, and father and son team Joe and Oliver Lynch, in the latest Salt Magazine issue](#)

Working Bees

Members do come and assist with making frames but we need members to assist with other activities around the club

If you have spare time on your hands, please email the Secretary Bill: secretarysbees@gmail.com.



This season has seen an increase in the number of swarming bees so inspect your hives to check on the health and space in the brood box. It is also predicted that there will be a bumper honey harvest this season.

Karen Hall, Flickr

Flowering in October

The Turpentine (*Syncarpia glomulifera*) a large tree found in New South Wales and Queensland which can reach 60 meters. It is characterised by thick brown bark with deep vertical furrows and has cream white flowers in spring.



Flowers of the Turpentine tree

Paperbarks

– Malaleuca quinquinerva a white flowering common paper bark

Weeping bottle brush – Malaleuca viminalis.

White Cedar- Melia Azedarach a great shade tree but the seeds are toxic to humans and animals.; The tree loses its leaves during winter but in spring the tree starts flowering starry white and licac flowers. Rregarded as a weed in WA and NT because some birds can eat the seeds and spread them.

Dianella a native grass flowers in spring.

[Mooloolah Landcare Nursery](#)



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