

BEE NEWS

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President's Report

It was disappointing that we have had to postpone the AGM this month.

It has been rescheduled for 31st October. We propose to have an informal barbeque on Saturday 26th September to host the academic staff involved with honeybee research at the Sunshine Coast University.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday 26 September at 9.00am at the Club House, 43 Farrell Street Yandina.

Members will meet Dr Peter Brooks from University of Sunshine Coast.

BBQ lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to secretaryscbees@gmail.com

It will be run in accordance with the Covid protocol so please turn up and make our visitors welcome.

The introduction workshop last weekend was a great success and the two scheduled for October are already heavily booked.

Further work on the premises has been put on hold pending outcome of grant applications. If these are unsuccessful then it will progress as funds permit.

Remember the shed is open each available Saturday morning to get all your frames and boxes ready for what we hope will be a good spring.

There have been a couple of members put up their hand to assist on the Committee but more would be welcome to share the load.

Look forward to catching up with everyone on Saturday 26th.

Alby Taylor

COVID safe plan

To ensure the safety of all our members a covid safe plan is being developed ensuring that we meet all health covid guidelines for community groups. Could everyone on arrival please sign the register and take your name tag. Ensure that you follow any signage and directions while maintaining social distancing.

Swarms

Swarm season is now on us so please take care of your hives!

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

Southern Sunshine Coast: Ian Meyers, 0412 694 058.

Maleny and surrounds: John Baker, 0418 791 149.

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



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.

BEES IN THE NEWS

Venom from honey bees has been found to rapidly kill aggressive and hard-to-treat breast cancer cells. ABC News Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research. The research has been published in the Journal Nature Precision Oncology.

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).

Workshops for New Beekeepers

The next Beekeeping Course on Saturday 10 October is full.

An additional course will be held on Saturday 24 October due to demand.

The Course on 14 November is also open for bookings

Booking is essential.

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

Flowering in September

Chris Johnson

Although positive identification is sometimes difficult for me, I have a **Red Mahogany** (*E. resinifera*) flowering on my property. *Eucalyptus resinifera* was first formally described in 1790 by James Edward Smith in John White's book, *Journal of a Voyage to New South Wales*. The specific epithet (*resinifera*) is from the Latin *resiniferus* meaning "resin-bearing". The tree has rough, stringy or fibrous, reddish brown bark in long strips on the trunk and branches. It has whitish flowers and is a major pollen source and a medium to major nectar source. It is also a food tree for kolas.

Yellow Box (*Eucalyptus melliodora*) has rough, flaky or fibrous bark on part or all of the trunk and smooth greyish to yellowish bark above. It is considered to be the best native tree for honey production. As indicated by the species name, which is derived from the Latin *meliodorus* (honey scented), the honey produced has a delightful golden colour and an excellent taste. However the pollen is of poor quality and working this flower can wear bees out.

We are now approaching the swarm season. Management of your hives is critical if you don't want to lose half of your bees.

Until next month. Happy bee-keeping

Chris



Red Mahogany



Flower of Red Mahogany



Yellow Box



Flowers of Yellow Box

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