

# GOULBURN DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS CLUB

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## COMMITTEES COMMENTS

BY RENATE BARRETT

Hello and welcome to this month's Newsletter.

Wow, we had a lovely day at our recent Christmas in July annual members' function. Thank you so much to all volunteers who made the day special. We had great food, great atmosphere with open wood fire and decorations, a very generous Santa, very entertaining Trivia, Lucky Door prizes galore, Mead tasting and last but not least great company. The AGM didn't take long at all, and we now have a new mix in our committee. Come to the next members meeting on Tuesday 16th August, 7:30pm @ Goulburn Workers Club to meet us.

They've been working furiously at the ABA Headquarters to get everything ready for 2022/2023 membership renewals. Due to the Varroa destructor emergency, priorities had to be placed on controlling this outbreak. Thankfully our region is not in a Red Zone yet. However, please note, at this point in time no one is allowed to move their hives at all until further notice! Come to the next meeting for info on Varroa destructor and other pest and diseases! Please log in to your beekeepers' website to update your details at <https://www.beekeepers.asn.au/> Renewing your valued membership is as easy as responding to the email you recently received from ABA. Benefits include insurance cover, member packs, information and newsletters, networking, being part of your local beekeepers' club, getting support, and having a brain pool to pick from to get all the answers you need.

Swarm season is almost here! Please come to the next members meeting to put your name down if you want a swarm and to find out what you need to provide to get your swarm. We have some great workshop days and activities coming up too. Please watch this space for further updates. The Goulburn & District Beekeepers Club is here for you. Let's make it great together. One for all and all for one. Sounds familiar.  
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## NEXT MEETING TOPICS

### BIOSECURITY -PESTS AND DISEASES

**FACE TO FACE** Lift is under repair, meeting to be held on ground floor in the area that looks over the carpark.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022 7.30PM** every 3rd Tuesday the month

Location: Goulburn Workers Club @ 7:30pm

Topics for this upcoming meeting:

Swarm season is almost here! Bee ready for it, this talk is especially useful for beginner beekeepers.

Let's talk about Bio Security, pests and diseases, especially Varroa destructor, John Scott - our Bio Security Officer - will lead the presentation.

Q & A This is a chance for you to ask bee-related questions.

We'd love to see what's in your garden this month! please bring along a sample to the meeting this week or forward a photo to

[Goulburn.editor@beekeepers.asn.au](mailto:Goulburn.editor@beekeepers.asn.au)

## WORKSHOP

### Workshop - Workshop - Workshop

There is comprehensive information attached to the email.

Any questions, feel free to ask at the meeting or contact Gary Poile directly

No experience is necessary. The workshop is about learning how to assemble hive material and at the same time providing cost effective hive kits for members of the GDBC.

The aim of the workshop will be to assemble a number of 8 frame single box hive kits that will be available for members of the GDBC to purchase for swarm catching in the coming spring.

Each kit includes: 1 x lid, 1 x base, 1 x box and 8 x frames with plastic foundation.

The material is being provided at the flat-pack rate of \$125 for each kit and can be picked up at the end of the workshop and taken home after it has been assembled by the workshop attendees.



## RECIPE

### HONEY ALMOND SLICE

#### **(20 serves)**

Preheat oven 180c (160c fan forced)

#### SHORTBREAD BASE

¾ cup unsalted butter

75g caster sugar

1 ½ cups plain flour

30g corn flour

#### ALMOND HONEY TOPPING

3 Cups flaked almonds

75g unsalted butter

¼ cup sugar

1 1/2 Tablespoons honey

Beat together butter and sugar until light and fluffy.

Sift together flours then add to the butter and sugar in three lots until fully incorporated.

Lightly pull together dough with your hands and break into chunks and scatter over your tray.

Press down on the dough until it joins together and fills in the gaps.

Bake for 20 min until it is starting to turn golden on the edges. Cool while you prepare the topping.

Place almonds in a large bowl and set aside.

Mix together the butter, sugar and honey in a saucepan over low heat until the sugar dissolves.

Pour the mixture all over the almonds and mix well. Gently spread all over the shortbread base and cook for a further 15 minutes until the top is golden.

Allow to cool before breaking into chunks.



## JANE SUTTLE

No new members this month so we stand at 94 members.

Katie joined the Goulburn District Beekeepers Club in 2016 before she was gifted her first Flow Hive and took on the role of Treasurer in 2017, taking a turn at running the club for the benefit of us all. She has contributed enormously over that time by making sure the Club finances were kept in order. Katie also made it her mission to bake and bring a honey based treat to each General Meeting for us all to look forward to and enjoy. There are a lot of Katie's recipes on the website if you'd like to explore some delicious treats! For nearly every stall the club has had at shows and festivals Katie has been there helping to mind the stall, talk to people keen to know more about bees or find a club to support their move into beekeeping. She has also presented sessions at primary schools, taking her little son along in his bee suit to win the hearts and minds of little potential beekeepers.

Katie organised the kitchen end of Christmas in July in 2019 and has contributed to the thinking and decision making of the committee during meetings. We are going to miss her on the Committee but will look forward to catching up in General Meetings

Over the 6 years she has kept bees, she and her partner have built their hive numbers from that first Flow Hive to around 70 hives and have built a business selling honey under the label of *Sunny Day Honey*. Here is a link if you'd like to have a look. <https://sunnydayhoney.com.au>

Thank you Katie on behalf of all the members for the work you done over the years to keep the Bee Club functioning and sharing your beekeeping skills and knowledge.



SANDRA MASON

Here is the link from the Amateur Beekeepers Association bi monthly [newsletter](#). Always interesting articles available to read.



## MERCHANDISE

Don't forget our Bee things with our club's logo on them. Some great items can be purchased [here at redbubble](#) .



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Come have a look at our new group on [facebook here](#) . And don't forget about our website and forum [here](#).



## THIS MONTHS TIP: MEETING REMINDER.

Did you forget about our last meeting? If yes, then we have the solution for you. You are able to add a club calendar reminder to your personal google Calendar.

How do I find it? Glad you asked, please use this link [GOULBURN - Amateur Beekeepers Association NSW](#) Scroll down the page, and on the right hand side you should see our calendar. At the bottom right hand side of the Calendar, there is a little icon " + " Google Calendar" Click on this, follow the instructions and it will be added to your calendar. Job done, your will be reminded every month.



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