



**Amateur
Beekeepers
Association**
NSW MID NORTH COAST

The Bee Line

**Newsletter of the Mid North Coast Amateur
Beekeeping Association**

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December 2021 Newsletter

MNCABA President's Report

Hello everyone,

Judith and Serge welcomed us to their establishment 'Coffs Beekeeping Supplies' for our November meeting. It was well attended and the weather was kind, allowing John Carroll to lead a hive inspection.

While talking about hive inspections and the way we do things ... we may be different to others. It may not matter too much, so long as it works for you and the bees. The old saying, ask three beekeepers the same question and receive three different answers, is often true.

Of all the days in the year, the road to the venue was being repaved. This saw some people walking the last couple of hundred metres. This was unfortunate, our hosts having only had two days' notice, too late to make changes.

As the meeting was also our AGM, elections for committee members were conducted. The previous committee members were re-elected, except for newsletter editor, Andrea Stafford, who stepped down due to an upcoming study work load. Welcome to Alison Beswick as our new editor and Paul McLeod as our First Aid Officer. Thanks to Andrea for doing such a marvellous job. I would also like to thank the old, now 'new', committee for their excellent job supporting the club and myself.

The club has been invited to have a 'bee awareness stall' at Coffs Bunnings on the 9th December, 6.00 - 8.00pm. Contact Monica if you can assist.

Reminder ... please return library books and borrowed club equipment promptly, so others can use them.

Next meeting will be at Merridy and Warren's, 503 Roses Rd, Gleniffer, 12th December.

We shall skip January and aim for February to have our first 2022 meeting.

One last thing ... does anyone know the whereabouts of the Club's banner?

Regards,

Allan

Next Meeting

Date: 12 December 2021

Time: 10 for 10.30am

Hosts: Merridy & Warren Huxley

Address: 503 Roses Rd, Gleniffer

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Photos // The November meeting at 'Coffs Beekeeping Supplies' at the Woopi Bee Shed. John Carroll leads a hive inspection as members look on with questions and observations. The venue's bush setting, housing its apiary at the rear of the property, provided ample space for our gathering.

FRANK'S HIVE HINTS No 1

Sometimes when there is a shortage of nectar you could have a problem when opening a hive.

Robber bees are very quick to enter and could rob out your hive. If this happens close the hive immediately. If there is fighting at the entrance, cover it completely with a couple of handfuls of grass. It will deter the robbers and make it easier for the bees to defend their hive, even if it is weak. This is better than blocking the entrance, especially in summer because they will get the air they need. The hive bees will eventually clear the entrance.

LOVE THOSE BEES.

From the archive of Frank's Hive Hints by the late Frank Karabaic



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BEES IN THE NEWS

This article explores the increased interest in beekeeping in WA and points out the responsibilities regarding biosecurity.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2021-11-14/beekeeper-numbers-climb-688-per-cent-in-a-decade/100615816>

This article highlights the wellbeing advantages that beekeeping has for a soldier living with PTSD after experiencing a traumatic event in Afghanistan.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-11-14/healing-power-of-bees-for-traumatised-military-veterans/100532362>

NEXT MEETING

According to government regulations, attendees at the meeting must be double-vaccinated against COVID-19.

Date: Sunday 12 December

Time: 10 for 10.30am

Hosts: Merridy and Warren
0421 690 403

Location: 503 Roses Rd, Gleniffer, NSW

Directions: Go north over Bellingen bridge
When you reach the roundabout, turn left (this road takes you towards Gleniffer/
Promised Land)
Watch for Roses Road (which is a loop road off to the left)
Watch for sign "Bus Stop 503" and take the track to the house

Cost: \$5

Raffle: Donations for the raffle table warmly welcomed.

BYO: Chair, food, drinks, hat, bee protection gear, any **outstanding library books**, and masks are always advisable to have on hand when appropriate social distancing isn't possible.

Please note: Vaccination status will be checked and recorded on arrival as per government regulations.



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CLUB SUPPLIES

Foundation and Apithor

Don Wood has our Club's supplies of Wax Foundation and Apithor SHB traps. Please contact him on 0418 112 516 or by email: rabbitrap2873@yahoo.com The price of foundation is \$2.60 per sheet. Apithor small hive beetle traps are \$6.50. Don is also the guardian of our two hive extractors that are available for loan to club members.

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Services and supplies

- Michael Worraker - Queen bees for sale: the current breeding stock available is Joe Horner Italian Breeder, Caucasian Breeder, artificially inseminated (AI) Cordovan & AI Italian Breeder queens. Queen cells & nucs will also be available. A new supply of Agrisea bee feed has also arrived 0408 293 031
- Ross Wood - Mated queens and nucs (Grafton) 0421 817 710
- Steve Fowler - All manner of beekeeping equipment for sale. Steve and Janet usually turn up at meetings with a ute full of gear. To pre-order call 0418 412 621
- Glenn Locke - Mt Coramba Apiculture – One day beekeeping workshops and Flow hive mentoring: www.oraravalleyhoney.com.au 0459 066 297
- Coffs Beekeeping Supplies – 0447 308 906. Judith Webster & Serge Golovin have moved to the Woopi Bee Shed at 23 Hawke Drive Woolgoolga, where they now stock NuPlas hives, Paradise Polystyrene hives & wooden hives, as well as a wide range of stands, suits & protective gear, hive tools & equipment, supplements including mineral bee, and bee-themed gifts www.coffsbeekeepingsupplies.com.au Email: info@coffsbeekeepingsupplies.com.au
- Glenn Leet - Nucs and queen cells: glenn@inspiremenow.com.au 0428 536 021
- Steve Hayes - Little Star Bees - Nucs and hives plus native bee courses (02) 6564 8737