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A warm welcome to ALL new members!

Beginning in Bees Training

The Club continues to provide new beekeepers with the opportunity to learn all they can about beekeeping through Beginning in Bees Workshops. Beginning in Bees is a 2-day weekend workshop. The next course, the third for 2018 is scheduled to run on 1 and 2 December 2018.

To express an interest in a 2019 Beginning in Bees Workshop, please email Arthur at awgarske@gmail.com

Training is run by volunteers, therefore courses will not run until minimum numbers are reached. Maximum number accepted is 10.

President:	Geoff Peoples	e: peoples2@optusnet.com.au
Secretary:	Bernie Gesling	e: parramatta.secretary@beekeepers.asn.au
Treasurer:	Andrew Bardsley	e: bardsley2004@gmail.com
Newsletter:	Robyn Alderton	e: parramatta.biosecurity@beekeepers.asn.au

Newsletter Deadline to submit material – 20th of each month

December Feature – Brazilian Barbecue

As is the Club's custom, there won't be a December Meeting, however, breaking away from another custom and as a result of a well received pizza night in July we will get together and celebrate Christmas with a **Brazilian Barbecue** and toast a prosperous honey flow for all!



In the past, members were asked to supply salads and desserts, the BBQ was managed by members and those members had no time to mingle and enjoy themselves. This year you're not required to bring along food as a caterer has been engaged. All you are required to do is contribute **a small co-payment of \$10.00 per person** (the Club will make up the balance), your Brazilian Barbecue will include

- 2 Meats (marinated chicken thigh and picanha beef [rump])
- Vegetarian options will be available
- 3 Salads/hot dishes
 - Brazilian summer salad
 - Potato salad
 - Char-grilled half corn on the cob
- Bread rolls and butter portions
- Condiments: Brazilian chilli sauce, BBQ sauce, mustard and tomato sauce
- Dessert
 - Pavlova
 - Heavenly Brazilian chocolate Cake
- Soft drinks (provided by the club)
- BYO beer and wine

A warm welcome is extended to members and their family.

The Club will also be providing Lucky Door Prizes however you will have to be there, at the time of the draw, to claim your prize.

Date: Wednesday, 12 December 2018, commencing at 6.00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 per person – including children (paid in advance)
To be included, payment must be made **by Monday, 2 December 2018. Payment is your RSVP**

Payment Details: **Bank:** Westpac
BSB: 032-164
Account Number: 436755
Account Name: The Amateur Beekeepers Association of NSW, Parramatta District Branch Incorporated
Payment Identification: please include in the payment reference **YOUR NAME** and the word **BBQ**

RSVP: **by 2 December 2018**

Venue: The BBQ area at JRAHS

Contact: Sandy Harrison (e) parramatta.events@beekeepers.asn.au

Get into the Christmas spirit and come along wearing a 'bit of Christmas' – you may just win a prize!

**The Christmas event has always been an outstanding success,
if you are coming along to join us 'YOU MUST RSVP' by 2 December**

Parramatta Club T-shirts and Caps – Get the Look!

By Sandy Harrison

Woohoo! Check out our very own Stores Officer, modelling our new branded t-shirt and cap.

You too, can 'get the look' for:

T-shirt: \$33, Cap: \$7 or \$40 for the lot!

Initial stocks have almost depleted, rest assured more stock is on its way.

See Sandy at the Christmas party to buy your club T-shirts and caps.



2019 ABA Fees

By: Dave Wilson

Members will soon receive an **email** from the ABA which will include a link to click on to pay **2019 membership fees**.

Early bird ABA fees, if paid in December 2018: **\$30.00**

Insurance (1-100 hives) fees: **\$20.00**

Total early bird package: \$50.00

Post early bird, the 2019 fees will be as follows:

ABA fee, **January-March**: \$40 plus optional insurance (1-100 hives): \$20 = **\$60**

ABA fee, **April-June** \$30 plus optional insurance (1-100 hives): \$20 = **\$50**

ABA fee, **July-September** \$20 plus optional insurance (1-100 hives): \$40 = **\$40**

ABA fee, **October-December** \$10 plus optional insurance (1-100 hives): \$30 = **\$30**

You will note that the fees for membership and insurance have actually reduced significantly! Last year, fees for similar coverage was \$84 (with insurance to cover 1-20 hives not 1-100).

Reminder: Members are encouraged to be responsible in organising their own payments however if after exhausting all avenues, you experience problems renewing your membership then you should contact Dave Wilson or Andrew Bardsley at the Christmas Party.

You will need your ABA user name and password to complete the transaction.

Change of Bank Account

By: Andrew Bardsley, Treasurer

Please note, the club's previously used Commonwealth bank account will be closed on 3 December.

The club's new bank details are:

Bank:	Westpac Bank
BSB:	032-164
Account number:	436755
Account name:	The Amateur Beekeepers Association of NSW Parramatta District Branch Incorporated

Pre AGM Nomination / Expression of Interest

The next AGM will be held on Wednesday, 13 March 2019. A well functioning club requires a diverse range of skills, experience, knowledge and ideas to not only function well however also to meet the ongoing needs of our diverse current and future membership.

It is expected that members, throughout the duration of their membership, will commit to volunteer in any way they can. Do you have skills that you could put into practice in the club? Are you an ideas person? Do you just want to help the club that has helped you get started in beekeeping? We encourage you to take an active role within our club.

At the AGM, all officers shall retire from office, and the members shall elect office bearers and officers for other club roles. For example, the positions of office bearers, in place currently, are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Officer, Stores Officer, Apiary Officer, Extraction Officer, Events Officer, Education Officer, New Member Liaison Officer, Colony Supply Officer and Colony Distribution Officer.

There will be various other club positions available and may include all or a variety of the following: Biosecurity Officer, Procurement Officer, Assistant Stores Officer, Extraction Assistants, Guest Speaker Officer, Colony Supply Support Officer, Librarian, Assistant Librarian.

As a member you are invited (prior to the AGM) to nominate members for 2019 positions. Before you make a nomination, please ensure you advise the member of your intentions. Alternatively, you may nominate yourself by expressing an interest in a position.

This is a pre-nomination / expression of interest only pre nominations / expressions of interest will be included in the full voting process at the AGM.

Nomination / Expression of Interest Form

Print your name:

Membership Number:

Date

Nomination: I, being a financial member of the Parramatta Branch of the ABA, hereby nominate for appointment to the position of *(insert the name of the position)*:

Position:

Name of Nominee:

Nominated by:

Date:

Seconded by:

Date:

Note: Nominees, nominators and seconders must be financial members of The Amateur Beekeepers Association of NSW Parramatta District Branch Incorporated

I, being a financial member of the Parramatta Branch of the ABA hereby express an interest in *(insert the name of the position)*:

Position:

I, being a financial member of the Parramatta Branch of the ABA have skills and experience in *(insert skills and experience you would like to utilise)*:

Skills and experience:

Please Note

1. Any nomination will be invalid if nominees, nominators and seconders are not financial members of The Amateur Beekeepers Association of NSW Parramatta District Branch Incorporated as at Wednesday, 13 March 2019.
2. Any nomination will be invalid if the nominee is not present at the AGM.
3. Where there is more than one nomination, for a position, votes will be taken by a show of hands and the majority will win the position.

Nominations close, 5.00 pm, Wednesday, 6 March 2019.

Complete this form, scan or take a photo and send your nominations / expressions of interest to: Norm Webb (Returning Officer), Email: naswebb@bigpond.com

By submitting this pre-nomination form, you are agreeing that you are a financial member of the Parramatta Branch of the ABA and you have advised the nominee of your nomination.

For further information, concerns or questions, please contact Robyn Alderton on: parramatta.biosecurity@beekeepers.asn.au

Blacktown Show, 23 and 24 March 2019

At this exciting new event we will be able to communicate the benefit of bees to the environment, talk about beekeeping, provide taste testing of honey and sell honey and honey products.

We will be seeking volunteers to be included in a roster at the February and March 2019 meetings.

Note these dates in your diary!

St Ives Show, 17, 18 and 19 May 2019

Separate to the Blacktown Show, to spread the load, we would like to see new volunteers to work at the St Ives Show.

If you are new to the club come along and learn about beekeeping and also enter your honey in our competitions at each event.

This will allow you to see how good your girls really are.

We look forward to sharing these events with you and see how good we all look in our new Club t-shirts and Caps.

The funds raised at Shows go to your club and allow us to subsidise events so come and assist us.

Note these dates in your diary!

Current Handy Contact Details

Position	Position Holder	Contact Details
President	Geoff Peoples	peoples2@optusnet.com.au 0418332767
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Bio Security Officer 2	Robyn Alderton	parramatta.biosecurity@beekeepers.asn.au
Stores Officer	Lod Porretta	porretta@live.com.au
Apiary Officer	Peter Clarke	peterandjanclarke1@bigpond.com
Apiary Assistant 1	Darren Clune	dhclune@hotmail.com
Extraction Officer	Lod Porretta	parramatta.stores@beekeepers.asn.au
Event Organiser	Sandy Harrison	milo.rob@bigpond.com
New Member Liaison Officer	Ashlee Ralla	ashlee_ralla@yahoo.com.au
New Member Colony Supply Officer	Gary Christoffel	gmchristoffel@gmail.com
Education Officer	Arthur Garske	awgarske@gmail.com

The Shop is CLOSED, Reopening 13 February 2019

The Club Shop is open for business prior to each meeting, opening between the 6.15 pm and 7.15 pm sharp.

Shop space is very limited, please queue outside the shop and await your turn to be served.

Your patience is appreciated.

For all shop enquiries, please contact: Lod Porretta parramatta.stores@beekeepers.asn.au



Calendar - 2018

Date	Event	Comment
12 December	No Meeting - Event: Christmas member (and family) gathering	
16 December	Field Day @ JRHS	

Calendar - 2019

Date	Event	Comment
January	No General Meeting	
11 February	Executive Meeting	Place Holder - TBC
13 February	7.30 pm Parramatta General Meeting – feature TBA	General Meeting
17 February	Field Day	JRHS
11 March	Executive Meeting	Place Holder - TBC
13 March	7.30 pm AGM to be followed by the Parramatta Monthly Meeting – feature TBA	General Meeting
16 March	Field Day	JRHS
23 and 24 March	Blacktown City Council Show (participation TBC)	Event
8 April	Executive Meeting	Place Holder - TBC
10 April	7.30 pm Parramatta General Meeting – feature TBA	General Meeting

Date	Event	Comment
13 April	Field Day	JRHS
6 May	Executive Meeting	Place Holder - TBC
8 May	7.30 pm Parramatta General Meeting – feature TBA	General Meeting
17, 18, 19 May	St Ives Show	Event
June	Executive Meeting	Place Holder – TBA – 10 June is a PH and conflicts with ABA Conference
8, 9, 10	ABA Conference, AGM and Col Pulling Competition Richmond, NSW	Further details TBA
12 June	7.30 pm Parramatta General Meeting – feature TBA	General Meeting
15 June	Field Day	JRHS
8 July	Executive Meeting	Place Holder - TBC
17 July	No Meeting - Event: Christmas in July member (and family) gathering.	Note: Due to State of Origin – this is the 3 rd Wednesday of the month
12 August	Executive Meeting	Place Holder - TBC
14 August	7.30 pm Parramatta General Meeting – feature TBA	General Meeting
17 August	Field Days	JRHS
August	Mead Making Workshop	Date TBA
9 September	Executive Meeting	Place Holder - TBC
11 September	7.30 pm Parramatta General Meeting – feature TBA	General Meeting
14 September	Field Day	JRHS
September	Beginning in Bees Training Course	Date TBA
7 October	Executive Meeting	Place Holder - TBC
9 October	7.30 pm Parramatta General Meeting – feature TBA	General Meeting
12 October	Field Day	JRHS
October	Beginning in Bees Training Course	Date TBA
October	Total Beekeepers Field Day	Date TBA

Date	Event	Comment
11 November	Executive Meeting	Place Holder - TBC
November	Parramatta City Council Foundation	Date TBA
13 November	7.30 pm Parramatta General Meeting – feature TBA	General Meeting
16 November	Field Day	JRHS
9 December	Executive Meeting	Place Holder - TBC
11 December	No Meeting - Event: Christmas member (and Family) gathering	Details TBA
14 December 2019	Field Day	JRHS
TBA	Flower Power event	Details TBC

Note: Details correct at the time of despatch however subject to change

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Merry Christmas!