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Join for 2018

Claim your early bird discount & book conference tickets

Renewal time

Here's what you need to know

- 2018 membership is now open.
- Renew in December and get the 20% Early Bird discount, saving you \$10.
- Renewing is easy. Go to beekeepers.asn.au. Click on the menu at top right and then "Sign In".
- An invitation to renew will be emailed to all financial members in the next few days.

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and to contact you
throughout the year**

What does ABA membership provide?

The ABA supports more than 20 local clubs with 1600 members at the end of 2017.

ABA support to clubs ranges from advice and practical support, to providing resources such as banners, signage, fliers and publicity materials.

The ABA covers the public and product liability insurance of each club and pays club grants to help clubs operate and develop.

The ABA represents and lobbies on behalf of recreational beekeepers across the state. It organises and helps run Field Days, works with peak industry bodies and distributes educational and biosecurity materials such as manuals and diagnostic kits to members.

The ABA operates a central membership system, a statewide swarm collector register and a website. It distributes news bulletins and a journal to all members via email.

The ABA runs an annual interclub competition and next year will host a conference in May.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**
The ABA
system also
collects fees on
behalf of your
local club.

Membership entitles you to:

- ✓ Access to local club activities and support
- ✓ Regular information updates and newsletters
- ✓ Discount tickets to conferences and events
- ✓ Offers from beekeeper suppliers and stores
- ✓ Optional personal beekeeper insurance
- ✓ Listing as a swarm collector in your area

EARLY BIRDS WIN AGAIN AND AGAIN! Renew for 2018 and order ticket/s for the ABA Conference. See page 4 for details. You'll get a \$10 discount on membership and member ticket pricing, saving you another \$20. And if that isn't incentive enough, every member who renews AND orders tickets before the end of the year goes in a draw to win back the price of their conference ticket.

So you could be pocketing another \$80 in value. All for getting organised now!

PERSONAL BEEKEEPING INSURANCE

PREMIUMS FOR 2018

1 to 20 hives	\$44
1 to 50 hives	\$60
1 to 100 hives	\$85

Members are encouraged to take out personal insurance to cover their beekeeping activities. The Public and Products Liability Insurance available to ABA members provides up to \$30 million in cover.

It's easy to add this insurance premium to your membership renewal total.

PLEASE NOTE: Members are not covered if they haven't paid their premium. 2017 cover lapses on 31 December so, to ensure you are protected, you need to have paid for 2018 before the New Year.

AFB MONTH Survey results

By late November, 109 ABA members had completed the online survey to report the results of their inspections for American Foulbrood. Together, they had inspected more than 600 hives for evidence of this incurable and fatal disease.

And the results? Beekeepers reported five sites showed evidence of AFB – identified either by visual inspection, testing kit or slide diagnosis. The DPI was informed and action was taken to destroy or treat infected hives. While many beekeepers found no evidence of AFB, none of us can be complacent. The apiary sites of infected colonies ranged from the north to the south of the state, showing that beekeepers need to keep vigilant and deal with AFB as soon as it appears.

Slide diagnosis kits are available through local clubs. Club secretaries can contact the ABA if more supplies are needed. AFB Awareness Month may be over but beekeepers should always act to spot and contain problems.

Inner West Field Day **inspires city bee enthusiasts**

Nearly 120 visitors arrived at the Sydney Inner West's club house and apiary in Leichhardt for a day of presentations, demonstrations, and hive inspections, market stalls and delicious refreshments. The day was organised by members of the Inner West club with help from an ABA executive team.

The club and bee garden, tucked away just moments from busy Norton Street, were often at or near capacity with many of the presentations 'standing room only'. It was proof that community interest in all things bee-related remains at record levels. Honey cakes and mead tasting added extra special treats.



Clockwise from top left: instruction in the bee garden; Dave Wilson demonstrates the most effective ways to extract honey from a capped frame; ABA keyrings and badges for sale; Inner West's Mel Barrs assists Dave with the extractor; the club's hives are in Leichhardt's community garden, an oasis in the city where a bicycle spot is easier to find than a car space
Photos: Eddie Sijnstra, Sue Carney



**ANNOUNCING
OUR 2018
CONFERENCE**
Pre-release
tickets now
on sale

ABA members \$80
Non-members \$100

The ABA is lining up a fabulous range of speakers for our inaugural conference, held over three days at **diggers @ the entrance** on the Central Coast.

This includes:

- Official opening by the Governor of NSW – and recreational beekeeper – His Excellency DAVID HURLEY
- COSTA GEORGIADIS, host of ABC’s Gardening Australia, on *Planting for Bees*
- STUART ANDERSON, co-inventor of the Flow Hive, on *The Flow Hive Three Years On*
- DR MARK GRECO, a bee behaviour researcher at Charles Sturt University, on *How bees learn and respond to our changing environment*
- DR EMILY REMNANT, a molecular geneticist at University of Sydney, on *Bees and developing a resistance to viruses spread by Varroa mite*
- DES CANNON, editor of the Australasian Beekeeper on *Turning your beekeeping hobby into a business*

The full programme will be announced soon but we wanted ABA members to have the first opportunity to secure tickets. Members can also purchase up to four tickets for family or friends in December. Unsold tickets will be released to other beekeeper organisations and the public next year

To secure your tickets go to beekeepers.asn.au/sign-in. Log in and select ‘Events’ on the blue band at the top of your screen. Click on the listing for the conference. Payment is by credit or debit card.

To keep it simple, why not purchase your tickets at the same time as renewing your ABA membership?

Pay ABA fees and buy conference tickets by the end of December and you not only get the maximum discounts, you also go in the draw to win back the cost of your own ticket to the conference. How’s that for a good deal!

**Renew your ABA membership
and pay for conference tickets by
31 December to go in the draw**

CONFERENCE EVENTS

Friday 18 May

- Informal bistro dinner in the club
- bee-inspired movie screening

Saturday 19 May

- registration from 8am
- opening by NSW Governor
- programme of expert and entertaining guest speakers
- conference dinner

Sunday 20 May

- field day events
- trade show
- inter-club competition
- ABA Annual General Meeting

Ticket cost includes Saturday’s morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch. Onsite crèche and accommodation is available at own expense.

PROGRAMME SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Why Package Bees Abscond

For around \$150 a beekeeper can expand their apiary with a package of bees. But there's more to success than simply releasing bees into an empty broodbox

Bruce White's tips

It is common for package bees to abscond as a swarm if:

- they are hot
- they have been caged for several days
- they are released in daylight hours
- the beekeeper releases the queen from the cage
- the brood box they are being installed in is new.

Introducing a frame of brood from an established hive will help hold the package bees in a new box but being able to do this depends on the beekeeper having a suitable frame available – which often isn't the case for a new beekeeper.

Most people who purchase package bees will introduce the package into a box with frames of comb foundation. Says Bruce, "I tell new beekeepers to have comb foundation on all brood frames, to remove five frames [in a 10-frame hive, or three frames in an 8-frame hive] and place the package in the space created." Release the bees by opening the lid of the package and place the cage with the queen between the top bar of two frames for the bees to release the queen themselves.

It's important to feed sugar syrup in a mixture of 50% water to 50% white sugar. This is an essential to kick start comb building. Do all this just on dark, then put on the hive lid and shade it so the caged queen doesn't overheat. Make sure the hive entrance is open. After three days, remove the package box and fill the gap with frames

But overall Bruce is not a big fan of packages: "I don't recommend package bees. Nucs are far better and cheaper and you can check they are healthy."

FLOW HIVE ADVICE: Flow Hives aren't supplied with foundation. For best results when introducing package bees, the brood-box frames should be wired and waxed with foundation in the same way as a regular Langstroth hive. The plastic Flow frames to collect honey should not be placed on the hive until the package bees have covered the brood combs, which usually takes at least a month.



Loophole in the law

The ABA believes the Department of Primary Industries needs to close a major loophole in the new NSW Biosecurity Act. Currently the sale or transfer of a colony of bees must be reported to the NSW DPI but package bees are not classified as 'a colony' and so are exempt from such reporting.

The ABA believes it is essential that owners of packaged bees can be traced in the event that a consignment of packaged bees is found to have been infected with pests or diseases.

The ABA also believes that package bees should be randomly checked for the presence of *Paenibacillus larvae* (AFB) on the adult bees.

The ABA is a member of the consultative committee set up to report to DPI minister Niall Blair on biosecurity issues.

MELOPITA: Greek honey ricotta cake (gluten free)

Inner West Beekeepers' Roger Hudson shares his favourite recipe for Melopita, a culinary bestseller at the recent club/ABA Field Day



Ingredients

- ricotta (strained) – 750 grams
- honey – 2/3 cup (230 grams)
- 3 eggs (lightly beaten)
- corn flour - 2 tbsp
- vanilla extract - 2 tsp
- cinnamon to dust cake after baking
- extra honey to drizzle on baked cake

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Melopita (honey and ricotta) cake is a traditional dessert from the island of Sifnos in Greece that is particularly popular at Easter and served with a drizzle of fresh honey. Sometimes the mixture is put into a pastry crust and served as a tart.

It's important to use fresh ricotta that doesn't contain too much water. In Sydney's inner west, ricotta made fresh everyday (apart from Saturday) can be brought while still warm from Paesanella in Marrickville.

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Method

1. **Drain** the fresh ricotta using a sieve over a bowl in the fridge for at least several hours – preferably overnight.
2. **Pre-heat** oven to 180 C.
3. **Grease** 20 cm round pan with removable bottom (e.g. springform pan)
4. **Place** eggs in small bowl and lightly **beat**.
5. **Put** the ricotta, honey and vanilla into a large bowl. **Sift** the flour into the bowl and **mix** well.
6. **Put** the eggs into the ricotta mixture in the large bowl and **whisk** well until smooth and free of lumps.
7. **Pour** the ricotta mixture into the buttered baking pan.
8. **Bake** for about 40 -45 minutes until the top is golden brown and the edges of the cake come slightly away from the sides of the cake pan.
9. When cool **remove** from pan and lightly **dust** with ground cinnamon.
10. **Drizzle** with honey before serving.

COOK & BEEKEEPER ROGER HUDSON:

“My partner, Janet Parker, and I have been keeping bees in a Langstroth hive in our backyard for about four years.

I think it is important for amateur beekeepers like us to be members of a bee club to share our experiences and learn from the many more experienced beekeepers who are always willing to share their knowledge. Janet and I were initially members of the Central Sydney Club, but when the Inner West club was established we joined it, mainly because it is near to where we live.”

Students to investigate bees in 2018 and win a share of \$1500



The Department of Primary Industries' Investigate Science and Technology Competition for Stage 3 students

next year is focused on bees. The annual contest encourages students to find out which insects are currently visiting our gardens and what we can do to help bees thrive. Entry is free and all entrants get a certificate. Cash prizes range from \$1000 to \$250. Teachers can find information at www.tocal.nsw.edu.au/home/investigate

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Now you can display your true beekeeping colours with a distinctive range of ABA items - hats, bags, lapel pins and keyrings. All are available online and at ABA events and are priced very reasonably. So snap up an enzyme-washed cotton bucket hat for \$15, a cotton canvas tote for \$15, enamel keyring for \$8 or lapel pin for \$7. And we still have limited quantities of classic-design spoons and pins. Check out the range now at beekeepers.asn.au/shop

BECOME A BEEKEEPING CELEBRITY!

ABC *Organic Gardener* magazine and ABC Books have launched a call-out to find true stories and photos from beekeepers of all kinds and from across Australia to feature in a photographic book that will be released in September 2018. Submission must be in by midnight on 6 December 2017. In no more than 500 words, share your experience with bees, their hives and their honey. Some of the things you could cover in your submission are:



- Are your bees honeybees or native bees?
- Where do you keep your bees? Who looks after them?
- How many hives do you have, and what kind?
- Describe why you decided to keep bees, when you began and why you enjoy it
- Do you know what your bees feed on?
- How much honey do you harvest and what do you do with it? Any favourite recipes?
- Share a funny story or interesting information about your experience of beekeeping
- Your submission also needs to include one or more photographs (up to

five is ideal) that depict your backyard beekeeping experiences.

- For submission details, go to <http://organicgardener.com.au/backyardbees>

The logo for 'the urban beehive' features a stylized city skyline with a bee flying above it. The text 'the urban beehive' is written in a lowercase, sans-serif font.

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NATIVE BEES Newly discovered teddy bear bee



A NEW species of teddy bear bee (*Asarapoda*) has been discovered in the small town of Laura, located on the Cape York Peninsula of northern Queensland, during a 'bush blitz' of the area. According to [Remko Leijs](#), a biologist from the South Australian Museum, who discovered the new teddy bear bee, the bee is yet to be named as Remko is currently conducting a revision of this particular family of bees.

Remko told *Australian Geographic* that he spotted the new teddy bear bee on a hibiscus flower. "It was clear that female bees liked to collect pollen from hibiscus plants, but also were attracted to garden plants in the village that probably provided a reliable nectar source for the bees."

This new bee is one of five new species of teddy bear bee discovered during the Bush Blitz project started in 2010 with the aim of highlighting Australia's vast biodiversity. "It's great that a lot of new species of native bees are being discovered, so we still do not know completely what is out there," Remko said. "On the other hand some species discovered about 100 years ago have not been found again," he added.

Remko knew this particular bee was a new species the moment he spotted the unique bands that cover the bee's abdomen. "Most other species in this group do not have clear hair bands but are almost entirely fluffy orange-brown. That is why they have been called teddy bear bees," he said.

TEXT: ANGELA HEATHCOTE/AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHIC
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How the ABA has grown!

ABA members at the end of 2014	706
End of 2015	1006
End of 2016	1375
ABA members in December 2017	1622

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MEET THE NEW DPI BEE BIOSECURITY OFFICER

Mark Page's role with the DPI includes helping amateur beekeepers with education and registration. Here Mark explains how he became intrigued with bees



“ Growing up on a small beef property at the back of Nabad and adjacent to state forest I developed a fascination with the bush and the flora and fauna. During logging operations, the tree cutters would tell me in the afternoon if they had dropped any trees with a bee hive so I could get geared up with a pair of dad's overalls and go and get some lovely comb honey and a few stings along the way. My fascination with bees developed further with a local apiarist placing hives on our property chasing ironbark honey. It was not long before I was annoying the beekeeper with questions. Keeping bees on and off over the years, I kept my interest until I purchased a small property and found time to start keeping bees full time. Ten years ago I started as a supervisor with Valley Industries (supported employment for people with disability) and incorporated my beekeeping knowledge and wood working skills to create Valley Bee Keeping Supplies. Through this I made contacts within the industry and DPI furthering my knowledge and interest in bees. Through these contacts I have received further training enabling me to deliver

beekeeping courses for DPI at Tocal College.

My new role with DPI as Bee Biosecurity Officer Surveillance will involve the current National Bee Pest Surveillance Program including sampling to detect any new pest or disease incursion as well as floral sweeping for exotic bees not in NSW. As we move into the new year I will concentrate on education for amateur beekeeping groups as well as the public on the specific needs required to keep bees, registration, the new Biosecurity Act and obligations, bee pest and disease identification.

Mark Page, DPI Bee Biosecurity Officer Surveillance
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KNOW THOSE BEES . . . WASPS AND FLIES

Make sure you claim your free copy of the Basic Guide to Identifying Bees and Similar Species



It's an information packed fold-out brochure that has been reprinted by the ABA so that every member can have their own essential reference to spotting 14 bees or look-alike creatures.

So here's your chance to learn the difference between a drone fly and a honeybee, or an Australian paper wasp and an Asian paper wasp, know how to spot an Asian hornet (and the number to call to report the exotic incursion), the characteristics of a bumblebee (let's hope you are in Tasmania if that's one in your sights) and much, much more.

Copies have been distributed to each club – so ask for yours at the next meeting. Additional copies are available at cost price via the online shop at beekeepers.asn.au/shop

EYE SPY BEES

The brochure depicts two bee lookalikes – hoverflies and the drone fly. These insects don't have stingers and don't carry pollen on their hind legs. What other visible feature do they have that makes them easily distinguishable from honeybees?

Answer: Only one pair of visible wings.

Getting lessons from the experts at Illawarra

A group of 20 commercial beekeepers from Korea visited the Illawarra branch apiary and club house during November.

During the visit, apiary officer Phillip Chatfield showed them a Langstroth hive the most common hive type used in Korea. Vice President Penny Downy and Bruce White, Illawarra's assistant apiary officer,



demonstrated extracting honey from a Flow hive, and also showed a visual presentation on Australian beekeeping and answered questions.

The visitors were thrilled to be able to buy beekeeping equipment and honey from the equipment officer Ivan McMillan.

TOTE CONTEST WINNER

Hunter Valley member DEAN WALKOM won the last newsletter competition by naming an embroidered item in the ABA online store. Dean was thrilled to receive his prize, an ABA tote.



Dean joined the Hunter Valley branch in 2009 after buying two hives. "The son and I completed the Starting in Bee's course that the club runs, learning the necessary hands-on skills. Two hives has become nine due to rehusing our own swarms. Thankfully I have recently semi-retired so have more time to play with them and continue the never-ending learning curve of bees."



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THE INVETERATE INVENTOR

... is vacuuming up bees

Sometimes when collecting swarms or colonies you just wish you had a vacuum cleaner to collect all those bees that are too difficult to sweep up with a brush. Well – here it is – the bee vac. This represents the final model after two earlier versions were progressively refined



First – a credit. The inveterate inventor first saw a bee vacuum cleaner made by the legendary Alan Vince, now deceased, of the Parramatta club. He used it to collect swarms from inside letter boxes.



My bee vac box is made of particle board and is 515 mm long. The box has a ledge at either end to accommodate six full-depth frames. The length is set by the length of the frames and the thickness of the walls. The blue pipe is used to vacuum in the bees. The white pipe connects to a vacuum cleaner.

The box is 350 mm wide with space for three frames on either side of a central screened air-duct taking air to the vacuum cleaner. The box is some 250 mm deep with both lids in place. (More on the lids later.)

The air collection zone for the vacuum cleaner is screened with window flyscreen and runs along the base and up one end. It is important that this collection area be as large as practicable to avoid peak air flows over a small area. If the area is small, bees will be sucked “onto” the screen and held in place eventually blocking the air flow.



Some vacuum cleaners are capable of remarkable suction, causing the air to flow so rapidly that the bees are tumbled and damaged as they flow along the blue inlet pipe. For this reason, a “bleed” valve is incorporated in the white line leading to the vacuum cleaner. The air entering the pipe reduces the effective “suction”

of the vacuum cleaner and so reduces the air speed in the blue inlet pipe.





The box has a double lid. The lids are held in place with elastic cord which can be changed from the upper lid to the lower lid when needed.

Both lids are in place when vacuuming. A sealing strip has been added to ensure that the best possible air seal is achieved to minimise air leakage.

After the bees are in the box, the top lid can be removed leaving the lower screened lid which prevents bees escaping but also allows the bees to cool down after the trip through the inlet pipe.

The screen allows some water to be misted in if necessary.

The blue inlet pipe is standard pool cleaner piping and so can have additional lengths added if the swarm/colony is some distance from the box and vacuum cleaner.

A plug of some form is needed when the inlet pipe is removed. After use, the vacuum cleaner pipe can be removed and a plug added, though no bees can escape since this duct area is screened.

When safely home the inlet plug can be removed and the bees will work from this entrance until the bees are transferred on their frames to a regular bee box.

Illustration: © Oliver Carney

AROUND THE CLUBS: Manning Valley

Julia Watkins describes a “little club that punches above its weight”



Manning Valley became a club in its own right in September 2014. There were 16 members at the time.

It currently holds meetings at Taree Showground. There is no clubhouse or club apiary, just a lot of good will and dedicated people. Field days are sometimes held nearby at the secretary's home, using the backyard hives.

Meetings are scheduled from August to May, that being the 'bee time' in the area, and centre on what to do for the season. A commercial beekeeper attends with advice, support and a wealth of knowledge to share.

Membership continues to rise – to 38 in late 2017. At the last AGM of the ABA, held in Ballina, Manning Valley came fourth in the Colonel Pulling competition and took out the inaugural small clubs' shield.

Recently the club held its first Beginning in Beekeeping course, using a \$900 grant from the ABA to purchase equipment and gear essential to the running of the course.

All 10 participants were new to beekeeping. Most didn't have hives yet; and a few had one or two hives obtained by chance. They were treated to two days in the lovely rainforest area of Moorak Creek, at the home farm of the club's president, Robert Dibben. Participants had to traverse 12 kilometres of dirt road to reach the beautiful location of Robert and Paula's farm. They all said what a wonderful, quiet, hidden valley they had been privileged to experience.

As with any such weekend course it was intense and at times overwhelming for the participants. But surrounded by the love for bees and gentle guidance, they applied themselves brilliantly to the learning that was offered.



Participants were blessed with soft sunshine for the bees and a gentle breeze for those wearing bee suits for the first time. Robert and Scott, both very experienced with bees, led the hive inspections – over 16 hives during the two days. Other sessions included stinging behaviour, protective clothing, smokers, and judging field conditions.

The huge field of endemic and exotic diseases and pests were explained. Bee biology and seasonal management were introduced, as were legal considerations, buying and selling of bees and equipment, and biosecurity. Food was prepared onsite, and it was excellent. Comments reverberated through the surrounding hills of “So it's all homemade?”

We felt we needed to have a balance of formal training and informal discussions with our fledgling beekeepers so morning and afternoon tea and lunch were just as important as the more formal work. We all ate and talked together, then went back to it. There was no internet coverage, no mobile phone reception and no shops to slip out to, near the farm.

At the end of the course on Sunday, no one seemed to want to go. However, it was pressing on to that dangerous late afternoon time on a narrow dirt road. So, with reluctance, we set our participants free, but with the commitment of future and ongoing support for them – through the club and club members – in their new undertaking.



Clubs on the move?

Len Verrenkamp, Branch Development Officer, has some suggestions to help far flung members



To echo Dorothea Mackellar, we really do live in a wide brown land. And if you're involved in one of the regional branches of the ABA then you will know how far and wide your membership can be spread.

So here's a thought (and some clubs already do this): rather than holding meetings and events in the same place each time, why not move them about a bit and hold two or three a year in a different town or location?

It's a great way to get all existing members involved and, with a little promotion, you may just collect a few more interested people in the process. Maybe in the longer term, a swarm will cast off the existing colony (pardon the pun) and begin a whole new branch of the ABA. There are certainly some good incentives in place from the ABA if there are 10 like-minded people keen to start up a club. I am available to discuss further if needed.

ABA Club contacts

To join a club, go to beekeepers.asn.au and click APPLY TO JOIN. Applications are forwarded to individual clubs for approval

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USEFUL RESOURCES

Check out the Resources For Beekeepers tab on the website at beekeepers.asn.au

AFB resources are gathered together on the ABA website at beekeepers.asn.au/afb

The new mandatory Beekeeping Code of Practice <https://goo.gl/fBjTZt>

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