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Meeting Reminder

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July 2022 Newsletter

MNCABA President's Report

Next Meeting

Date: 14 August 2022
Time: 10 for 10.30am
Host: Matt Connell
Address: 142 East Bonville Rd,
 BONVILLE
Contacts: Matt 6653 4375
 Al Thomas 0428 712 587

Hello Everyone,

It was unfortunate that we had to cancel the last meeting. However we shall meet at Matt Connell's place for our August meeting. Our "default" or "Plan B", will be at Monica's in Urunga.

I will report on my week in the Newcastle area checking for Varroa.

Remember, Spring can come early on the coast, so watch for signs of swarming.

See you on the 14th.

Regards,

Allan

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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 pH: 0418 112 516 or by email: rabbitrustrap2873@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.

FRANK'S HIVE HINTS No 17

At this time of the year you may see rows of the bee hives close to the beach on coastal heath. These areas of low growing bushes on sandy soil are very beneficial to bees. They are mostly native plants like banksia, bottlebrush and pea flowers. The sites are dry and sunny. Hives build up very strongly by Spring and are ready to be moved to a honey flow.

A well drained dry, sunny site is important especially in Winter. A wind break is also helpful. Hives can be relocated slowly over a short distance by moving them half a metre every day. They can also be turned gradually in a different direction.

Swamp Mahogany is flowering now and bees love it because of the nectar and pollen. That is good if the weather is fine but if it is rainy bees will find it difficult to evaporate the nectar, particularly when hives are in a cold, damp, shady position. This stressful situation can lead to Nosema infection. It is a disease of adult bees and will shorten their lives so weakening the colony and preventing it expanding in Spring. It can also lead to early supercedure of the queen. You may see numbers of crawling bees with extended abdomens outside the hives and spotting on the front wall of the box. The best solution is to keep hives well ventilated and dry.

LOVE THOSE BEES! *(from the archive of Frank's Hive Hints by the late Frank Karabaic)*

Note ~ in earlier hints Franks says that 'Heavy rain during the flowering period can wash away nectar and pollen and stop their production.' As we know, this winter has been very much a series of wet weather events that has had implications for the care of our bees.

*What do you call a bee that works for the government?
A pollentician!*



NEXT MEETING

- Date: Sunday 14 August
- Time: 10 for 10.30am
- Location: 142 East Bonville Rd, BONVILLE
- Hosts: Matt Connell ☎ 6653 4375
- Cost: \$5
- Raffle: Donations for the raffle table warmly welcomed
- BYO: Chair, food, drinks, hat, bee protection gear, any **outstanding library books**

Save the date // Tocal Beekeepers' Field Day // Saturday 15 October

Thanks to Merridy for the heads up for this event - speak to Merridy to find out more about this day as she has been to it and highly recommends the experience along with other club members who have also attended.

