



**Amateur  
Beekeepers  
Association**  
NSW MID NORTH COAST

# The Bee Line

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

**November 2022 Newsletter**

## **MNCABA President's Report**

Hello everyone,

Our Sunday meeting was held at Kerry and Gary Shearer's lovely home in Raleigh. Secretary Monica lead the meeting as both Vice Presidents and myself were unable to attend.

Michael Worraker lead the hive inspection which showed a very active and productive population. Two supers full of capped honey were noted which will need harvesting very soon. The queen, which was spotted, was laying well and it was noted that the brood box was also being filled with nectar.

The meeting was also our AGM. Many thanks to Warren Huxley for agreeing to conduct the elections. Most of the incumbents were re-elected. Extra names this year are: Geoff Moule as Bio-security Officer who will be assisting John Carroll; Kelly Hamill and Paul McLeod for First Aid; Julie Kliendienst and Glad Smith with Elsbeth for Library. Thank you very much to all for taking on positions. As you know Clubs/Organisations thrive when people put their hand up for tasks.

Everyone is talking about Kelly's divine Hummingbird cake. Members were very delighted to sample Kelly's creation.

Our next meeting will be a social occasion at the Oceanview Hotel in Urunga. It is opposite a beautiful boardwalk and lido where you can walk or swim off some Christmas Cheer afterwards if you like. It is important that we know numbers for catering. The best way to confirm your attendance is to pay \$10, direct debit (see details on last page) or text/ring/email one of the executive.

Traditionally, we do not have a meeting in January as many people are away. February will be the first meeting in 2023 which will be at Andrea's. More information on this later.

Regards,  
Allan

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& Kelly Hamill





## 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 happened 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



**Why do beekeepers have such beautiful eyes?**

*Because beauty is in the eye of the bee-holder*

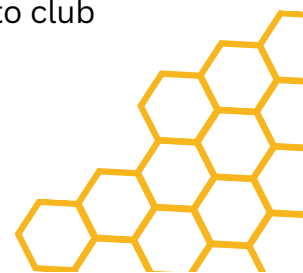
## CLUB SUPPLIES //

### ***Foundation and Apithor***

Don Wood has our Club's supplies of Wax Foundation and Apithor SHB traps. Please contact him on pH: 0418112516 or by email: [rabbittrap2873@yahoo.com](mailto:rabbittrap2873@yahoo.com)

The price of foundation is \$2.60 per sheet. Apithor SHB traps are \$6.50.

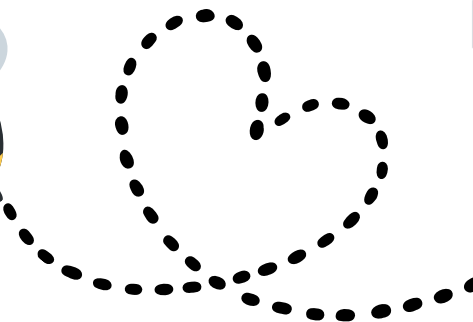
Don is also the guardian of our two hive extractors that are available for loan to club member.





## NEXT MEETING //

**DATE** Sunday 12th **FEBRUARY**  
**TIME** 10 for 10:30am  
**VENUE** TBA

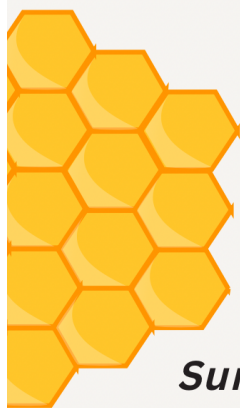


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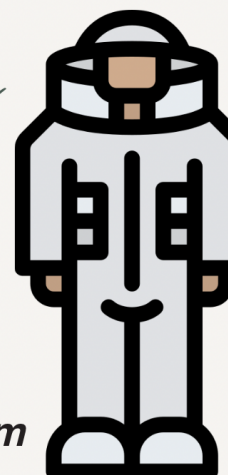


Please join us for the  
MNC Amateur Beekeeping Club's

# Christmas PARTY



*Ocean View Hotel  
15 Morgo St, Urunga  
Sunday December 11th at 1pm*



Please text Monica ~ 0419298586  
as we need to finalise numbers  
as a matter of urgency!



**Please pay \$10**  
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