

- **FIELD DAY: Sunday—**
8 November 2015
- **MONTHLY MEETING :**
Thurs 19 November 2015
- **Club Christmas Party—**
29 November 2015

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Welcome to Bee Informed for November 2015. Wow, I have been laid low with the dreaded lurgy for most of October! I am only just starting to feel human. Thank you to everyone who gave me well wishes—I don't get crook often, but when I do Anyway, on to more important stuff—Beekeeping! Given that I don't have a hive these days (I had to give them up for a while as I wasn't doing them or myself any favours due to my work commitments) I am not totally at the cutting edge of what is going on in local hives. However chatting to beekeeping friends, reading other newsletters that come through my inbox, plus that wonderful tool Facebook, I have a pretty good idea that the season is in full swing and beekeepers are working their socks off! The hot days are no doubt taking its toll on bees and beekeepers and the dreaded hive beetle will most likely well and truly be taking up residence in your hives. The trees around the Redlands (and in fact everywhere I have been lately in our south east corner of the state) are exploding with flowers which is keeping the bees happy (and incredibly busy) little workers! I hope you have an enjoyable and productive month in the apiary ☺

October Meeting Report—Rod Baxter

A great night with guest speaker, Erica Siegel, providing an informed session on the diversity and range of the Australian solitary bee family. Erica has now photographed 29 different ones in her own "24 perch" garden but still admits a long way from the 1600 or so registered types in Australia! We were all very impressed all the same!

Erica also gave the background to the newly released Australian bee book by Robert Owen's The Australian Beekeeping Manual, which includes a solitary bee chapter written by her. It is a beautiful, plain-English hard-cover book full of pictures (just the way I like it!). She also had a fantastic display of bee photographs (and other wildlife).

She was a little overwhelmed by the interest in the book as she only brought one box (12 books) which was "apparently" snapped up very quickly - certainly all gone by 7.25 when I got there! However Erica has offered to bring more to the next meeting and took some orders last night but will be happy to take more via email - ericasiegel@iprimus.com.au . By ordering through her, we can obtain them for \$45 (RRP \$49.50) and save postage.

We also had a visiting couple on holidays from Lancashire in England, Charlie and Pamela, who provided a very entertaining description of the "art of beekeeping" in that part of the World. Highlights included the constant battle with Veroa Mite, the devastating effects of swarming in a cooler climate (basically no honey for the season and a swarm at the end of summer may mean the death of the hive!) and only robbing two or three times in a season - they were very jealous of our spring/summer ?bonanza!

Ed: Thanks Rod for a great article—it sounds like it was a great meeting and I wish I could have been there!

What's On!



**WE
NEED
YOUR
HELP
PLEASE**

NEXT CLUB FIELD DAY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY

8 November 2015. Gates open 8.00 AM

ALL WELCOME

Members and Guests are able to have "hands on experience" working the club's hives. Many hands make light work!!

Start time of 8.00am. Gates locked at 9:00am. Be there , Rain Hail or Shine.

WHERE: Redlands Research Station DPI&F via Delancey St, Cleveland. Front gate accessed via Delancey Street , Cleveland.

Spare Bee hats and gloves are provided for non-members so don't be shy. Activities will include inspection of Club hives, preparing equipment as needed and Honey Extraction. If you're a new beekeeper, this is a great way to extract information from the brains of those more experienced beekeepers!! Members and Guests will be provided with tea and coffee at the end of the session (approx Noon).

PLEASE NOTE: All members are to wear veils at the field day, this sets a good example to all, regardless of experience. Personal gloves are NOT to be worn unless they are disposable. This rule is enforced to avoid possible disease threat in the club's and your own hives. **ALL** members must supply their own protective clothing in clean condition.



MEETING NOTICE!

Next Monthly Meeting—Thurs 19 November 2015 at Indigiscapes, commencing 7.30 pm

We will have general discussion/questions and issues. I hope to see you there.

I can't believe that it has been a year since our last Christmas Party!!! We have set the date for the Club's Christmas Party—29th November, venue still to be advised. There will be a small charge per member. Neville Bailey has suggested that we go to the Redlands Sporting Club and he is getting prices and will report at the next meeting and a decision will be made then.



Member's photography corner!

One of our members, Mark Mason, sent me some great photos of his Native Bee Hives which he recently split and took some photos. The split was fantastic and the hives are strong as you can see from the photos. I am never ceased to be amazed at the talents of these tiny creatures.





It is amazing what one accumulates with one's hobbies. One of our clubmembers, Garth Johnston, unfortunately has had to give beekeeping away and has a bit of gear to sell. I have attached it as a separate page to the back of this newsletter as the list of items is quite substantial!

Garth would prefer to sell it all as one lot if possible. The items are at Victoria Point and Grth can make a time on a Saturday for inspection and collection.

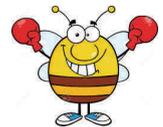
The equipment would suit someone starting out in beekeeping. You could keep what you want and sell the rest.

It would be best to call Garth on his mobile at night if interested. Phone 0447 665 205. Reasonable offers will be considered.

Tips n Tricks from experienced members!

WASHING LEATHER BEEKEEPERS GLOVES—by Penny Kaempff

- Wash gloves in warm water with about a tablespoon of bleach and a good squirt of dishwashing liquid.
- Rinse well with warm water.
- In a small ice-cream container put a dessertspoon of glycerine (Queen brand in cake making section where the essences, vanilla etc are in supermarket. IGA stores usually carry this line).
- One third fill container with warm water and gently squeeze gloves for 2-3 minutes.
- Roll gloves from fingers to cuff to remove water and glycerine solution.
- Hang up to dry in a shaded area (not full sun).



The club has been contacted by David McClatchey wanting to buy raw honey and pollen from a local apiarist. David can be contacted on mclatchey_david@yahoo.com.au if you have honey (and what beekeeper doesn't!) or pollen that you would like to sell.

1947 Australian Beekeeping Film—You tube

Club member, Jeff Owen, put me on to this great little Australian film well worth watching. It is not a long clip, but I liked it!

It is all about two Australian fellas, Ernie E Abrams and Ron Shuhkraft, both ex-servicemen and locals who worked at Calimpa Apiaries, which was owned by Abrams and was near the lookout on Doctor George Mountain, near Bega in NSW. No Ezy-Lifts for these fellas—just brute strength! I liked the comment that they figure an odd bee-sting or two is better than having to sweat under a hot bee-suit any day (I'm not so sure about that myself though). They have a pretty compact mobile extracting shed—which would also be known as a tent these days. I'd be keen to know if any of the commercial beekeepers today would be roughing it by sleeping in a swag and bathing in the local creek for weeks on end.

It seems like the yield from a hive was similar, so that's good to know. They state that you could get about 360 pounds (approx. 165kg) a season from a hive. I thought their wiring unit they used to strap the hives up to move was pretty good as well and I'd be interested to know if any club members have used—or still use one of these.

If you get the chance, definitely have a look, it is well worth the watch. You can find it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AjsvuPc4sl4&feature=youtu.be>

And there is also a great article here on the men featured, Ernie E Abrams and Ron Shuhkraft, here <http://www.begadistrictnews.com.au/story/2193379/throwbackthursday-begas-beekeepers-on-the-move-identified/>

Thanks Jeff!!

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CLUB EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR HIRE:

- 2 Frame Honey Extractor
- Wax Melter
- Electric DeCapping Knife
- Frame Display Unit
- Ten Frame Jig (Holds frames in place for faster nailing)
\$2.00 per hire



A beautiful photo by Erica Siegel of what we believe is the large solitary bee that is frequenting Rod Baxter's vege garden at the moment

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Surname.....

Given name.....

Address.....

Address.....

Postcode.....

Home Phone.....

Mobile Ph.....

Email

I hereby apply for membership to **Bayside Beekeepers Assoc. Inc.**

Signature:.....

Date:.....

Please return this form together with your payment of **\$25.00**(direct deposit, cheque or money order) to:

Treasurer, Bayside Beekeepers Assoc Inc

PO Box 576

CAPALABA, QLD 4157

Direct Deposit details: Heritage Building Society

BSB 638 080

Account Number 6473547

Account name: Bayside Beekeepers Assn Inc

Please put your surname in as reference details.



Newsletter articles

If anyone has an articles that they would like to share in the newsletter or would like to write about their month in the apiary, I would be grateful to receive them. If you think you might have difficulty writing the article, I am more than happy to provide a list of questions that you can just answer, and then I will write the article based on that.

Feel free to email me if you are interested.

SWARMS

If you want to get some free bees—please consider adding your name to the swarm catcher list. It's not for the faint hearted BUT the prize may be worth it. Please let Marion know that you would like to be added to the list to be called upon if a swarm is reported to the club.



Item	Condition	Asking price	estimate new
Large Crockpot (Decandy Honey Bottles)	Good	\$5.00	
Old			
Extracting Basket and bar on fit to fit dual Extracting tub unit	Good	\$5.00	
6 litre pressure cooker for steam knife (old)	Good	\$10.00	
4 litre pressure cooker for steam knife (old)	Good	\$10.00	
Guilfoyles Stainless Steel steam extracting honey knife, Blade 250 mm length		\$70.00	\$135.00
2 x Packets of tacks to fasten wire to frames		\$4.00	
Honey Tap (brand Parker Australia)	New	\$15.00	\$22.50
15 Litre bucket with holes in base, To fit over top of 20 litre honey bucket	Good	\$5.00	
Honey strainer to fit over the top of 20 Litre honey bucket	Good		
White washing up bowl to catch honey drips		\$1.00	
20 litre bucket with lid; holes in base to strain honey			
Guilfoyle Nytrell approx 45 cm 480 mm	Good	\$25.00	\$35.00
4 litre Pressure Cooker	Good	\$10.00	
Spare Pressure Cooker Seals 1 x 4 ltr 1 x 6 ltr		\$10.00	
2 x 15 litre rectangular buckets		\$5.00	
Steam Knife (oldish - not stainless steel) 250 mm blade and hoses	good	\$25.00	
Insect Screen		\$0.00	
Blue Wash Basin		\$1.00	
length of 6mm Hose for Steam knife		\$5.00	
large pegs			
2 x Stainless Steel Strainer		\$10.00	
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old panty hose			
20 Litre bucket lid			
spare 6mm plastic hose for steam knife		\$5.00	
gladwrap , sponges, shopping bags			
Honey Extracting Tub (top)	good		\$46.20
Extracting basket x 1			\$5.00
Frame Bearer x 2			\$5.00
Plastic Strainer mats x 2			\$13.20
Plastic lid x 1		\$50.00	\$10.00
Honey Extracting Tub (base) with Honey gate		\$20.00	\$73.70
Plastic lid			
45 litre crate with Honey gate	fair	\$10.00	\$30.00
Plastic lid			
Old Galvanised Pender two Frame Extractor and metal	Good	\$200.00	

Stand			
(Spare stoppers for extractor in box 4)			
Electric Embedder	old	\$10.00	\$15.00
Wiring Board	old	\$20.00	\$170.00
Solar wax smelter on a heavy duty steel trolley (sell as one unit)		\$100.00	
Wax melter	good		
trolley	fair		
	Total	\$641.00	\$560.60
<u>Prefer to sell as one lot \$600 ono</u>			
Various assorted Sinkers Moulds and quantity of lead (prices on asking)	good		