

- **FIELD DAY: Sunday—  
13 DECEMBER  
2015**
- **NO DECEMBER-  
MONTHLY MEETING**
- **January Monthly Meeting  
—21 January 2016**

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# BEE INFORMED

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Merry Christmas from Bee Informed December 2015. Although it's Christmas and most people are taking it easy over the holidays—not so for beekeepers. The season is in full swing! Swarm season is all but over although I have been contacted about a swarm in the last week. Bees and beekeepers are keeping busy and the heat is taking a bit of a toll on both. Hive beetle in some parts is quite bad. I'm off to the beach for a good break and I hope to see you all again in the new year at the January meeting. I hope you and all of your families have an enjoyable, merry and safe Christmas and New Year.

## President's Report—Ray Goldsworthy

Another year has passed us by, all too quickly, though we have had some interesting and fun meetings and field days. Rounding off the year with an enjoyable Christmas lunch at the Redlands Sporting club.

The meetings are being well attended and it is great to see you all actively getting involved by asking questions and most importantly offering a variety of answers.

Merron has asked if members could bring along to the January meeting (no meeting in December) what they use in their hives to control Small Hive Beetle. This would mean the type of trap and what is used in the trap.

May I wish you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, stay safe and enjoy time with family and friends.

Ray



## What's On!

# DECEMBER CLUB FIELD

## DAY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY 13 December 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 8:30am. 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.



## THERE IS NO DECEMBER Monthly Meeting The next monthly meeting will be in January—

Thurs 21 January 2016 at Indigiscapes, commencing 7.30 pm

We will have general discussion/questions and issues. Members are also asked to bring along anything that they use to control hive beetle. This includes traps and anything that you put into the traps. I look forward to seeing you there.

## Club Hives Site Vandalised!! - Ray Goldsworthy

On a recent visit to the club hives, I was shocked to find that someone, probably kids, had thrown bricks, stones, timber, branches, a chair and even a mop at the hives. Fortunately no hives were knocked over as they were lousy shots, and there was only minor scarring to a couple of boxes. They drained the water from the tank and left the reticulated water tap running. One lock was broken from the extraction shed, and also thrown at the hives, the remaining lock was still secure. This shed has been secured with 2 new locks.

The email requesting assistance in cleaning up the mess and conducting some much needed maintenance was well received with a willing band of workers who set to the tasks.



Picking up the debris, removing and re-establishing the water tank, building a new shelf in the container and cleaning the 200mm of leaf litter from the roof. Lyn told us she has been busy painting boxes at home but eagerly picked up the brush and spent most of the time painting.

The worst task was cleaning the frames and boxes due to a small hive beetle infestation in one of the hives. Again, Graham had just finished doing the same with his own but was not deterred when seeing a club hive in a similar state. Other members assisted him in this horrible task.

Rod Baxter whilst cleaning the roof of the shelter area tested the strength of the corrugated iron by accidentally slipping one foot through a rusted section not visible due to the covering of leaves. Luckily for Rod and those underneath the rest of him didn't follow.

We finished off the day looking through the nuc's, splitting one for Keith to take home. Some other nuc's were divided and provided with new queens.

Thank-you to those who attended and worked so well and achieved so much which will make field days more enjoyable.

An enjoyable time was spent having a beautiful lunch thanks to Penny and Marion.

Ray



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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**

## 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.



### 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.

## Club Nucleus Hives

At the December field day we will be offering to those members on the list the opportunity to collect their nuc. You will need to bring along a suitable box with ventilation and strapping. Please ring me to confirm your position on the list and if you are available to collect on the field day, if not we will make other arrangements for you.

Ray 3207 8151 or 0409 134 526